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What's New

Regional planning for the next triennium takes shape

The joint strategic planning forum of all sub-committees of the Asia Pacific Region took place at Sriracha, Chonburi Province in Thailand on 20-21 October.

First Vice-Chairman of the APR Scout Committee, Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin officially opened the forum and noted the largest gathering of all sub-committees, with over 60 members in attendance, to design the regional plan for 2012-2015.

Dr Mukhyuddin said, "The forum gives an opportunity for each member to contribute not only to his or her sub-committee work but to other areas, hence the avoidance of any overlapping and the duplication of work". He stressed that membership growth is the goal for the coming triennium, as decided by the APR Scout Committee at an earlier meeting. Sub-committees also discussed the best mode of delivering support to National Scout Organizations.

Regional Scout Committee Nicholas Tang presented the APR Strategic Planning framework and explained the system loops, key leverages and the interaction between sub systems. He highlighted the Regional Vision 2020 which was agreed at the APR Scout Leaders Summit in Bangalore in 2010, which is "*By 2020, Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region is recognized as the preferred and leading educational youth movement offering relevant programme in all segments of society*".

Nicholas Tang said "Membership growth is not only the outcome of marketing, branding, or publicity. Membership growth is the key result of other factors, such as the quality of the programme, the quality of leader training, and effective management, among others".

Each sub-committee worked on their focus areas for 2012-2015, fine-tuned the strategic statements, drafted the objectives, and set the timeline. Priority areas for 2012-2015 are Young people, Adults, Management, Financial Resources and Scouting Profile.

The forum was also attended by member of World Scout Committee, Eric Khoo, Second Vice-Chairman of the APR Scout Committee, Prakorb Mukura, together with Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and other executives of the Asia Pacific Regional office. – *Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent*

Regional Scout Committee accepts strategic proposal

In what Chairman Jejomar C Binay concluded as a productive meeting, the Regional Scout Committee decided several matters of regional interest at their 22nd October meeting in Chonburi. One of these is the approval of draft statement and objectives of the APR Plan 2012-2015 – the outcome of the two-day strategic planning forum.

At the meeting, WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod gave a brief on world Scouting affairs, citing recent involvements and activities. He said that the World Scout Committee is using a more flexible structure to address concerns that the World Scout Conference (Brazil) asked to deal with, which could be achieved through new ways of working and long term perspectives.

The committee discussed the guideline for the election process of Regional Scout Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, and some proposals for

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

APR Workshop on Innovative Leadership and Effective Communications
18-21 November
Sri Lanka

CLT Course for ASEAN Countries
24-30 November
Indonesia

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

19th National Scout Jamboree
21-27 November
Thailand

National Programme Development Workshop 3-7 December
Brunei Darussalam

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

Ocular Visit to the 24th APR Scout Conference venue
24 January
Bangladesh

Sub Regional Workshop on Risk Management
26-30 January
Bangladesh

2nd Ocular visit to 29th APR Scout Jamboree
1-2 February
Sri Lanka

World Scout Committee
23-25 March
Angola

29th APR Scout Jamboree
1-6 April
Sri Lanka

constitutional change. With membership growth as the emphasis of the current triennium, the committee approved the criteria for recognizing NSOs that have positive growth rate and membership development strategy.

A new regional award was created called *APR Medal for Meritorious Contribution to Scouting*. On the finance side, the committee received the confirmation from the World Scout Foundation to pool its funds with the capital investment of the APR Scout Foundation, possibly to begin in January 2012.

NSOs eye further development on Partnership and Fundraising

The relationship of partnership and fundraising was thoroughly explored at the APR Workshop on Partnership and Fundraising at the Seoul Olympic Parktel, Korea on 15-18 October. Participants looked into the importance and crucial role of having good partners and raising funds for the organization.

National Chief Commissioner of Korea Scout Association Mr Jung, Bok Hyun welcomed the 29 participants representing ten NSOs and two executives from the World Scout Bureau, Africa Regional Office. NSOs represented were Bhutan, Fiji, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Macau, Mongolia, Nepal and New Zealand.

