



## JANUARY 2011

### What's New

#### Starting the New Year in Brazil

For this first issue of INBOX 2011, we send our greetings on behalf of the Asia Pacific Region and our sincere wishes to all readers for a dynamic and rewarding year ahead. The world of Scouting will draw closer this year starting with the World Scout Conference in Brazil, the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, Asia-Pacific Jamboree in Taiwan and a line up of national events.

We are heading towards the World Scout Conference in Brazil where the Asia Pacific Region is well represented by 18 National Scout Organizations or 75% of member countries. As of today, over 170 delegates and observers from our region are traveling long distances to reach the conference venue in Curitiba. A total of 735 from 110 NSOs from all six regions are gathering there and Asia Pacific Region comprises 23% of all delegates and observers.

#### World Scout Youth Forum on webcast

Starting today, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, around 185 people are gathering for the 11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum in Blumenau, Brazil. For the first time, there will be web-casting/ streaming of the Forum proceedings through the WOSM website during the four-day forum.

Again, Asia-Pacific has a significant presence with 34 participants from 14 NSOs. Out of the seven members of the APR Young Adults Members Group, four are attending the Youth Forum. They are Dicky Lam (Hong Kong), Seo J Eun (Korea), Mohd Hafiz Arifin (Malaysia), and Krittee Tantivisikul (Thailand).

Forum participants will have interactive activities to "explore" youth empowerment and the Worldwide Scout Movement, and will analyze achievements made in the Strategy of Scouting. From "exploration", participants will "develop" ideas. Finally, they will "respond" by setting short and long- term goals with a framework of understanding, and intentions to achieve these goals, and to recognize responsibility as a milestone their commitment, as well as their role in the changes they want to see.

#### World Scout Committee Chairman Rick Cronk honours WOSM Volunteers

In his video message, World Scout Committee Chairman Rick Cronk thanked all the volunteers of WOSM for the leadership and inspiration they provide to over 30 million Scouts globally as the world commemorates this 2011 the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteering (IYV+10).

He said, "our Movement relies on about seven million volunteers both adults and young people to address today's challenges of education, social issues, health, urbanization and the environment. Without this selfless gift and dedication, the Movement would not

