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What's New

Singapore exemplifies urban Scouting

What makes Scouting in Singapore unique is that it thrives well in a highly urbanized and multi-cultural environment. Even more remarkable is that Scouting outlived a century of changes and development in its nation's history. Today Singapore Scout Association (SSA) is one of the oldest and active youth organizations in the country, celebrating its 100 years in 2010.

SSA President Noel Hon welcomed the recent Committee NSO Visit (CNV) that took place at the national HQ. He said that the committee visit is a demonstration of the international nature of Scouting where good practices in governance and initiatives of NSOs could be shared.

Indeed SSA Commissioners highlighted some of their successful experiences in fundraising, partnership projects and effective adult leadership training. The association has also laid a strong financial rules and procedures.

With support systems in place, SSA continues to provide fun-filled, exciting activities and programme where Scouts can explore, discover and learn. SSA is one of the pioneer NSOs to initiate the Scouts of the World Programme.

The visiting team comprised of 1st Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura, 2nd Vice Chairman Dr Mukyuddin bin Sarwani, Regional Consultant Mohammed Ali Khalid and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. APR Director for Youth Programme Syd Castillo supported the visiting team.

Prakorb Mukura stressed that the visit is more than a review. "It is also about fellowship", he said. The visiting team had the opportunity to meet the Chief Scout and President of Singapore H.E. S.R. Nathan, who is a prime supporter of Scouting in the country.

Among the SSA key leaders joining the CNV were Chief Commissioner Tan Cheng Kiong, Executive Director Effendy Rajab, Assistant Chief Commissioner Andrew Ang, and Assistant Chief Commissioner Ho Chee Heng. Other Commissioners namely Dr. Jeffrey Ho, Chay Hong Leng, Malcolm Tan and Chow Hock Lin provided inputs to the discussion.

CNV, which started in early 2008, is an initiative of the Regional Committee to have a dialogue with NSOs where regional members and national leaders jointly assess the best practices and strengths, as well as the needs and challenges of the NSO. Next CNV destination is Malaysia in early October.

National Jamboree heightens global awareness

Around 7,500 Scouts enjoyed the fair weather with sporadic rains during the 15th National Scout Jamboree in Mt Makiling despite the earlier threat of an oncoming super typhoon.

For six days, from 26-31 May, Scouts beat the sun and rain to complete six main modules that challenged their physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual potentials.

Remarkably government and non-government agencies including the United Nations put up impressive exhibits and interactive sessions at the Global Development Village. Learning activities, video presentations and educational materials were on hand to create greater awareness on biodiversity, climate change, health, child labor and human rights. The environment booth

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

APR International Seminar on Environmental Education & Biodiversity
4-7 June
Indonesia

AIS National Workshop
3-6 June
Malaysia

AIS National Workshop
23-26 June
Maldives

27th International Agoonoree
24-27 June
Korea

NSOT centenary Celebration
1 July
Thailand

28th APR Scout Jamboree
11-17 July
Taiwan

22nd World Scout Jamboree
27 July - 7 August
Sweden

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

APR Management Meeting
25-27 August
Manila

presented crucial facts of the country's state of environment where a group of conservationists say that the Philippines is the one of the so-called biodiversity hotspots in the world.

Large-scale youth events are opportunities for Scouts to appreciate where they belong – the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The Regional Office established its regular APR Centre with displays about WOSM. Almost 3000 Scouts took the challenge of taking the quiz to test their knowledge about Scouting in general, with interesting giveaways for satisfactory results. Among the displays were the history of Scouting, Scouts of the World Award, and Ticket to Life.

WSB staff adopts Mission Statement

World Scout Bureau executives met on 16-21 May at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland representing the central office and all six regional offices, including the Secretary General and executive directors.

A brief yet significant session of the meeting was the acceptance of the WSB Mission which, in part, states their commitment *to provide high quality support and services to volunteers and professionals at all levels of WOSM, with the ultimate objective of making quality Scouting available to as many young people as possible.*

Kandersteg's tranquil countryside was an energizing location for the five-day meeting. The entire WSB team met collectively to set the scene for the triennium 2011-2014 and departmental teams shared reports and updates, discussed and clarified issues, and planned better ways of working together specifically in Educational Methods, Communications and External Relations, and Finance.

As a synthesis, the WSB sets the momentum of realigning its work and structure to support the World Scout Committee's four key areas for the triennium: Strategic Path, Youth for Change, 21st Century Leadership and Global Support.