Regional Scout Committee Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura expressed appreciation to Chief Commissioners, that with their representation, the value of partnerships, could be appreciated more than ever.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed said that over the years, fundraising and partnership were given emphasis through workshops and publications. The first workshop "International Seminar on Financial Resources" was held in 2003 in Indonesia, followed by the "APR Workshop on Developing Partnerships through PR" in 2006, Indonesia. In June 2010, the fundraising guideline was published.

Among the topics covered were Marakkech Charter, planning and evaluating partnerships, principles and strategy of fundraising, methods of fundraising and present trends, planning and developing fundraising, and writing project proposals.

KSA International Commissioner Dr Eugene Gui Kim was the workshop director, supported by APR Finance Sub Committee Chairman Mr Sonny Kim SeoungSu, APR Director for Development Support and Finance Mr Prassanna Shrivastava. Resource people from Korea were Youth City Hall committee member Dr Kim Oksoon; Certified Fundraising Executive and member of Association of Fundraising Professionals Dr Bekay AHN; Director of Korean Committee for UNICEF Ms Kyung Hee Kim; and Supramaniam Kalaimani, Coordinator of ENO in Malaysia.

Sustainability: a challenge to Ticket to Life Project

A four-day workshop for the evaluation and planning of the APR Ticket to Life Project was held at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) office on 7th October 2011, gathering 20 participants from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Philippines. TTL Project is a Scouting program offered to street children in selected countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Most participants are project coordinators. Others present at the opening were BSP Secretary General Jose R. Pangilinan and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

At the opening ceremony, Atty. Wendel Avisado, BSP Senior Vice-President, challenged the future of the project on how sustainable it would be. Avisado said that for the project to make a difference in the lives of street children, it should be sustainable, and therefore NSOs should take ownership of the project. As Chairman of the Davao Scout Council where there are units under TTL, Avisado made a commitment to make the unit self-sustaining by 2013.

Since 2007, national coordinators and unit leaders meet annually to present their report, share good practices and experiences. For this year, they reported their life skill activities, such as paper bag making, painting and mechanics. While doing vocational training, Scout advancement is closely monitored.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

APR Workshop on Scouting for Young People with Special Needs
6-9 April
Perth, Australia

4th Preparatory Meeting
19 April
Dhaka, Bangladesh

APR Award Committee Meeting
20 April
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
21-22 April
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Executive Directors Team Meeting
7-11 May
Geneva

APR Management Meeting
14-16 June
Manila

Committee NSO Visit
13-14 July
Kiribati

CSPSA Forum
16-20 July
New Caledonia

Korea National Jamboree
24-30 July

1st International Jamboree
27 July – 3 August
Mongolia

4th Inter-religious Symposium
1-5 August
Korea

8th APR Air/Internet Jamboree
4-5 August
Korea

JOTA/JOTI
20-21 October

APR Course for Leader Trainers
15-21 November
Bangladesh

7th APR Scout Youth Forum
17-21 November
Bangladesh

So far, five Scouts under TTL have reached the highest Scout level.

Facilitating the workshop was TTL Zamboanga Co-ordinator Arthur Griño, assisted by APR Director Syd Castillo. Joining the workshop were Scout Leaders who are interested to start the project in their localities, particularly from Manila South Scout Council and Marikina Scout Council.

Looking back in 2007 (India), participants dealt on clarifying the ideals of the project and framing proper documentation. In 2008 (Nepal), the workshop determined the general impact of the project to the community. The 2009 workshop in Bangladesh focused on the impact of the project on individuals and the 2010 workshop in Sri Lanka focused on Scout advancement. Also during these annual workshops, bilateral meetings were held to coach national coordinators in implementing the project.

Major donors for this project are World Scout Foundation, Asia Pacific Regional Scout Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Sylvia Scout Foundation, Scout Association of Japan and Mr Eric Frank.

Chief Scout Executives Meet
21 Bangladesh

APR Scout Committee Meetings
22 November
Bangladesh

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
23 November
Bangladesh

24th APR Scout Jamboree
24-29 November
Bangladesh

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Scout Day is for the environment and the elderly

Scout Association of Japan celebrates Scout Day by involving young people in various activities fostering love for the elderly and the environment.