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

#### World Scout Youth Forum

3-6 January  
Brazil

#### World Scout Committee Meeting

9 January  
Brazil

#### 39<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference

10-14 January  
Brazil

#### Strategic Planning Review Workshop

11-15 February  
India

#### National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities

18-21 February  
Pakistan

#### Consultancy visit

1-7 March  
Pakistan

#### Committee NSO Visit

14-16 March  
Cambodia

#### 2nd Preparatory meeting

18 March  
Bangladesh

#### SAARC Camp

21-26 March  
Bhutan

#### Course for Leader Trainers

22-28 March  
Pakistan

#### World Scout Committee Meeting

25-27 March

<p>have grown to where it is today serving over 30 million Scouts and Guides.”</p> <p>On behalf of World Scouting, Chairman Cronk thanked all the volunteers for the continued support they have given to the Movement over the past years and the inspiration to the millions of young people whose lives they simply change everyday.</p> <p><b>Scouting in New Zealand, a force to reckon with</b> As the last CNV mission in 2010, the Regional Scout Committee met with key leaders of Scouts New Zealand in Wellington from 1-3 December to understand in-depth the developments of Scouting there.</p> <p>Highlighting the past five years, it is evident that Scouts New Zealand has made a remarkable headway in bringing desired changes. Its progress is foreseeable and a small team of experienced volunteers and dedicated professionals is making this possible.</p> <p>Another change noted was the 5.3% membership growth as of June 2010, a big leap coming from a 9-year decline. Current membership is 18,649 and commitment is high to reach an ambitious target of 25,000 by 2015.</p> <p>A combination of factors contributed to this change. They applied dynamic and innovative approaches to offer attractive activities to young people. They eased the training style and mode to meet the lifestyle of adult leaders, plus they introduced creative branding and image building initiatives. These are lessons to reckon with for anyone who wishes to modernize their programs while meeting realistic challenges on the ground.</p> <p>Attractiveness of youth programme is a challenge to every unit leader. To ensure this, Scouts New Zealand designed tailor-made support packages available to all leaders through the website. This pre-packaged material is well articulated and professionally developed, using a carefully selected theme for each term to ensure that those who are less experienced can always refer to it.</p> <p>Modular approach to training is divided into four different stages, making woodbadge the highest Scout training for the leader. With no emphasis on the current training scheme for assistant leader trainers (ALT) or leader trainers (LT), it has enabled Scouts New Zealand to increase its adult leader training by 300% in three years to meet the ever increasing demand for new leaders.</p> <p>The tagline Adventure Plus is the key for marketing with an enormous number of publications such as the An Introduction to Scouts New Zealand, annual review report, special news, a comprehensive website of resources and information, strategic priorities booklet, annual report, National Programme Package for leaders -- all add to the revival of scouting since the introduction of <i>New Scouting in New Zealand</i> 5 years ago. Scouting continues to be community-based where youth sections are linked to the life of young people in their formal education system.</p>	<p><b>WSJ HOC meeting</b> 1-3 April Sweden</p> <p><b>Regional Scout Committee Meeting</b> 16-17 April Bangkok</p> <p><b>Committee NSO Visit</b> 23-25 April Nepal</p> <p><b>Committee NSO Visit</b> 28-30 April Bhutan</p> <p><b>Strategic Planning Workshop</b> 30 Apr – 4 May Fiji</p> <p><b>Executive Directors Team Extended meeting</b> 16-21 May</p> <p><b>Committee NSO Visit</b> 5-7 May Polynesia</p> <p><b>Committee NSO Visit</b> 27-29 May Singapore</p> <p><b>APR Seminar on Environmental Education &amp; Biodiversity</b> 4-7 June Indonesia</p> <p><b>NSOT centenary Celebration</b> 1 July Thailand</p> <p><b>28th APR Scout Jamboree</b> 11-17 July Taiwan</p> <p><b>22nd World Scout Jamboree</b> 27 July – 7 August Sweden</p> <p><b>APR Management Meeting</b> 25-27 August Manila</p>
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Specialized National Schools run by Scouts New Zealand such as the Walsh Memorial Flying School had its 44th session early this year. This is a prestigious avenue to promote scouting to non-Scouts and a good training ground for Scout members who may never have otherwise. These schools run regularly with hundreds of young members. The chocolate fund raising programme held countrywide is perhaps one of many success stories raising over \$200,000 in 2010 which aims to increase scout groups joining the event.

National Chairman Noel Walker led the New Zealand team, together with International Commissioner George Fairbairn, National Chief Scout Executive Chris Hooper, National Secretary Murrey Charlesworth. The regional team was led by the 1st Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura, consultant Kirsty Brown, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, and Desk Officer Prassanna Shrivastava.

### **Singapore Scouting marks 100 years**

Singapore Scout Association (SSA) celebrates with pride the 100 years of Scouting in Singapore, adding another milestone to World Scouting on 4th December 2010 at the Sarimbun campsite.

SSA President Noel Hon, said in his speech, "This Jamboree demonstrates the international nature of the brotherhood of Scouts." This is indeed true, as there are 14 countries participating in this Jamboree. Nearing the end of his speech, he added, "I hope you will deepen your friendship with one another over available social network channels."

Noel Hon also noted how SSA has changed over the past years to meet the changing interests of youth and has introduced urban scouting for a rapidly changing world that is technology driven while maintaining the same ideals and philosophies as laid down by the Founder Lord Baden Powell.

Commenting on the theme of the Jamboree, SSA Chief Commissioner Mr Tan Cheng Kiong said that 'Building Common Space' was to encourage Scouts and friends alike to expand their physical, mental and emotional spaces.

