



## OCTOBER 2011

### What's New

#### Malaysia Scouts' extensive work on risk management

Highlighted at the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) in Malaysia is the extensive work of the Scout association in producing a comprehensive standard operating procedure for risk management to ensure the safety of members in all Scouting activities. This work has been going on for the past three years, prompted by Malaysia's participation in the APR Risk and Safety Management workshop held in 2003.

Prof Dato Dr Mohd Zin leads the risk management working team of eight members. They prepared the basic risk management policy in *Bahasa* which Malaysia Scouts adopted in April 2011. Many value added courses were organized for trainers at state and national level. The standard operating procedure is expected to be ready by 2012 and could be a valuable resource for other NSOs in the region.

Malaysia is the 25<sup>th</sup> country to undertake the CNV Programme, now on going from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Regional Scout Committee Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura leads the visiting team with Committee members Dr Azrul Azwar, Shim Ho, consultant Kirsty Brown, sub committee chairman Janaprith Fernando, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and desk officer for Malaysia Syd Castillo.

Chief Scout Dr Dato Shafie Mohd Salleh leads the host team, along with many Assistant National Chief Scout Commissioners and Chief Scout Commissioners of different states. Among key indicators discussed were constitution, youth programme, adult resources, financial resources, communication and partnership.

The visiting team also cited the keen enthusiasm of Malaysian Scouts to reinforce the national concept of "1 Malaysia" which goes well with Scouting's core principle of being open to all races and creeds, and to live in harmony in a multi cultural, multi religious and multi ethnic society. Ideas were shared on how to integrate "1 Malaysia" in the youth programme package.

#### Value-based seminar postponed

All National Scout Organizations are advised that the APR Seminar on Value-Based Scouting, originally scheduled for 25-28 November 2011 in Singapore, is postponed until further notice. Only a handful of nominations for participation were received on the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> September, which is not sufficient to run the seminar.

#### Finding ways to make AIS and Training System work for Scouting

The 3R principle: *Recruit*, *Retrain* and *Recognize* were posed as the main challenge for the participants of the *Regional Workshop on Effective National Adult Resources Committee and National Training System*.

Twenty-five representatives from 10 National Scout Organizations gathered at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Centre in Tokyo on 16-19 September for the event.

Participants had a common goal: to understand the importance of the revised World Policy on Adults in Scouting (AIS) as the workshop provided the platform for these adults to exchange ideas and share experiences. And the

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

**Committee NSO Visit**  
1-3 October  
Malaysia

**Ticket to Life Workshop**  
7-10 October  
Philippines

**JOTA-JOTI**  
15-16 October  
Worldwide

**APR Workshop on Partnership and Fundraising**  
15-18 October  
Korea

**Regional Sub-Committee Meetings**  
20-21 October  
Thailand

**Regional Scout Committee Meeting**  
22-23 October  
Thailand

**CLT Course for ASEAN Countries**  
24-30 November  
Indonesia

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

**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

greater aim is to strengthen adult support in implementing adult training effectively.

Gracing the opening was Mr Kouji Katsuyama, Director of Youth Division, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Regional Scout Committee First Vice-Chairman Dr Mohd. Mukhyuddin appreciated the Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) for organizing the event. He said, "I commend the versatility, dynamism and the passion of adult leaders". He then posed the challenge of how volunteerism could be sustained through the 3R principle.

SAJ hosted the workshop in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Region, attended by Scout Leaders responsible for adult resources/support, from Australia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Singapore and Japan.

Among the key leaders present were Ms. Mari Nakano of the World Scout Committee and Chairman of SAJ Board of Directors, Takayasu Okushima. Key resource persons from the Adult Support Sub-Committee were Chairman Dr Mak Wai-ming, Vice-Chairman Paul Parkinson and member Kataro Uemiachi. Ms Reiko Suzuki directed the workshop supported by Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Director Thian Hiong-Boon from the APR office.

**For details of events**

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### **Japan Prefectural Commissioners and Rovers briefed on AIS**

Taking advantage of the presence of seasoned resource persons for Adults in Scouting (AIS), the Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) organized a three-day dialogue with Scout Leaders from 47 prefectures of Japan.

Resource persons were Dr Mak-Wai Ming, Chairman of APR Adult Support Sub-Committee and Assistant Professor of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and Paul Parkinson, Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman and National Training Commissioner of Scouts Australia. He is also the Principal of the National Institute of Education and Training of Australia.

More than 90 commissioners from 27 prefectures and more than 40 Rovers attended the sessions. The Commissioners are responsible for the implementation of Educational Methods at prefectural level.

