



## FEBRUARY 2010

### What's New

#### **CNV in Sri Lanka: an opportunity to boost image of Scouting**

On the occasion of the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) to Colombo, the Scout Association of Sri Lanka (SLSA) assembled a huge rally to draw public attention to young people's call for a more peaceful and healthier environment. Thousands of Scouts and their parents lined up both sides of Colombo's main street in a 15-minute walk towards Sasakawa Hall for the opening of the CNV. While walking, Scouts held messages for environment and peace interventions, and underscored the Scout Promise and Law.

Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee members and key leaders of SLSA met for the CNV from 17th to 19th January 2010 at the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo. CNV is a partnership visit between the regional committee and leaders of National Scout Organizations (NSOs) to assess key functional areas. Sri Lanka Scout Commissioners were well prepared for the visit and have a good grasp of issues that are crucial to the effectiveness of SLSA. As a conclusion, both the visiting team and SLSA leaders signed a commitment to work for the growth of the association with greater efficiency.

Part of the visit was a dialogue with young people where they discussed a variety of issues. Some of them expressed their aspiration for more international Scouting opportunities within Sri Lanka. Furthermore, they would like to see that Scouting is introduced deeper into the rural communities around the country.

Through a press conference, the CNV team faced the media, many of whom were accomplished Scouts, to explain the purpose of the visit and to engage the support of media for a greater visibility of Scouting.

Chief Commissioner Chandrasena Batuwangala headed the Sri Lankan team for both the CNV and the press conference. The visiting team comprised of Regional Scout Committee (RSC) Vice-Chairmen Prakorb Mukura and Dr Mohd Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani, RSC member Dr Chao Shou-Po, APR consultant Mohammed Ali Khalid, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Director Thian Hiong-Boon of APR Office.

#### **Workshop evaluates impact of Ticket to Life project**

The annual workshop for the evaluation of Ticket to Life project took place at the National Training Centre in Gazipur, Bangladesh from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010, with 24 participants from eight countries. Ticket to Life is a Scouting program offered to street children in selected countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The project is targeting to benefit 5,000 street children in eight pilot countries and in the past three years, more than 1,200 girls and boys have been registered in Scout troops.

Since 2007, coordinators and unit leaders have evaluated the project on a yearly basis. For this workshop, the specific purpose is to identify any

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#### EVENTS FOR 2010

##### **Basic Management Course**

02-16 February  
Bangladesh

##### **WJ Area Events Workshop**

12-14 February  
Sweden

##### **Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

27-28 February  
Singapore

##### **Advanced Management Course**

3-9 March  
India

##### **Roundtable on WOSM Federation**

7-8 March  
Hungary

##### **Growth Promoters' Meeting**

8-12 March  
Geneva

##### **Committee NSO Visit**

11-13 March  
Korea

##### **World Scout Committee Meeting**

19-21 March  
Geneva

##### **Extended WOSM Directors Team Meeting**

12-18 April  
Geneva

##### **Executive Director's Meeting**

14-17 April  
Geneva

##### **Committee NSO Visit**

5-7 May  
India

measurable impact of the Scouting program on a select group of Scouts. So for purposes of assessment, 123 children in the eight participating countries were selected for the study, and reports have been delivered at the workshop.

Md. Abdul Karim, International Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts and Principal Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh, formally launched the event. Also taking part were workshop director M. Mozammel Haque Khan, National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts; Abdullah Rasheed, Regional Director; Habibul Alam, Chairman of National Program Committee; Md Nazrul Islam, Executive Secretary of Bangladesh Scouts; and Syd Castillo of APR office as coordinator.

The Hon. Minister of State for Women's and Child Affairs, Begum Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, came for the formal closing. She was delighted about the project and expressed her full support. In addition, RSC Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura and Chairman of the APR Management Sub committee Janaprith Fernando attended the closing ceremony which concluded with a wonderful cultural performance by Scouts.

Ticket to Life project is mainly funded through the assistance of the United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS), APR Scout Foundation, the Scout Association of Japan and the Queen Sylvia Fund through the World Scout Foundation.

#### **Job Opportunity: Position for Development Support Manager**

The position for Development Support Manager is now open for applicants until 15 February 2010. This post in the APR office in Manila will provide support to NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region, at the same time, to support environment education in Scouting globally. Details of the job description can be viewed and downloaded at [www.scout.org/jobs](http://www.scout.org/jobs).