This year, a total of 33,855 Scouts and leaders from 987 Scout Groups across Japan participated in different activities promoting environment protection, beautification, and peace. Respect for the elderly was also emphasized in this campaign.

Scouts were dispatched on 19th September 2011 in Miyazaki shopping malls, Oita parks and Ariake seashore to clean up these places. In total, over 82,000 cans and bottles were collected across the country. As part of beautification, Hokkaido Scout Council planted flowering plants in Takigawa streets.

SAJ adopted Scout Day in Japan as part of its Scouting programme since 1990 with the purpose of serving the community. Since 2009, SAJ has been a registered member of Clean Up the World Campaign celebrating it every 3rd Monday of September in time for the Japanese national holiday called Respect-for-the-Aged Day.

WOSM has been an ally of Clean Up the World since 2008 in its environmental campaigns around the world empowering communities, schools and businesses.

APR Suncheon Scout Center introduce changes

Two years after the tripartite memorandum of agreement among the Asia-Pacific Region, Suncheon City Council, and Korea Scout Association, the center has introduced a number of significant changes. Scout interns from various countries in and beyond the Asia-Pacific Region have volunteered there on a three-month cycle. This internship will continue with the first batch joining mid February to April. Second batch is from May to July, and third batch is from July to October.

At the board meeting on 14th October in Seoul, reports say that participants at the center increased to 9,239, a number bigger than any other such center in Korea. A recent government survey of facilities gave the Suncheon center the highest rating of all centers in the country.

Other changes include the appointment of a new director who has a good Scouting background. More Scouting activities have been introduced. Also, the new program design encourages the participation of more volunteers from different countries.

Proposals for 2012 will include a special Scout programme called Challenge Programme; a specific programme for overseas staff to have a better understanding of Korean culture; and a World Cultural Village for Korean Children. They look forward to organizing an international event in Suncheon in 2012, and to improve the ratio between Scout and non-Scout enrollees.

The meeting was held at the Korea Scout Association. Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura attended the meeting with Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. KSA was represented by Acting Chairman of Suncheon Centre Dr. Eugene Gui Kim (KSA International Commissioner); Mr. Won Bae Kang, Director SAPSC Centre; Mr. Moon Sun Lim, SAPSC Executive Director; Mr. Jun Jong Baek, KSA Programme Director; Mr. Joshua Lae, SAPSC staff.

What is Great About Scouts

What is Great About Scouts? was first introduced at the 23rd APR Scout Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2009. At that time, the contest used four media categories in the form of essay, poster, blog, and audio-video spot/slide presentation.

For 2012 conference, the competition will use only one medium – audio-visual production. This arose from the proposal of Dr Young Joong Kang, President of Korea Scout Association, who offered to sponsor the regional contest to give opportunities for Scout groups to produce audio-visuals on what they find as extraordinary about Scouting.

The contest seeks to convey the message of what is great about Scouting as a means to attract and inspire more young people to join the Scout Movement. It is a tool to share and appreciate the extraordinary work that Scouts do to make their communities a better place.

Qualified participants are Scout members who are under 26 years old, either as individual or as a group. Theme of the AVP is "partnership with non-Scouts or communities" with duration between 3 to 4 minutes. Key messages have to be value-based, original, creative and inspirational.

Cash prizes and trophy will be given to Gold, Silver and Bronze winners, and three consolation prizes. Awarding will be held at the 24th APR Scout Conference in Bangladesh in November 2012. Deadline of submission of entries is on 31 March 2012.

Timor Leste Scouts elect new office bearers

After a lapse of a few years, Scouts of Timor Leste held its 2nd AGM on 23-24 September 2011 in Dili with a sizable participation of 151 members. The AGM approved the report of the National Council and elected the National Council for the period 2011-2014. The new President of the association is Ms Idalda, and Ms Filomena Reis is re-elected as International Commissioner.

"Members were inspired by the AGM", says the report submitted to APR office, as it was the first time UNE-TL organized such an event with full support and funding from the Secretary State of Youth and Sports.

