



SEPTEMBER 2011

What's New

Australia hosts second Asia-Pacific Forum on programme and training

The Woodhouse Scout Centre in Adelaide gathered representatives from 11 National Scout Organizations including Bangladesh, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka with the special participation of Timor Leste, for the second regional forum on Programme and Training Commissioners.

This National Programme and Training Commissioner's Forum is the second of a series which started in July 2009 in Siem Riep, Cambodia. Strengthening the synergy between Programme and Training arose from the 2005 World Scout Conference resolution calling the World Scout Committee and the regions to focus on this vital aspect of supporting adults in Scouting.

Including Australia, a total of 30 participants attended the forum directed by Paul Parkinson as Forum Director. Among the resource people were sub-committee members from APR Programme and Adult Support: Rajalingam Ramasamy, Mesbah Uddin Bhiya, Shantha Madurawe and Dale Colvera.

The Forum aims to gather national programme and training commissioners to discuss and share policies, and promising practices. Global perspectives are also shared in terms of "education for life" and "education for leadership" and a big focus on educational methods and e-learning.

The Forum began on 30th August with a welcome dinner, peppered with local entertainment, including learning few Australian words. Scouts Australia Chief Commissioner Reg Williams welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of the Forum for sharing and learning. Among the resource people are World Scout Committee member Joao Armando who expressed his appreciation for being part of the Forum and to learn more about the region. Meanwhile, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed thanked Scouts Australia for hosting the event and for its close collaboration with the region, particularly in supporting the development of Scouting in Timor Leste.

The Raymill Conference centre boasts of Scout like facilities, with a park at the middle, many creeks and historic buildings. Participants had an hour morning walk at the park to enjoy the creek and the beautiful campsite. Muslim participants took part in the special Eid prayer marking the end of the fasting month. At the Forum, participants will have campfires and the chance to meet local Scouts and leaders and get a feel of real Australian Scouting.

22nd World Scout Jamboree: A life changing experience

Operation One World was a significant part of the Jamboree where the Swedish Scouts & Guides sponsored the participation of Scouts from around the world, including 52 Scouts and 3 Scout leaders from 14 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Before the Scouts journeyed home, they were eager to share their 10-day camp experience. So what do they say about the Jamboree?

Taato Tony Koru from Kiribati said, "this Jamboree makes me feel that I'm a man now because I live on my own without the care of my parents. I'm standing on my own now and can look after myself".

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

APR Youth Forum Planning Meeting
9 September
Dhaka, Bangladesh

3rd APR Conference Preparatory Meeting
10 September
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Clean Up the World Campaign
16-18 September
Worldwide

APR Workshop on Effective National Adults in Scouting & National Training System
16-19 September
Japan

World Scout Committee Meeting
24-25 September
Saudi Arabia

Launch of Messengers of Peace
28 September
Saudi Arabia

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

Apart from meeting new friends and appreciating other cultures, Intan Pariztyan Erliana from Indonesia said, "When I was fasting in the camp area, I met a boy and he asked me 'the sunset has come, is it time for you to eat and drink?' Although he is not Muslim, he has good solidarity and he cared about me."

Josafa Takalaivuna from Fiji Islands said that he tasted different kinds of food. Most of all, he said "I feel that the Jamboree should last for months as there is a good mixture of what life should be. I feel very lucky to be chosen out of 5,000 Scouts and from among 500,000 youths in Fiji."

Darpan Bhandari of Nepal has something to say to his family, "the Jamboree is a remarkable part of my life. To see the world is amazing, an important step for success. To be in a Jamboree is a dream for many Scouts but to be there, one must labour and try hard. It was a great time of my life and one doesn't have that opportunity time and again. I want to thank the whole Jamboree team for this ample opportunity. THANK YOU!"

Asia-Pacific annual management meeting

A team of dedicated volunteers and professionals completed their three-day Management Meeting from 25th to 27th August 2011 in Makati City, Philippines. The management meeting is a regular annual event held at the regional office to review the region's last year performance and challenges and how it should strategize to work firmly on its priorities for the coming year.

Mr Paul Ho (Hong Kong), who was appointed on 1st August as the new Regional Treasurer, attended the management meeting for the first time. In his remarks, he shared the process of how he accepted the post. He said, "I look forward to working with the regional team and share my experiences including my 10-year service as Treasurer for the Scout Association of Hong Kong."

