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What's New

Asia and Europe Regional Committees eye future cooperation

For the first time, Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee and European Regional Scout Committee members attending the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden met informally on 30th July at a breakfast meeting. The meeting initiated a dialogue between the two committees to share views for greater understanding and collaboration.

Chairman Craig Turpie, on behalf of the European Committee, expressed appreciation for this initiative to understand the priorities and working methods of each region. Nicholas Tang shared some of the challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region and its strategic priorities for the current planning period. He said that for the next three years, membership growth will be the focus while paying attention to ensure quality Scouting. Scouting in Asia-Pacific is largely school-based. He said, "We are expanding Community Based Scouting too".

Other members present were APR Scout Scout Committee Prakorb Mukura; Chairmen of APR Sub Committees Jed Delgado, Shinya Mizuta, and Janaprith Fernando. From the European Regional Committee were Vice Chairman Henricks Soderman, Andrea Demarmels, Peter Permi Vaněk and Jorgen Rasmussen. Regional Directors of both regions, David Mackee and Abdullah Rasheed joined the meeting supported by Prassanna Shrivastava from the Asia Pacific Region.

Craig Turpie said, "Growth is a priority of the European region and we are working on it very strategically". He also said that the Europe is currently partnering with Africa, Arab and Eurasia Regions. He stressed on "youth involvement", and in the context of the European region, involvement of young people is inherent in membership and there is no specific Youth Forum to achieve greater youth involvement. The concept of Young Adult Members in Asia-Pacific was shared.

On matters related to scouting guidelines at world and regions, there was a general agreement that it should not be prescriptive, rather it should be more generic. This is a way to respect diversity while taking actions locally.

The CNV concept being practiced at the Asia Pacific Region was shared, stressing that it is a useful and educational exercise in building cooperation between the National Scout Organization and the Regional Committee.

Committee members concluded that Europe and the Asia-Pacific, being two strong regions of WOSM, need to continue the dialogue especially just before World Scout Conferences. They need to create cohesiveness while understanding the diversities that exist between them.

Scouts from Japan, the largest contingent from Asia

A significant number of Scouts from the Asia-Pacific Region joined the rest of Scouts around the world as the 22nd World Scout Jamboree officially started on 28th July in Kristianstad, Sweden, dubbed to be the largest World Scout Jamboree with over 39,000 Scouts in all ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

APR Air / Internet Jamboree
6-7 August
Scouts of China

APR Management Meeting
25-27 August
Philippines

APR Youth Programme and Training Commissioners Forum
31 August – 3 Sept.
Adelaide, Australia

APR Youth Forum Planning Committee Meeting
9 September
Dhaka, Bangladesh

3rd APR Conference Preparatory Meeting
10 September
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Clean Up the World campaign
16-18 September 2011

APR Workshop on Effective National Adult Resources Committee & National Training System
16-19 September
Japan

World Scout Committee Meeting
24-25 September
Saudi Arabia

From Asia-Pacific Region, a total of over 3,400 Scouts, plus a number of key leaders and volunteers joined the jamboree. Sending the largest contingent with 995 members is Scout Association of Japan, followed by Hong Kong with 683 participants, and India with 226 participants. Except for one WOSM member Brunei Darulssalam and an associate member Macau, all remaining 24 National Scout Organizations are participating in this world scout jamboree.

Out of this 3,400 odd Scouts, 53 Scouts are under the sponsorship of Sweden Operation One World from 14 countries, namely, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Operation One World assisted Scouts with all Jamboree-related expenses including costs for sleeping bag, tent, transportation, entry visas, as well costs for the stay in Sweden before and after the Jamboree. Many of these young people have never traveled outside their countries and are now participating in a world jamboree. Five of them are under the Ticket to Life Project for street children.

The opening ceremony started with a colourful roll call of the 156 flags of the participating countries and the raising of the WOSM flag. Then, Bear Grylls, Chief Scout of the UK, as a special guest of the Jamboree, spectacularly descended from the roof of the stage to welcome the participants.

Marie Reinecke, one of the three camp chiefs (together with Göran Hägerdal and Lasse Karlsson), also warmly welcomed the participants. The ceremony continued with the participants renewing their Scout Promise in English and French. Simon Rhee, Chairman of the World Scout Committee, together with the other three camp chiefs officially opened the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. In between the program are music and dance that set a highly dynamic start of the Jamboree.

Scouts from the pacific countries and Timor Leste at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree

Three Tongan Scouts, as well as scouts from Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Timor Leste set their foot on Rinkaby as part of the UK and Australian contingent and are now taking part in the 22nd World Scout Jamboree adventure.

The three high school students from Tonga are Tevita Taufaloa, Russell Makihele and Lakei Folau who got the sponsorship from The UK Scout Association. Before flying to Sweden, the three scouts met with Tongan Prime Minister Lord Tu'ivakano in a simple ceremony held at the Prime Minister's Office in Nuku'alofa on 20th July.