#### **Scout Solidarity for Haiti**

WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod shared the news, through the *Worldinfo*, that the World Scout Bureau has been very active in responding promptly to the horrible tragedy of the earthquake in Haiti.

One of the initiatives is a call for international Scout solidarity that offers the possibility to National Scout Organizations to support directly the Scout Association of Haiti for their immediate ground work or for later work on rehabilitation and reconstruction. Donations can be made either on line through [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org) or to a bank account opened by WSB.

The World Scout Bureau has opened a special blog to facilitate the distribution of information to a greater audience and to update on the Scout aid directed to Haiti. This blog is accessible from the World Scouting homepage at [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org) or directly at [www.scout.org/en/blogs](http://www.scout.org/en/blogs)

Furthermore, coordination with other Scout Organizations (Haiti, Dominican Republic, Canada, France, Mexico, USA) has been organized. Scouts et Guides de France, who have been the most important partner of Scouting in Haiti for decades, have organized a special fact-finding mission with the assistance of Dominican Scouts.

#### **Small Grant package for NSOs is revived**

After a year or so, the small grant package for NSOs is being revived. The grant is a limited direct financial assistance to NSOs in developing countries to meet their development and infrastructural needs.

#### **APR Workshop on Membership Growth**

20-23 May  
Malaysia

#### **APR Seminar on Community-based Scouting**

27-30 May  
Philippines

#### **Committee NSO Visit**

10-12 June  
Fiji

#### **CSPSA Gathering**

14-19 June  
Tonga

#### **Sub-Committee/ Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

21-23 June  
India

#### **7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit**

24-27 June  
Bangalore, India

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Mongolia Scout Jamboree**

2-7 July  
Mongolia

#### **Europe Regional Conference**

17-21 July  
Belgium

#### **World Rover Moot**

27 July – 07 August  
Kenya

#### **Suncheon Board Meeting**

03 August  
Suncheon, Korea

#### **27<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree**

04-09 August  
Suncheon, Korea

#### **APR Air/Internet Jamboree**

07-08 August  
Malaysia

The grant was launched in 2004 but did not pick up that much in 2008 and 2009. However, due to the current emphasis to extend more direct support to NSOs, the regional office is reviving this initiative. More information will be sent shortly to concerned NSOs.

### **Telling the Story: Scouts make a difference**

In order to enhance the collection of remarkable stories on Scouting where Scouts are indeed making a difference in their own communities, APR will launch a special programme focusing on "Telling the Story".

All NSOs in APR will be encouraged to send current interesting stories with action photos for the APR web site on a monthly basis. Selected stories will be uploaded at [www.scout.org/asia-pacific](http://www.scout.org/asia-pacific) as the leading story for the month. A panel of judges will identify the best three stories on a bi-annual basis. Certificates of recognition will be given to participating NSOs, and the Scout group directly involved in the story will be presented with a plaque and cash prize.

This new project of collecting and sharing impact stories seeks to revitalize our website and a part of the effort to reinforce WOSM's presence on-line. It is a way complimenting – content-wise – the new functionalities and opportunities being introduced at the world Scouting site such as Facebook, Youtube, Issuu, etc.

### **Ocular visit to 2012 conference venue**

Well in advance of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regional Scout Conference to be held in October 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, an ocular visit is being undertaken today, 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Regional Scout Committee Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura is heading the visit together with the Chairman of Management Sub Committee Janaprith Fernando, Chairman of the Host Organizing committee Habibul Alam, and regional office executive staff.

The team is also visiting the proposed venues of the conference ancillary events: Youth Forum and Course for Leader Trainers. The first preparatory meeting of the conference is scheduled in September 2010 prior to the RSC meeting in October so that arrangements could be finalized and announced.

### **Basic Management Course runs for two weeks**

The APR Basic Management Course, with 22 overseas participants from ten NSOs and another 20 local participants, begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the National Scout Training Centre in Mouchak, Bangladesh. The course is facilitated by an experienced group of international resource persons – Paul Parkinson of Australia, Effendy bin Rajab of Singapore, Abdul Manan and Col. Shah Ali (R) of Pakistan, Azuddin bin Rahman of Malaysia, and Janaprith Fernando as Chairman of the Management sub committee. The Secretary of Primary and Mass Education, Abu Alam Md Shahid Khan, will open the course.