Confetti rained at the arena as thousands of participants welcomed the arrival of Singapore President and SSA Chief Scout His Excellency S R Nathan at the opening of the 100th Anniversary Jamboree in conjunction with the 3rd ASEAN Jamboree. Notable guests who were with him was Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines and Regional Scout Committee Chairman Jejomar C. Binay who was joined by First Vice-Chairman Mr Prakorb Mukura, Second Vice Chairman Dr Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani and Committee members Dr Azrul Azwar and Mr Nicholas Tang.

In addition, a number of Chief Commissioners and other senior colleagues from various NSOs, including the President of Brunei Scout Association Dato Idris. On this occasion, President Nathan was presented with the gold centennial medal to recognize his contribution to Scouting.

### **APR Workshop on Effective National Adult Resources Committee & National Training System**

16-19 September  
Japan

### **Fundraising & Partnerships Seminar**

22-26 September  
Korea

### **Launch of Messengers for Peace Global project**

23 September,  
Saudi Arabia

### **World Scout Committee Meeting**

30 Sept – 2 Oct

### **Ticket to Life workshop**

11-14 October  
Manila

### **Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

15-16 October  
Manila

### **JOTA/JOTI**

15-16 October

### **Executive Directors' Team Meeting**

28 November – 1  
December  
Geneva

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### **Hong Kong Scouts marks centenary with jubilation**

Year 2011 marks the centenary of Hong Kong Scouting. To celebrate this important milestone, the Scout Association of Hong Kong held a series of events and activities. The kick-off event was the Hong Kong Scout Centenary Jamboree held from 27 December 2010 to 1 January 2011 at Penny's Bay, Lantau Island.

The camp adopted the slogan 'March On to Another Century'. In the Jamboree, a wide range of activities was housed in 5 themed activity villages. About 4,400 local and 650 overseas Scouts from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, India, Indonesia, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Scouts of China, Thailand and the United States, and 150 youths from Mainland China can learn to appreciate the nature and challenge themselves through participating in these games. More importantly, the game stalls also provided a platform for Scout members and youths from different countries to exchange their experience and widen their horizon.

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBM, GBS, JP, Acting Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region kindly officiated at the opening ceremony. He appreciated the effort of Scout Association of Hong Kong in the holistic development of the younger generation and encouraged the youths to grasp any opportunities to well-equip themselves for their healthy development.

Over 5,000 Scout members aged below 12 and their family members joined on the Open Day on 29 and 30 December to share joyous feelings in the Jamboree. At the New Year's Eve, all campers were in a fever of excitement at the countdown party for the coming of 2011 centenary of Hong Kong Scouting.

### **Hong Kong hosts APR Programme Sub-Committee Meeting**

The APR Programme Sub-Committee met on 27 December 2010 at the Hong Kong Scout Centre. The meeting reviewed the implications, including the pros and cons, of a stand-alone regional Jamboree vis-à-vis an APR co-titled national Jamboree. They came up with recommended actions for Jamborees beyond 2013.

A draft of the expanded guideline on hosting an Asia-Pacific Jamboree will be presented to the APR Scout Committee at its meeting in April 2011.

Sub-Committee members identified the tasks of every member, the "pointmen" in achieving specific objectives for the Regional Plan 2009-2012.

Programme Sub-Committee Chairman José Eduardo Delgado presided over the meeting with Vice-Chairman Rajalingam Ramasamy while Member Joseph Lau Yee Leung arranged the logistics.

### **High level Korea Scout Parliamentarians meet Chairman Binay**

A high level team of five Korean Scout Parliamentary members, accompanied by the Korean Ambassador met with Regional Chairman and Philippine Vice President Jejomar C Binay on their special visit to the country in the later part of December 2010.

Honourable Chung briefed Chairman Binay on the success of the 6th General Assembly World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) held in Korea last November 2010, where the Asia Pacific Region had a remarkable participation. They discussed the plan of making WSPU more effective.

The inclusion of parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific Region in the new WSPU Executive Committee is also notable. Besides WSPU President Chung Eui-Hwa, Hon. Shionoyo Ryu of Japan is Vice- President and Hon. Nappres Mandachitra of Thailand is member.

The WSPU assembly also accepted the hosting of the 7th WSPU General Assembly in Japan in the early part of 2013.