Taiwan Premier calls for Scouting spirit to be rooted in society

The co-titled 28th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree and Scouts of China Centenary Jamboree was officially declared open at the beautiful Cheng Ching Lake in Kaohsiung, Taiwan with a total of 8,230 participants from 25 countries across the world. The occasion also celebrates the 100 years of Scouting in Taiwan.

Taiwanese Premier His Excellency Wu Den-Yih, while speaking at the opening ceremony, called on Scouts to spread the Scouting spirit wherever they are. He said that this is possible through international Jamborees where Scouts are prepared to build their future societies as they are trained to be physically stronger and mentally smarter.

The Minister of Education Hon. Wu Ching-Ji welcomed the overseas participants

Launch of Messengers of Peace

28 September
Saudi Arabia

3rd AULTC for Vietnamese Scout Leaders

27 September-3 October
Philippines

Committee NSO Visit

1-3 October
Malaysia

Ticket to Life Workshop

7-10 October
Philippines

Suncheon Board Meeting

14 October

JOTA-JOTI

15-16 October

APR Workshop on Partnerships & Fundraising

15-18 October
Korea

Sub-Committee Meetings

20-21 October
Thailand

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

22-23 October
Thailand

Course for Leader Trainers for ASEAN countries

3-9 November
Indonesia

APR Communications Forum on Scouting and Innovations

18-21 November
Sri Lanka

said that when the country enforces the compulsory education for the age cohort 9-12 years, Scouting will be a co-curricular activity. The opening ceremony was well attended by senior government officials from the central government and from the provincial government of Kaohsiung, in particular the Education Ministry. Chief Commissioner Scouts of China Dr. Chao Shou-Po welcomed the overseas participants and guests. On behalf of the Regional Scout Committee Dr. Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani encouraged all participants to enjoy the Jamboree by making new friends and learn and understand new cultures.

In total, twenty-five member countries from the Asia Pacific and from other regions were represented with 580 participants together with another 7,660 local participants. Hong Kong sent the largest contingent of 123, followed by Malaysia with 111, and the Philippines with 83 participants. Over 1,300 volunteers supported the Jamboree.

Jamboree activities covered many areas including ICT, folk artistry, mountain area safety, disaster prevention, water quality monitoring, among others. Large numbers visited the Global Development Village including the APR centre. A general quiz on scouting was a challenge offered at the APR centre where button pins and stickers were given away. Other activities in the GDV include environment, energy saving, aboriginal culture, and practical demonstration on nuclear pollution and how to take preventive measures.

Mr. Eric Khoo, representing the World Scout Committee welcomed the participants at the opening ceremony with his words of encouragement. Joining at the ceremony were Mari Nakano, member of the world scout committee and from the region Vice-Chairman Prakorb Mukura, consultants Anthony Thng and Mohamed Ali Khalid, and Programme Sub Committee Vice Chairman Rajalingam Ramasamy. Other guests were Chairman of Regional Governance Task Force Alex Wong and member Katsura Kuno, Chief Commissioners of Hong Kong and Korea, top executives of Australia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and Macau. A number of ATAS and APES members are present for the opening under a special package organized for them. Currently APES president is also the Chairman of Scouts of China Dr. Chao Shou-Po.

The Scout Association (UK) awarded Tonga Scouts Association Chief Commissioner with Silver Wolf award

Tonga Prime Minister presented the Silver Wolf Award, the highest Scouting award of The Scout Association (UK) to Tonga Scouts Association Chief Commissioner Iteni Helu for his 32 years of service to Scouting.

Wearing the Silver Wolf medal, Iteni said he was honored to be the first Tongan to receive the highest Scout award from UK and vowed to stay serving Scouting. Lord Tu'ivakano commended Iteni for his good work to the Scout association.

Scouts to plant 1 million trees to commemorate Indonesia's 50th anniversary

Indonesia launched its massive tree planting on 23rd July 2011 in West Java Province to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Indonesia.

This greening program of Indonesia will cover 33 provinces targeting to plant one million seedlings by the end of 2011. During the launch, Vice-Chairman Air Marshall Eris Heryanto planted the first seedling, followed by the 700 Scouts and Rovers. In total, 10,000 trees were planted in Sentul area of Bogor alone.

The tree-planting campaign was one of the action steps taken by Indonesia after it came out as a recommendations during the International Seminar on

12th Malaysia Jamboree and Terengganu International Scout Jamboree 2011
19-25 November
Malaysia

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers
24-30 November
Cambodia

APR Seminar on Value-Based Scouting
25-28 November
Singapore

Strategic Planning Review Workshop
3-7 December
Pakistan

National Programme Development Workshop
3-7 December
Brunei Darussalam

Executive Directors' Team Meeting
5-8 December
Geneva

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Environment Education and Biodiversity in Jakarta last June.