Dr Mak introduced the AIS World Policy adopted at the 39th World Scout Conference in Brazil. Using the catchword "West meets East," Dr Mak stressed the cultural differences between East and West, and the possible solutions for the effective implementation of AIS. He emphasized AIS policy as being flexible, and compared the evolution of Human Resource Management principles outside the Scout Movement against the AIS Policy elements of WOSM. By sharing the 8-point Tree Model used in Hong Kong for trainers, which encompasses the core values of Scouting, he stressed the need for a new mindset to meet the elements of systems thinking and learning organization.

Paul Parkinson covered the "In-service Support" as one of the key elements in the life cycle of an adult in Scouting. He explained the role of support in the life cycle, why it is important, and why support should be there. He also shared the working support strategies of Australia, including the Personal Leader Adviser (PLA), Adult Support Plan (ASP), Group Support Plan (GSP), and Adult Development Plan (ADP) system, which are very crucial in keeping adult leaders updated and retained.

Among those support strategies, Paul covered largely the Personal Leader Adviser that could be used as good support system for adult leaders, and making support more personal. He even shared sample tools used in Australia, which were in place for a long time and continuously being improved through studies and experiences.

Rover participants had the privilege of presenting their recommendation, earlier discussed at the 2011 Youth Forum, on how to build up the Rover Section.

Among those who attended the dialogue were National Commissioner Nobuo Shindo, World Scout Committee member Ms Mari Nakano, and Chairman of Training Committee Sadaaki Murata.

### **New address of Scout Association of Japan**

Starting this 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011, the headquarters of the Scout Association of Japan has moved to a new address:

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### **Messenger of Peace launched in Saudi Arabia**

*"Scouts are the messengers of peace in the world. You all have an important job to do: you need to mobilise all 30 million Scouts throughout the world in the cause of building peace. We in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are proud to be supporting you in these efforts. We will continue this support in the future."*

This was the message of HM King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia during the launch of the "Messengers of Peace" (MOP) held on 28<sup>th</sup> September in Jeddah in the presence of King Carl XVI Gustav, King of Sweden.

MOP is a 10-year initiative for the 161 member countries of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to involve individual Scouts and National Scout Organizations from all regions in peace-building activities. It is created to capitalize on the success of the "Gifts for Peace" projects that were run during the centenary year.

MOP Project has two components: Global Network and the Global Fund. Presently, over 12,000 have already registered for the Global Network and US\$37 million total amount is guaranteed for the project, of which US\$25 million is allocated for the Global Fund.

In the Asia-Pacific Region, four pilot projects kicked off the MoP. Sri Lanka just held four separate post-war integration camps between Tamil and Sinhalese Scouts, to expand their sense of belonging and unity. India is preparing for the integration camp between Pakistan and India Rover Scouts, to take place on 16-20 November 2011 in Gadpuri.

Ongoing projects are Indonesia's community health awareness project in some selected villages and Japan's relief project to help rebuild affected communities from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Representatives from the Asia-Pacific Region attended the official launch, including Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines and the Asia-Pacific Regional Office.

### **Sri Lanka's initiative for peace**

Sri Lanka is one of the first initiators of Messengers of Peace when it organized integration camps amongst Scouts coming from different backgrounds. The camp was an effort to deepen unity and belonging among the young people in Sri Lanka.

The 1st Scout Integration Camp was held on 18-21 August at the Scout Training & Development Centre in Kandy with the participation of over 70 Scouts from Kandy and Kilinochchi districts. At the camp, guest speaker Prof Nalin Nanayakkara talked about importance of a unified national concept. "It starts with self-discipline and responsibility", he said.

The camp focused on leadership centered activities, with a youth forum and "the hike" where participants explored eight sites. A significant part of the camp was to see Kandy Scouts sharing their

homes with Kilinochchi Scouts, a hospitality that even their parents enjoyed.

Three other integration camps were held throughout September in different parts of Sri Lanka.

### **Scouting spirit and the making of a better leader**

The third series of Advanced Unit Leaders Training Course (AULTC) for Vietnamese Scout Leaders was not stopped by typhoon Pedring when it hit some parts of the Philippines. Mt. Makiling was not spared. Sheer spirit kept the staff and participants to push through.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) is hosting this course for 30 participants belonging to different Vietnamese Scout Groups. All of them travelled from different parts of Vietnam. The course is the result of an overwhelming demand from Vietnamese applicants since the first advanced course was held in September last year, followed by a second course last May. Bill Phillips of Ecuador is funding the local cost of this course, as he did in the last two courses.

In the course, participants revisited Scouting's fundamental principles, purpose and Scout Method; Scouting skills and campcraft. Other traditional topics that would make a better leader: risk and safety, managing a unit meeting, PR and Scouting, ropework & pioneering, camp hike, fund raising, testimonial campfire and action planning.