During its meeting last month in Sri Lanka, the APR Management Sub-committee decided to review the course's two-week duration and make it more flexible. Some options are either to introduce modular units or to give pre-course assignments to participants so that, in future courses, subjects are aligned to specific needs of NSOs.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and S. Prassanna from the regional office are assisting the course. Participants are from India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines and Bangladesh.

### **APR Management Meeting**

16-18 August  
Philippines

### **World Scout Committee Meeting**

4-6 September  
Geneva

### **Ticket to Life Coordinator's Meeting**

1-4 October  
Nepal

### **APR Communications Forum**

16-19 September  
Bhutan

### **World JOTA/JOTI**

16-17 October  
Worldwide

### **Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

30-31 October

### **WSPU 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

1-4 November  
Korea

### **Centenary Jamboree & 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Jamboree**

4-9 December  
Singapore

### **For details of events Visit**

[www.scout.org/asia-pacific](http://www.scout.org/asia-pacific)

### **Email**

[asia-pacific@scout.org](mailto:asia-pacific@scout.org)

### **Expedition to Baden Powell Scout Peak, Nepal**

Nepal Scouts, in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Region, invite climbers, trekkers and outdoor enthusiasts from NSOs to climb the 5890-meter Baden Powell Peak at the Langtang Valley, north of Kathmandu. Non-Scouts who are trekking aficionados are very much welcome. The climb is on 5-17 September 2010.

The Baden Powell Scout Peak is only the second mountain peak in Nepal named after a foreigner (the first is Mt Everest) granted by the government of Nepal in 2006. The first historical climb to the Peak was in August-September 2007 to mark the celebration of the Scouting centenary. At that time, 15 climbers from Australia, Korea, Republic of China, Singapore successfully reached the summit.

Advanced booking for the September climb must be arranged with Nepal Scouts before 31 March 2010.

For more information, see circular at

[http://www.scout.org/en/around\\_the\\_world/asia\\_pacific/information\\_events/resource\\_centre/circulars/2010](http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/asia_pacific/information_events/resource_centre/circulars/2010) or you may visit [www.nepalscouts.org.np](http://www.nepalscouts.org.np)

### **Scouting in Communities: Theme of this year's photo contest**

This year's APR Scout Photo Contest theme is "Scouting in Communities" to create greater awareness of what Scouts do *for* and *with* their communities. Over 100 photo entries have been received from Australia, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore. Every year, professional photographers in the Philippines pre-select a number of good photos which are then forwarded to the Scout Association of Japan (sponsor of the project) for final selection by renowned photographers. Six winners of 2010 contest will be awarded at the 7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit in Bangalore, India, and their photos will grace the 2011 regional calendar.

### **Two workshops to be launched in May**

Last year, the Asia-Pacific Region adopted two strategic priority areas: Community and Membership Growth as additional focus for 2009-2012. These priorities will be launched in two separate workshops in May this year.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines, a largely school-based NSO which is pilot-testing "neighborhood" Scouting throughout its 114 local councils, will host the first APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting on 27-30 May in Davao City in southern Philippines. The workshop aims to gather key leaders from the region to discuss and share policies, promising practices and exchange ideas on how community based Scouting can be an effective method of delivering Scouting closer to the communities.

The other workshop on Membership Growth will take place in Johor Bahru in southern Malaysia on 20-23 May. As of June 2009, the Scouting population of the region is 24.7 million, a big leap from 16 million in 2008, primarily due to the declaration of Gerakan Pramuka's (Indonesia) additional 8 million female members.

The workshop will explore strategies on how NSOs could grow their membership and reach their individual target until 2012. The total membership target for the region is an increase of 4% by 2012, which is literally an additional 3 million members.

## What's Ongoing

### Basic Management Course

Who Scout professionals at national and sub-national level  
When 2-16 February  
Where Bangladesh

## What's Upcoming

### 4th APR Advanced Management Course for Professional Scout Executives

Who: Professional Scout Executives at the national and sub-national levels and have already participated in the APR Basic Management Course for Professional Scout Executives. Top Scout Executives (National Secretary, Chief Scout Executives, Directors) are exempted from the requirement of attendance in Basic Management Course.

When: 5 – 11 March 2010

Where: Jaipur, India

Fee: US\$150.00 which will cover inland transportation (from Jaipur airport, bus/ train station) food, accommodation, course materials and educational tour.

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