Singapore's Amazing Trail

Continuously pursuing one of Singapore's strategic thrusts 'Scouting builds Families' and 'Scouting builds Community,' the Henry Park Pelican Scout Unit organized the Amazing Trail 2011 on 25th June, involving more than 300 Cub Scouts and parents from Henry Park and ACS (Barker Road) Primary.

The year's Amazing Trail puts together Cub Scouts and their parents or accompanying adults in an activity that highlights the key elements of Scouting within the family and in the community. Grouped under different teams, participants travelled by public transport and scoured the entire island of Singapore to locate the pre-selected number of unusual places and find out more about it and perform certain assignments. In doing so, Scouting builds up family in community by finding a deeper knowledge of unusual places in a unique Scouting way.

Chief Commissioner Mr Tan Cheng Kiong, along with many senior commissioners, graced the event which was the 6th in the annual series of the "Amazing Trails".

Indonesia President cites greater role of Scouting in society

"Make the Scout Movement as the youth's protector from various social threats," was the statement of Indonesian President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the opening of 9th National Scout Jamboree at Teluk Gelam Lake Camping Ground, South Sumatera Province on 2nd July.

Around 30,000 Scouts from 33 provinces in Indonesia participated in the jamboree including the contingents from Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore. This jamboree was part of the 50th Anniversary of Gerakan Pramuka celebration.

As Chief Scout of Indonesia, the President said Scouting helps develop and form the positive character and personality of young people. The Scout Movement is an extra-curricular activity outside the school where young people can learn skills and knowledge, nurture the soul of discipline, and foster the spirit of togetherness.

Accompanying the President were South Sumatera Province Governor Alex Nurdin and Chief Commissioner Prof. Dr. Azrul Azwar. Other VIP guests were First Lady Ani Yudhoyono, some Indonesian ministers, and Malaysia Chief Commissioner Dato' Kaharudin bin Momin.

ISAF leaves a significant mark to Afghan Scouts

The Asia Pacific Regional office organized the Basic Unit Leaders Training Course from 2nd to 8th July in Marastoon, Kabul, with 26 participants from Kabul and Jalalabad.

The course, held at the newly refurbished Scout training centre, was organized on the request of PARSA, a non-government organization, which in recent years, has been instrumental in the expansion of Scouting in Kabul and other districts such as Bamiyan and Ghaur. They now have 517 Scouts and Cub members, of whom about half are female. This membership is spread in 13 orphanages and five schools. PARSA employs 11 full time staff to run the scout program in the orphanages. It is believed that in Jalalabad, there are about 1,000 Scouts within the school system under the sponsorship of another NGO, Afghanistan Research and Services Organization (ARSO) led by Dr Tajuddin.

APR Director Thian Hiong-Boon facilitated the course, assisted by a leader trainer from India, Mohamed Ahmed Shakeel, and two of the new local woodbadge holders – Gul Mustafa and Tamim Hamkar.

At the opening ceremony, the Asia Pacific Regional Office recognized the key personnel of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) with special appreciation certificates for their work in enhancing the Scout program. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed presented a certificate to Major Daniel S Williams, an Eagle Scout of the Boy Scout of America, citing his invaluable contribution in re-building Scouting in Afghanistan during his military service there. Others who received recognition were Chad M. Rowe and Sergeant Lindsey A. Smith. In fact, Major Williams will leave Kabul soon after his term.

Part of the ISAF legacy are the Scout Training Centre with adventure bases, campfire circle, some camping equipment, and a Scout leaders handbook translated into Dari. ISAF also provided over 2,000 Scout uniforms and other materials for the recently recruited members.

On behalf of WOSM, the Asia Pacific Regional Office has been supporting the revival of scouting in Afghanistan since 2003. Several training courses for unit leaders have been organized, of whom 17 have achieved their woodbadge.

Japanese Scouts continue to receive assistance for rebuilding communities

After an extremely powerful earthquake hit the Tohoku Region on 11 March 2011, triggering several meter high tsunami waves that caused massive loss of lives and properties in areas along the Pacific coast of eastern Japan, especially in Miyagi, Iwate and Fukushima Prefectures, the Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) created the Scout Disaster Relief Centers (SDRC) where Scouts unite to bring comfort, strength and hope to affected people.

SAJ set up the SDRC in Yamagata, Miyagi and Fukushima, along with the prefectural Scout councils. In Ishinomaki City, one of the areas that had massive destruction, SAJ receives and coordinates volunteers everyday. To have a bigger number of volunteers, SAJ provides free shuttle bus services between Tokyo and Ishinomaki on weekends. Buses with Scouts logo and "disaster relief" banner pick up volunteers in Tokyo every Friday morning to bring them to Ishinomaki and shuttle them back in Tokyo Sunday night.