Other participants of the meeting were World Scout Bureau Executive Director Mr Jim Sharp, Management Sub-Committee Chairman Mr Janaprith Fernando, the Asia-Pacific executives headed by Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Financial Resources Sub Committee Chairman Sonny Kim Seung Su, who joined the last day of the meeting.

Major topics covered were NSO support, operational plan, 2012 regional conference and other administrative issues. The next annual meeting is scheduled for 14-16 June 2012.

Regional Treasurer appointed

The World Regional Treasurer has confirmed the appointment of Mr Paul Ho as the new Regional Treasurer of the Asia-Pacific Region on the recommendation of the Regional Scout Committee. Paul takes over from Mr Renato Paras who opts to retire from the position that he held for 20 years of excellent service.

Paul Ho is a Certified Public Accountant and Sole Practitioner of Paul W.C. Ho & Company. From 1985, he was Chairman/Treasurer of Finance committee of Scout Association of Hong Kong and has recently retired.

Paul is no stranger to the Asia Pacific Region being a current member of the APR Foundation Management Committee, former member of the Foundation Investment Team, and member of APR Finance Sub-Committee for two terms.

24th APR Scout Conference: Change of venue

The venue of the 24th APR Scout Conference has been changed from Hotel Sheraton to Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC). Reason for the change is that Hotel Sheraton will be under renovation in the next 18 months. Majority of National Scout Organizations agreed to the change

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
22-23 October
Thailand

CLT Course for ASEAN Countries
3-9 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

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers
24-30 November
Cambodia

APR Seminar on Value-Based Scouting
25-28 November
Singapore

Strategic Planning Review Workshop
3-7 December
Pakistan

National Programme Development Workshop
3-7 December
Brunei Darussalam

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through postal voting. BICC is large enough to accommodate 1,200 guests and has all the conference facilities.

The main hotel for accommodation will also change to hotel Sonargao. More information will be given after the ocular inspection and preparatory meeting with the host, Bangladesh Scouts, this 9-10th September.

Change in NSO Leadership

Several NSOs have announced the latest changes in leadership in various portfolios.

Nepal Scouts new International Commissioner is Gunja Bahadur Shrestha and the National Secretary is Basu Dev Bhandari. Singapore Scout Association has a new President – Mr Tan Tee How.

Afghanistan appointed Mohamed Akbar Omerkhil as National Chief Commissioner. In Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Tuan replaced Pham Quang Thuy as Coordinator of Vietnamese Scouts which is one of the scout groups currently functioning in Vietnam.

Indonesia's 50th anniversary: a mix of celebration and recognition

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono conferred the Melati Award to World Scout Committee (WSC) Chairperson Simon Rhee during Gerakan Pramuka's (GP) 50th anniversary at the Cibubur Scout Complex in Jakarta on 14th August 2011. Other recipients of the same award were National Police Chief General Timur Pradopo and some Indonesia's provincial governors.

Regional Scout Committee First Vice-Chairman Dr Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani and Executive Director of The Singapore Scout Association Dr Effendy Rajab were presented with Satyawira Utama award on the same day.

The President, who is also the Chief Scout of Indonesia, said that since the revitalization of GP in 2006, image and visibility of Scouting in the country has increased. Over the years, the government has been giving full support to GP. In fact, just last year, Scouting is the only youth organization in Indonesia that has a State Law accepted by the parliament and signed by the President.

Notable leaders who graced the anniversary were Indonesia's Vice President Boediono, First Lady Ani Yudhoyono, some ministers, governors, Chief Commissioner Prof Dr Azrul Azwar, World Scout Committee member Eric Khoo, among others. This was quite a remarkable event for GP as this was the first time in more than 10 years that the President and Vice President of Indonesia both came in a Scout event.

Scout Movie now showing in theatres throughout Indonesia

A new movie called "Lima Elang" (Five Eagles) is now showing in many theatres throughout Indonesia, featuring the adventurous story of Scouts. Rudi Soedjarwo, one of the leading film directors in Indonesia, directed the movie. After filming, he said, "I missed Scouting in my childhood. I didn't know that Scouting is so much fun. Now, I let my children choose Scouting".