### **Nepal confirms commitment to implement strategic plan**

Nepal Scouts, with the support of the Asia-Pacific Region, conducted its National Strategic Plan Review Workshop to assess the work in the last three years and to set direction for the next three years. The workshop was held at the National Headquarters in Kathmandu from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Nepal Scouts Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichhane inaugurated the workshop and presented Nepal Scouts' major achievements for the last three years on youth involvement, volunteers in Scouting, organization of the 21st Century, scouting profile, finance and membership growth. Nepal Scouts aim to hit the target of 60,000 members by 2020.

WAGGGS Asia-Pacific Regional Committee Vice Chairman Ms Normala Binti Baharudin together with WAGGGS Asia-Pacific Regional Director Ms Mengfei Wu, pointed out the importance of strategic planning for National Scout Organizations (NSOs). They expressed confidence that the workshop will justify its purpose by centering the plan to the needs of young people.

As representative of the WOSM Asia-Pacific Region, Director S Prassanna Shrivastava facilitated the workshop with Workshop Director Shiva Kumar Poudyal. Prassanna emphasized the importance of continuous monitoring and periodic review of the plan. He said, "drafting the plan is only a part of the work but its real value is its implementation at all levels."

The workshop gathered 40 participants, comprised of National Commissioners from different districts of Nepal, a number of young people and two Finnish Scouts. As part of the partnership project currently undertaken between Nepal and Finland, two representatives of Finland scouts will join the review making sure that all partners are involved.

### **Nepalese children under Ticket to Life project show progress**

Sarin Shrestha, Unit Leader of the Thamel Scout Troop of 32 boys, reported that although there were instances at the beginning where children prefer being isolated, some of them are coming back to the Scout troops and taking active part in different activities. Regular troop meetings and the "Talk Program" during camps help in knowing the children's problems and regaining their interest.

Children of Bagdol Scout Troop are gradually appreciating proper hygiene. Unit Leader Reena Shrestha reported positive changes in their habits that even their parents and teachers take notice. The troop has 21 Scouts, of which 14 are boys and seven are girls, so far the only troop in Nepal that has female members.

The second troop in Kathmandu called the Annapurna Scout troop has 32 boys who recently attended a 3-day camp following a National Scout Camp earlier in the year. Unit Leader Deepak Chandra Gautam said that the children are showing signs of independence, obedience and discipline as they gain more exposure to Scouting.

### **Youth Communication Forum in Karachi**

The Youth Affairs section of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association organized a Youth Communication Forum to make young people understand the best use of communication that can better translate the message of World Scouting to the general public.

The full day youth forum was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 in Gulistan, Karachi in collaboration with the Youth Parliament. It gathered 60 young people comprised of 30 Scouts from an on-going Camporee and 30 from the Youth Parliament who are all non-Scouts.

In this workshop, participants discussed the image of Scouting and worked together to find the right communication strategy to send out the right message of Scouting.

National Commissioner for Media Mr Saleem Mughal was the Chief Guest.

### **Bharat Scouts and Guides elect new set of officers**

The Bharat Scouts and Guides had its national election on 26th November 2010 at the National Headquarters in New Delhi.

The following were elected to these positions:

President

Mr. Rameshwar Thakur, Governor of Madhya Pradesh State of Indian Union

National Commissioner

Mr. L.M. Jain

Chief Commissioner (Scouts)

Mr. Shyamal Kumar Biswas

BS&G State Chief Commissioner, West Bengal State

International Commissioner (Scouts)

Mr. Mahendrabhai M. Patel

State Chief Commissioner, Gujarat State

### **Scouting in Afghanistan still active**

To keep Scouting active in Afghanistan, 33 Scouts from an orphanage-based troop in Ghor Province had the 1st Orientation Unit Leaders Training Course from 22 September to 2 October 2010. This shows that Scouting in Afghanistan is very much alive despite difficult circumstances.

The event came as a surprise for the people in the district to see Scouts in a public prayer and invited by a youth union. They painted and wrote peace messages on walls and bulkhead.