During the actual work, Scouts and volunteers are involved in removing rubbles and cleaning up mud in houses and schools. As some of the shelters have no shower booth, SAJ prepares to send out boilers and shower booths which are used during national jamborees.

In Iwate prefecture, Scouts and volunteers are removing heaps of rubble especially in elementary schools. SAJ reported that as the ground level sank, the seawater covers the area during high tide. Due to this situation, SAJ says that classes are disrupted and children need more support. To help ease their trauma, the younger Scouts engage the children in different kinds of activities, like making "Taiyaki," a fish shaped waffle.

SAJ is much appreciative of several National Scout Organizations that are helping in the relief operations with their financial contributions. Seeing the work of Japanese Scouts, the Messenger of Peace programme has approved an initial assistance of US \$ 25,000 to SAJ. This is to show appreciation for the role of Scouts as peace messengers by giving hope to their communities. Similarly, Secretary General Luc Panissod presented a cheque from the Scouts Australia amounting to Australian dollars 12,775, which they had collected through a special fund raising project. This money as well as the frame with the special

badge created by the Hume Region of Scout Australia was handed over to the Scouts Association of Japan on 30th July at the Jamboree in the presence of the Australian colleagues.

Messengers of Peace pilot projects in Asia-Pacific

After the introduction of the Messengers of Peace Project by the World Scout Foundation, three pilot projects from the Asia-Pacific Region are underway.

The three projects are the integration camp in India, post-war integration in Sri Lanka, and the health promotion and prevention in Indonesia that amount to around US\$25,000.

In India, an integration camp scheduled for 1-5 November in Punjab in India, will gather 500 Rovers from India and Pakistan and it is expected that the project will open a new level of understanding between the young people from India and Pakistan where they will learn to accept and understand each other's differences and realize how it helps to bridge the gap.

The same is true for Sri Lanka Scouts Association, which will hold post-war integration camps for Tamil and Sinhalese Senior Scouts and Rovers, having the opportunity to do Scouting together and cultivate a unified national concept irrespective of language and culture.

Indonesia is on its way to start a project on strengthening communities' capacities with focus on health promotion and prevention, believing that health is an important element of having a safe environment leading to peace.

In some selected areas in Indonesia, there are villages facing malnutrition, maternal mortality rate, and the decreasing number of people who seek professional health check-up. As a response to this, Indonesia developed a three-phase work. First phase includes conducting a survey and printing of health manual; second phase is organizing a workshop to train Rovers become facilitators and third phase is documentation.

In partnership with health ministry, Scouts will start in one village where they will promote proper health care, with emphasis on maternal and newborn care. Once completed, the project will be duplicated to another village until it spreads out and becomes a nationwide campaign.

What's Ongoing

22nd World Scout Jamboree

Who National Contingents, International Service Team
When 27 July – 7 August
Where Kristianstad, Sweden

7th APR Air / Internet Jamboree

Who Scouts, and leaders
When 6 - 7 August
Where Region wide, hosted by Scouts of China

APR Staff Development Workshop

Who APR Executives and Staff
When 19 – 21 August
Where Laguna, Philippines

APR Management Meeting

Who Committees members, Central office and Regional Executives

When 25 – 27 August
Where Makati City, Philippines

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Where Adelaide, Australia

What's Upcoming

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Who YAMG members, Programme sub committee
When 9 September
Where Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Who Committee members, regional and national leaders
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Where Worldwide

APR Workshop on Effective National Adults in Scouting & National Training System

Who Key leaders responsible for adult resources, support and training
When 16-19 September
Where Tokyo, Japan

World Scout Committee Meeting

Who World Scout Committee members
When 24-25 September
Where Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Launch of Messengers of Peace

Who Key leaders from world, regional and national levels, Scouts
When 28 September
Where Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

3rd AULTC for Vietnamese Scout Leaders

Who Vietnamese Scout Leaders
When 27 September – 3 October
Where Philippines

Be Prepared

Committee NSO Visit

Who Regional Committee members and national leaders
When 1-3 October
Where Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Ticket to Life Workshop

Who TTL Country coordinators and TTL unit leaders
When 7-10 October
Where Makati, Philippines

JOTA-JOTI

Who Scouts around the world

When 15-16 October

Where Worldwide

APR Workshop on Partnerships & Fundraising Seminar

Who Key leaders responsible for Partnership, Resources Development
or Fundraising

When 15-18 October

Where Seoul, Korea

Sub-Committee Meetings

Who All members of all Sub Committee

When 20-21 October

Where Sriracha, Thailand

Regional Scout Meeting

Who Committee members

When 22-23 October

Where Sriracha, Thailand