Scouts Australia is supporting Timor Leste in various ways, including an advanced leader training course for 32 leaders held recently in October. An Australian Rover is now based in Timor Leste to help in the membership census. Scouts Australia has also provided basic equipment and furniture to keep the small office running. UNE-TL holds office at the Youth Parliament Office, provided by the Secretary of State of Youth and Sports.

APR Jamboree in Sri Lanka gears up

Preparations for the 29th Asia-Pacific/Sri Lanka Centenary Jamboree is gearing up. The Jamboree will be held on 1-6 April 2012 in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, having 10 modules with specific educational objectives. Apart from the five-day programme, Sri Lanka Scouts Association offers an added attraction to visit several heritage sites near the campsite.

A special 3-day package will be offered to Regional Scout Committee members, Chief Commissioners, sub-committee members, Scout officials, members of ATAS and APES. Accommodation for this package will be at Heritance Hotel and Sirigaya Hotel.

Japan prepares early for 30th APR Scout Jamboree in 2013

Around 16,000 Scouts from Japan and overseas are expected to participate in the APR Jamboree on 1-7 August 2013 in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City. Japan will use the theme "Wa", meaning *a spirit of unity*. Interesting programmes will be offered including a visit to the Hiroshima site.

A solidarity operation will be offered, which is called "Operation Kirara" named after the Jamboree site "kirara-hama". This will give opportunities to Scouts from many countries within the Asia-Pacific Region to attend.

Registration fee for participants and ISTs under category A and B is JPY25,000 (approximately USD250). Participants and ISTs under cartegory C and D will pay JPY45,000 (approximately USD450).

Pakistan Scouts new office bearers

At the 65th National Council Meeting of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association (PBSA) held in Islamabad on 19th October, new office bearers were elected. Justice Agha Rafiq Ahmed Khan, Chief Justice Federal Shariat Court, Islamabad was elected Chief Commissioner for a term of two years, from 2011 to 2013. Dr. Shaheen Khan is the new International Commissioner for the same period. Mr Naveed Ullah Babar, former PBSA Secretary, resumed his post on 19th October 2011.

Thailand National Jamboree pushes through

Chonburi Province, located at the eastern part of Thailand, has not been affected by the recent floods in some parts of the country. The National Scout Organization of Thailand is pushing through its 19th National Jamboree from 21st to 27th November 2011 at the Vajiravudh National Scout Camp.

The vast camp will make the theme "heritage explosion" a reality where adventures and challenging activities await participants.

Consultancy Visit to Papua New Guinea

At the Regional Scout Committee meetings held this year in Manila and Thailand, a decision was taken to boost Scouting in Papua New Guinea with a consultancy visit. Asia-Pacific Regional office has arranged to visit PNG from 14th to 24th November 2011. Major matters to tackle in the cosultancy are follow-up of the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) recommendations, organizational structure, working of the NHQ, and designing a roadmap for the development of Scouting in PNG. A formal report will be submitted to the Regional Scout Committee at its April 2012 meeting.

Sri Lanka completes Messengers of Peace Project

Among the four Messengers of Peace (MoP) pilot projects in the Asia-Pacific Region, Sri Lanka has completed four separate post-war integration camps between Tamil and Singhalese Scouts. Purpose of the camp was to foster a sense of belonging between the two groups. The first camp was held from 18 - 21 August 2011 at the Scout Training & Development Centre, in Pallekette, Kandy where 72 Scouts from Kandy and Kilinochchi districts participated in the four-day camp.

Three camps followed in September. The 2nd integration camp was in Jaffna at the northern part of Sri Lanka with participants from Kalutara in the southern part; 3rd camp had participants from Badulla and Kankesanthurai in the north, and the last camp had participants coming from Mannar who joined other Scouts in Galle in the south.

What's Ongoing

APR Workshop on Innovative Leadership and Effective Communications

Who National and sub-national leaders involved in management, leadership, PR, marketing and IT
When 18-21 November
Where Sri Lanka

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What's Upcoming

National Programme Development Workshop

Who National youth programme commissioners
When 3-7 December
Where Brunei Darussalam

Be Prepared

Sub Regional Workshop on Risk Management

Who Key leaders responsible for youth program, events organization, adult resources, risk management in various levels
When 26-30 January 2012
Where Bangladesh

2 November 2011