The course was under the leadership of Yasser F. Saron, BSP Programme & Training Executive. There were two overseas trainers: Dr Cyrus Wadia (India) and SK Kamrul Hasan (Bangladesh). Thian Hiong Boon from APR Office supported the course. There are a number of leaders from the BSP volunteering for this course as facilitators, senior patrol leader and scribe.

### **Ticket to Life Scouts join coastline clean-up drive**

As active campaigners for Clean Up the World (CUW) program, Scouts in the region are marking mid September of every year for clean up drives in their localities. Scouts are encouraged to join millions of people in taking positive action to conserve and protect the environment.

Scouts from Malate Troop in Manila under the Ticket To Life project joined around 7,000 environment advocates who cleaned the coastlines of two cities in Metro Manila on 17 September.

These cities are Las Piñas and Parañaque where the Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area for migratory birds is located. It consists of around 30 hectares of mangroves and 113 hectares of mudflats that are the roosting and feeding grounds for 27 species of threatened and rare water birds.

Countless sacks of garbage mostly styrofoam, plastic bottles, toys, bags, candy and juice wrappers and slippers were collected by the participants who were armed with bamboo sticks to separate biodegradable from non-biodegradable items.

Ticket to Life Coordinator, Sophie Castillo of Boy Scouts of the Philippines, said, "through this activity we also educate Scouts about the harmful effects of garbage on the environment".

This year, five National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific took part in the Clean Up the World campaign, in Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Scouts of China, Japan and the Philippines.

Clean Up the World has always been a strong ally of the World Organization of the Scout Movement since 2008, focusing on creating public attention on global community concerns for the environment, and how each individual can make a positive contribution to a cleaner and healthier world.

### **Malaysian Rovers mark historic beginning**

The fruits of many years of hard work in revising the youth programme package for all sections finally became evident on 2<sup>nd</sup> October during the BP Award ceremony in Malaysia.

The BP Award, the first in Malaysian Rover Scouting, was presented to 37 brilliant and dynamic Rovers. They are the first batch to achieve the award under the new programme package after accomplishing the four elements for the award. Some of them were delighted to bring their comprehensive log book for each element and photographs. The award is symbolized by a red cord worn on the left arm and a red appellate on the shoulders, a BP Award insignia, and certificate.

Training Commissioner Tuan Haji Abdul Shukor bin Mohsin and a technical team devised the programme package that was published in early 2009. A team of trainers was formed in 2010 who

underwent an orientation on how to coach for the programme.

Chief Scout of Malaysia Dr Dato Haji Shafie Mohd Salleh presented the awards, assisted by National Chief Commissioner Dato Haji Kaharuddin bin Momin, in the presence of key national Scout leaders. The event was particularly special with the presence of Asia-Pacific Regional committee who are in Malaysia for the CNV.

The awarding ceremony was held at the Wisma Shafie Mohd Salleh, the Malaysian National Training Centre in Kuala Lumpur, a newly renovated 3 story building that opened in mid July 2011. It houses the national training team secretariat with a capacity for 120 sleeping accommodation and a large training hall. The centre also houses the Scout shop.

#### **APR Air-Internet Jamboree on the web and facebook**

Scouts of China hosted this year's Air Internet Jamboree (AIJ) on the 6-7 of August. The radio station was set up at the HQ building using special call sign, BV07APR. A special badge and QSL card were made to commemorate this special event.

A web page was also created to provide information and program guidelines. Over 5,400 visitors used the webpage and the link to the Facebook page and other web pages, like APR, before and during the Jamboree weekend. Participants made 288 comments on the web page. There were 1,876 scouts who registered in the webpage and certificates of participation were printed out for them.

In Bangladesh, Honorary Correspondent Salahud Din Ahmed reports that some 300 Rovers and Scouts in Dhaka actively participated. Participants took some time to break the ice before they had live conversation with other Scouts in other countries. A female participant, Oishee from Dhaka, was enthralled by the unifying idea of Messengers of Peace.

#### **24th regional conference promises lasting experience**

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference Preparatory meeting held on 10 September at the Bangladesh Scouts NHQ in Dhaka, the organizers dealt with an exhaustive agenda followed by an ocular visit to the new conference venue - Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) – located in Dhaka. Meeting rooms and facilities at the BICC were found to be very satisfactory.

The newly elected President of Bangladesh Scouts Council, Mr Abdul Karim, said, "Bangladesh Scouts will do its best to make the conference participants stay comfortable. We would like to use the opportunity to improve Scouting in numbers and strengthen the quality of Scouting in this country."