Call for nominations: New Regional Treasurer

After the appointment of the new World Scout Committee last January, a new directive was given to all regional offices to follow the technical process in appointing and reappointing the Regional Treasurer. The terms of reference defines the role of the Regional Treasurer as a volunteer and ex-officio member of the Regional Scout Committee. The TOR has been circulated to all NSOs.

APR office is seeking nominations from NSOs for this position for the term 2011-2014. Nominations should reach the regional office not later than *20 June 2011*. The Regional Scout Committee will review all nominations and subsequently recommend the successful candidate for the appointment of the World Scout Committee. Ideally, the new RT should be in place before the Regional Scout Committee meets in October 2011.

Dr Renato Paras, the current Regional Treasurer, expressed his decision to leave the post in three month's time. Dr Paras, a hall of famer in accountancy, served for over 20 years as Regional Treasurer in an exceptional manner. His usual captive audience at regional meetings and conferences will fondly miss his lighthearted, witty, and unconventional style of delivering financial reports.

Thailand to host Regional Planning in October

On a relatively short notice, the National Scout Organization of Thailand has taken up the challenge to host two major meetings this coming October. First, the Strategic Planning Meeting of all regional sub-committees on 20-21 October, to be followed by the Regional Scout Committee meeting on 22-23 October. All meetings will be held at "The City Hotel Sriracha" in Chonburi Province.

The Strategic Planning meeting is the very first step to put into perspective the key decision of the Regional Scout Committee to make "membership growth as the goal of the strategic plan". The two-day meeting will include discussions on

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

16-19 September
Japan

World Scout Committee Meeting

23-25 September
Saudi Arabia

Launch of Messengers for Peace Global project

26 September
Saudi Arabia

Ticket to Life workshop

7-10 October
Manila

APR Workshop on Partnership & Fundraising

14-18 October
Korea

JOTA/JOTI

15-16 October
Worldwide

Regional Strategic Planning Meeting

20-21 October
Thailand

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

22-23 October
Thailand

Executive Directors' Team Meeting

5-8 December
Geneva

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the systems approach and agreements on the key leverages. Sub-committees will also share their strategies and identify synergies and redundancies that may exist.

Government recognizes Polynesia Scout Council Training

The training scheme of Polynesia Scout Council has been recognized and accredited by the government as a diploma. This was confirmed during the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) in Tahiti, Polynesia on 5 to 6 May.

Polynesia Scout Council has over 1,800 members and more than 400 adults leaders. They were admitted as an associate member of the Asia Pacific Region in 2001. Scouting in French Polynesia started in 1986 and it has been growing steadily as a unifying force in a very diverse environment.

Key personalities were present at the simple CNV opening led by Roger Marama, President of *Des Eclaireurs et Eclaireuses Unionistes*. The President of Polynesia Scout Council Leone Revault welcomed the CNV team comprised of John Ravenhall, former Regional Scout Committee member; Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed; Prassanna Shrivastava of WSB Asia-Pacific Regional Office and senior members of the four Scout Associations of Polynesia Scout Council.

The hosts arranged a special meeting with the City Mayor, a great supporter of Scouting, who unveiled the Polynesia Scout Council marker. National Training Commissioner Dominique Pastor took this opportunity to share the adult training scheme which, he says, meets the high standards of French Laws in the country. The training scheme's accreditation as a diploma makes it more attractive to young adults to take up training.

Fijian leaders eye on membership growth

It starts with a vision – to be self-reliant, well managed, co-educational and with 10,000 members by 2020. This was the conclusive statement of the National Strategic Planning Workshop held from 30 April to 4 May 2011 at the National Headquarters in Suva where 25 key leaders of Fiji Scouts Association (FSA) crafted the vision statement. To achieve the vision, a series of actions were agreed: to provide a challenging and attractive youth program with the help of competent and dedicated leaders, using modern technology and enhancing international and local partnerships.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education Mr Brij Lal, who is also the Deputy Chief Commissioner, opened the workshop on 29th April and urged national and district commissioners to focus on membership growth and strengthen the competency of Scout leaders. Chief Commissioner John Naisau expressed his gratitude to the Asia-Pacific Region for their continuous support to FSA. Facilitating the workshop was APR Director for Administration and Finance S. Prassanna Shrivastava, with the support of Executive Commissioner Jioji Qaranivalu and his team.

Fijian President invested as Chief Scout

President of the Republic of Fiji HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau was sworn in as Chief Scout of the Fiji Scout Association (FSA) after his investiture on 29 April at the Government House in Suva. Key FSA members witnessed the ceremony, including FSA President Abhay Nand, the Chief Commissioner, members of the National Council, and other Scout leaders.