The 88-minute film is produced by the SBO Films in collaboration with KG Production, Indika Picture, and Gerakan Pramuka. It is a way of commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Gerakan Pramuka and is getting a lot of public attention on the first three days of screening. – *by Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honoray Correspondent*

Scouts in action will be in video

Scouts have opportunities to transform lives, give hope, advocate peace, save nature and reach out to underserved sectors of society. These are just some of the acts of volunteerism and service that Scouts can do, demonstrating that when Scouts see the need, they fill it in. When they see potential, they develop it. When they see lack, they contribute. These acts will be featured in a new project called "ScoutShare" which was recently announced by the Asia-Pacific Regional office.

ScoutShare is a regional initiative that aims to collect, produce and share best practices and stories of "Scouts in Action" from every National Scout Organization in the Asia-Pacific Region. Final output will be a collection of different "good turns" of Scouts regionwide at all levels.

Submission of stories and photos to the Asia-Pacific Regional office is from September 2011 – February 2012. Presentation will be during the 24th APR Scout Conference in Bangladesh, in November 2012 and will be distributed to NSOs, stakeholders and other partners.

The idea was inspired by several video productions featuring images of Scouts bringing Scouting to children in dumpsites, a Scout patrol rebuilding their lives in war-torn place, reaching out to nomadic tribe, caring for orphans, shown at the 39th World Scout Conference in Brazil this year, sponsored by the World Scout Foundation to support the "Messengers of Peace" project.

Thailand invites participants and IST to Centenary Jamboree

The National Scout Organization of Thailand invites participants to its 19th National Scout Jamboree that will take place on 21-27 November 2011 at the Varijavudh Scout Camp in Chonburi Province. Two occasions will be celebrated at the national Jamboree: to celebrate His Majesty the King's 7th Cycle Birthday and the Centenary of Scouting in Thailand.

Invitation is also extended to International Service Team (IST) from NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region. For more information, contact the National Scout Organization of Thailand at nsot@scoutthailand.org.

Three Fiji Scouts commended for bravery

Young Scouts Paul Stephens, Jone Naisara and Orisi Kunakata who belong to the 1st Nabua Primary School Troop were commended for helping an elderly man when attacked by three robbers in Suva.

The three shared said that in the morning of 30th June, while they were on their way to a storeroom after their road patrol duty, they saw three men robbing Mr Mohammed Khan by the roadside. They quickly informed their head teacher Mr Semi Vela about the incident who alerted 919 and the Nabua Police Station.

While waiting for the police, Mr Vela, along with other teachers and the three Scouts, fought with the robbers. Although two were able to escape, the Scouts were able to identify them that led to their arrest.

Because of their "good turn" Fiji President and Chief Scout Ratu Epeli Nailatikau awarded them with the Chief Scout Commendation certificate. "As Chief Scout of Fiji, I bestow upon you the honour and gratitude on this special occasion of having done a good deed that made us all proud," the Chief Scout said.

Ticket to Life experience as part of human rights

At the 2nd National Educators Congress on Human Rights Education (NECHRE), the Senior Vice President of Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), Wendel E Avisado, talked about the concept of Ticket to Life as part of the topic on Human Rights Education in Co-curricular Programs and Non-Formal Education. Close to 500 participants from the education, military, police, media, church, indigenous peoples, business and civil society sectors attended the conference.

NECHRE was convened to gain commitment from the various institutions to implement the World Program for Human Rights Education. A consensual map of the issues and gaps for each institution will be addressed in the next few years. Experiences, practices and indicators or good parameters of good and innovative practices in the field of human rights education were also shared.

Mr Avisado shared BSP's own initiatives and efforts in implementing the Ticket to Life and Community-Based Scouting and recommended the adoption and replication of this project in the Non-Formal Education Program of the national and local government units. The main goal is to educate, enable and empower out-of-school children and youth.

What's Ongoing

APR Youth Programme and Training Commissioners Forum

Who Programme Commissioners and Training Commissioners
When 31 August – 3 September 2011
Where Adelaide, Australia

What's Upcoming

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Who YAMG members, regional committee and leaders
When 9 September
Where Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Where Japan

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Who World Scout Committee members
When 24-25 September
Where Saudi Arabia

Launch of Messengers of Peace

Who Key leaders from world, regional and national levels, Scouts
When 28 September
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Be Prepared

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