As host, Bangladesh Scouts plans to offer a memorable educational tour for participants using the Jamboree-on-the train concept. Proposed tour destination is Sylhet, a major city and tourist attraction in northeastern Bangladesh. Sylhet is located on the banks of the Surma River and surrounded by the Jaintia, Khasi and Tripura hills. The region is well known for its tea gardens and tropical forests, now becoming a booming business centre. With two and a half hours train journey from Dhaka, participants will enjoy the view of the countryside. They will have opportunity to meet local Scouts and see performances of the local people.

#### **Regional Youth Forum to generate interesting topics**

Before the conference preparatory meeting, the 7th APR Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee met on 9th September, chaired by APR Program Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman Rajalingam Rajasamy. The APR Youth Forum is an ancillary event of the Regional Conference in 2012.

The planning committee welcomed the newly appointed Forum Director Shafayatul Islam Khan of Bangladesh. They discussed how to make the forum lively and productive and to generate sforum topics using the social media.

After the planning meeting, Mohamed Maeed Zahir from Maldives, as the YAMG Chairman who will also be the Youth Forum Chairman, shared the relevant points to the preparatory meeting endorsing the forum objectives and timeline.

In addition to Mr. Rajalingam were representatives from the regional office: Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, Director for Development Support and Finance Mr Prassanna Shrivastava and Youth Program Director Syd Castillo. Bangladesh Scouts International Commissioner, including the convenors and secretaries of various departments, gave updates on their areas. National Chief Commissioner Abdul Kalam Azad assured that conference arrangements will go as planned.

### **Adventure in Madhya Pradesh, India**

The Bharat Scouts & Guides is inviting overseas Scouts to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> International Adventure Programme at the National Adventure Institute in Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh, India. The adventure will be organized from 16 to 25 February 2012.

Qualified participants are Scouts, Guides, Rovers, Rangers, and Scout Leaders between the ages 18 and 45 years old, who are physically and mentally fit to trek 16 to 20 km a day.

Activities will include rock climbing, rappelling, commando climbing, valley crossing, trekking, horse riding, rifle shooting, archery, night trekking, backwoods men cooking, boating, among many others.

The fee of US\$90 will cover food, accommodation, medical assistance for injury during the programme, equipment, transportation to and from Itarsi-Pipariya-Bhopal.

For more information, contact the Director, Bharat Scouts & Guides at email [bsgntc@sancharnet.in](mailto:bsgntc@sancharnet.in), [bsgnai@yahoo.com](mailto:bsgnai@yahoo.com) and Fax: 917578-252541, 917578 252350.

### **Asia-Pacific Scouting on Facebook**

The Asia-Pacific Region has an official facebook page where Scouting in the region, and in other parts of the Scouting world, is promoted. As of this writing, there are 647 members in 19 countries. Most members are in the Philippines, followed by Malaysia and then Algeria.

Become a fan of Scouting in Asia-Pacific Region and send invitations to other people to do the same. To join our fan page visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Scouting-in-the-Asia-Pacific-Region/110107489045223>

### **Regional Strategic Planning Forum in October**

As of 30<sup>th</sup> September, a total of 57 sub-committee members in the Asia-Pacific Region have confirmed their participation in the strategic planning forum to take place on 20-21 October in Chonburi, Thailand. Out of the six sub-committees, five have a quorum.

Focus of the forum is to understand the conceptual planning framework for the triennium 2012 – 2015. All sub-committees will discuss, draft and present their strategic statements and objectives, and to propose timelines. To conclude, all sub-committees will gather in plenary to further discuss and identify synergies and redundancies.

The outcome of the forum will be presented to the Regional Scout Committee at its meeting on 22-23 October at the same venue.

## **What's Ongoing**

### **Ticket to Life Workshop**

Who Regional leaders and volunteers, Country coordinators  
When 7-10 October  
Where Philippines

### **JOTA-JOTI**

Who Scouts around the world  
When 15-16 October  
Where Worldwide

### **APR Workshop on Partnerships & Fundraising**

Who Key leaders responsible for Partnership, Resources Development or Fundraising  
When 15-18 October  
Where Korea

### **Regional Sub-Committee Meetings**

Who Sub-committee members, APR Executives  
When 20-21 October  
Where Thailand

### **Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

Who RSC members, regional consultants, sub-committee chairmen  
When 22-23 October  
Where Thailand

## **What's Upcoming**

### **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

### **12th Malaysia Jamboree and Terengganu International Scout Jamboree 2011**

Who Scouts who are 11-17 years old, rovers and leaders  
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When 21-27 November  
Where Thailand

### **CLT Course for ASEAN Countries**

Who Leader Trainers  
When 24-30 November  
Where Indonesia

## **Be Prepared**

### **National Programme Development Workshop**

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