Over 160 students and guests from various government offices, local and international organizations, acknowledged the efforts of PARSА in initiating Scout activities and the event was broadcast on national television.

Through PARSА, a non-government organization, Scouting started in Ghor province at Chagcharron Orphanage. Now there are two troops flourishing on their own and have started two separate programs in the community like garbage clean-up. The programs were so successful that some communities asked PARSА to start a program for female members and this is giving a boost to the communities to start making their villages clean and beautiful.

In addition, the Chagcharran Scouts started an economic program called Kitchen Gardens, which is about helping women start small businesses.

PARSА's hope is to introduce the Scouting program to orphans to show the community that dealing with them "hands on" could create a lasting impact on their lives. Expansion is being done in Bamiyan Province with a goal of going nationwide.

PARSА receives funding from the US embassy to support Scouting activities and to help build an Afghan Scouts Training Center.

### **Chairman Binay adopts Philippine Eagle**

It is a usual sight in the world of Scouting to see young people exploring, learning about and caring for the environment.

However, this time it is the turn of the Regional Scout Committee Chairman and Vice President of the republic of Philippines Jejomar C. Binay who adopted a Philippine eagle which is now

named "Scout Binay." The Philippine eagle is one of the world's largest, powerful and rarest eagles.

"I am very much honored to be given the opportunity to adopt a Philippine eagle," Binay said in his short message at the Office of the Vice President on 3rd December 2010. "Today, we take a simple step in protecting one of our national symbols."

Under the youth programme of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, which Binay is the National President, the Eagle Scout is the highest award a Scout can receive in his/her Scout life. It is just appropriate and patriotic for Scouts in the Philippines to help in protecting this national treasure.

"I hope that as Filipinos, we will all do our share in protecting not only the Philippine eagle, but the environment as well," Binay said during the turnover of the donation to the foundation which will be used for the food and veterinary care of Philippine eagle "Scout Binay" for a year.

### **Bookbridge extends its project work to Cambodia**

Bookbridge was officially established in Basel, Switzerland as a foundation just before the last Christmas. After years of joint partnership with Mongolia where book centres were built, the project has grown into a stage of Foundation. By September 2010, four teaching libraries in Mongolia opened their doors on a daily basis to eager young learners. As a social business, Bookbridge also setup two programs enabling companies to build their own bridges and train future leaders for tomorrow's markets.

The year 2011 will be as exciting as the project has already confirmed going to Cambodia as their second project country under this programme where they plan to setup six more teaching libraries. It is expected that the bookbridge project in Cambodia will enhance the image of scouting across the country and will provide a much needed educational service to the community through scouting.

## **What's Ongoing**

### **11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum**

Who Young people (both boys and girls) ages of 18 and 26 in the year of the Forum. NSOs are strongly encourage to send at least one delegate.

When 3-6 January 2011

Where Brazil

### **World Scout Committee Meeting**

Who Committee members from world, regional and national levels

When 9 January 2011

Where Brazil

### **39<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference**

Who Volunteers, key leaders, Scouts all over the world

When 10-14 January 2011

Where Brazil

## **What's Upcoming**

### **Strategic Planning Review Workshop**

Who Key leaders, Volunteers, Commissioners at all levels

When 11-15 February 2011

Where Delhi, India

### **National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities**

Who Volunteers, key leaders and full time executives from National Scout Organization in-charge of building management capacity or whose work is related to management  
When 11-15 February 2011  
Where Islamabad, Pakistan

## **Be Prepared**

### **1<sup>st</sup> SAARC Scout Camp**

Who Rovers from South Asian countries  
When 21-26 March 2011  
Where Thimpu, Bhutan

### **28<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree**

Who Young people both male and female aged 12 to 17 years old.  
International Service Team should be above 18 years old and ideally not above 45 years old  
When 11-17 July 2011  
Where Chengcing Lake, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC

### **Environment and Bio-diversity workshop**

Who Volunteers and key leaders who are involved in environmental protection  
When 4-7 June 2011  
Where Indonesia