After the investiture, the Chief Scout chaired the special Annual General Meeting of FSA and appointed office bearers of the council. He recognized the commitment of some key Scout leaders with national Scout awards.

Philippines hosts training of Vietnamese Leaders

Some 40 Vietnamese leaders, ages 19 to 61 years old, have just completed their Wood Badge Course in Mt Makiling. The World Organization of the Scout Movement/Asia-Pacific Region organized the course from 25 to 31 May with a seasoned training team from Bangladesh, India, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines offered its wood badge area where participants learned advance leadership skills. This extensive training was designed to equip them with the know-how of delivering appropriate programs for young Scout members.

At the opening ceremony, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed encouraged the Vietnamese Leaders to upgrade their skills through continuous training. He said, "the training course is only a beginning. Upon returning home, continue to study and earn your woodbadge beads and certificate." He also urged for the unity among the leaders and to work towards the development of Scouting in Vietnam.

Deputy Course Leader Dr Leonides Son said, "the sharing of international experiences is what makes the course really meaningful. It's a blessing".

Through the World Scout Foundation, the Wood badge training was funded by Bill Phillips of Ecuador. Back in September 2011, Phillips funded the first batch in the same wood badge area and a third course is planned for September 2011.

Scouts: Friends of the Environment

Scouts under the Ticket to Life (TTL) project in Karachi, Pakistan declared that they are friends of the environment during a tree planting activity on 14 May. The declaration kicked off the Tree Plantation Movement, a TTL project in collaboration with the Sindh Scout Association and the Department of Forestry in Sindh Province.

This activity has three phases. First phase was the formal ceremony where TTL National Coordinator Anwar Ahmed Zai explained the purpose of the event, which is taking action to care and protect the environment.

In the second phase, 126 TTL Scouts joined forces with Open Scout Groups to plant 500 seedlings, some of which are Neem plants known to have medicinal properties. The plantation is located at the Gulistan-e-Scouts, a place well known for tree planting activities for its wide and open spaces and where Scouts hold their camps.

For the final phase, Scouts will look after the seedlings planted under their name and on a periodic basis, report to their troops how their trees are growing.

Nepal Scouts welcome new Chief Scout

The new Minister for Youth and Sports H.E. Hit Bahadur Tamang is the Chief Scout of Nepal. On behalf of the Regional Scout Committee, the APR office sent a letter welcoming him to the Scouting family and to thank him for his gracious acceptance of the honorary title.

IYV + 10 Regional Consultancy held in Manila

Year 2011 marks the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers. The Manila meeting held on 3-4 May at the New World Hotel focused on the Asian development debate where national and global players were present. Some 60 delegates from 21 countries from Asia and the Pacific and the Caribbean region attended the consultation. The delegates represented 28 partners and stakeholders including 12 civil society organizations (and WOSM Asia Pacific Region), 5 global IYV+10 stakeholders, 10 governments and 19 UNV field-based offices.

The meeting highlighted the important role that volunteerism can play in addressing the emerging development issues both in national and global contexts such as burgeoning youth population and sustainable livelihoods, democratization and good governance, rural-urban migration, gender, poverty and disparities due to increasing urbanization, climate change and sustainable development.

APR Air Internet Jamboree: sites to visit

Scouts of China will host the 7th APR Air Internet Jamboree on the weekend 6-7 August 2011. Visit www.scout.org.tw and you will find the link of the [7th Asia-Pacific Regional Air/Internet Jamboree](#) on the bottom of page or you can just type <http://www.scout.org.tw/APR-AIJ/APR-AIJ.htm>.

There will be links to Facebook. Guest book and registration will be open until mid-July and will close when the event starts. For the Facebook, visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/7th-Asia-Pacific-Regional-AirInternet-Jamboree/208191839215019>.

What's Ongoing

AIS National Workshop

Who Key leaders involved in AIS
When 3-6 June
Where Malaysia

International Seminar on Environment and Bio-diversity

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

29th APR Jamboree ocular visit

Who Key leaders from the region and local leaders
When 19-20 June
Where Colombo, Sri Lanka

AIS National Workshop

Who Key leaders involved in AIS
When 23-26 June
Where Maldives

27th International Agoonoree

Who Scouts and Leaders from all over the country and overseas countries
When 24-27 June 2011
Where Korea

What's Upcoming

28th 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

Be Prepared

22nd World Scout Jamboree

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