



JULY 2013

What's New

Welcome and Farewell

Today, the 1st of July, Mr J Rizal C Pangilinan, starts to serve as the Regional Director. At his very first meeting with the APR staff, he started with motivational words for the well-being of the staff and asked for open-mindedness as he laid out priorities for the operations of the region using the acronym SCOUTS. First, is to **s**streamline organizational set-up; **c**oordinate with NSOs and strengthen relationship; **o**rdery attend to focus areas for the benefit of NSOs; **u**nilaterally enhance membership growth; **t**echnically strengthen volunteer-professional relationship; and finally, **s**ervice and commitment.

On 3rd July, the region will render its official 'farewell' to outgoing Regional Director Mr Abdullah Rasheed. Even before that, a number of goodbyes have been said, the most remarkable is the group of 18 young people of the Ticket to Life project who personally came to express their thanks to Mr Rasheed. Many of them said that Scouting has brought changes in their life and after several years of direct involvement in the program, most of them are overcoming their circumstances. One said, "we are no longer street kids." One Scout read out a letter he made for Mr Rasheed sharing "I will never forget the man named Rasheed who has helped me and has become an important part of my life."

Interactive workshop focuses on environment education

Asia Pacific Region of World Scout Bureau arranged a regional Workshop on Environment Education hosted by the Scouts of China in Fo Guang Shan Monastery at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The gathering had four-day duration from 3rd to 6th June. The workshop was scheduled in which the World Environment Day was also celebrated on the 5th of June. Fifty six participants from 15 National Scout Organizations participated which made the workshop very diverse and interactive. As the program sub-committee meeting ended right before the workshop, most of the program sub-committee meeting also participated.

Theme of the workshop was "Scout's accountability to environment" while the aim of the workshop was to stimulate and bring the Scout leaders together to exchange ideas on environmental education and foster new working knowledge for the implementation of the World Scout Environmental Program (WSEP). This included review on the work undertaken among NSOs in implementing the WSEP, and enhancing their ability to provide sustainable and comprehensive environmental education program.

The workshop was structured and scheduled using a very unique approach as each day was tagged with a particular focus. On 5th June, World Environment Day was celebrated by visiting nature parks, coral reef preservation department and an aquarium. Participants also visited different city environment offices and department to learn more about their work on conservation preservation, protection and promotion of the environment. At the end of the day, they also planted trees.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

APR Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Schemes Review
22-25 July
Thailand

30th APR Scout Jamboree
1-7 August
Japan

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree
3-4 August
India

14th World Scout Moot
8-18 August
Canada

World Scout Committee Meeting
20-22 September
Argentina

APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management
25-28 September
Cambodia

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
19-20 October
Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI
19-20 October
Worldwide

World Scout Education Congress
22-24 November
Hong Kong

Both the outgoing Regional Director, Mr Abdullah Rasheed and his successor, Mr JR Pangilinan actively managed the workshop, with the full support of Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po, also the Chief Commissioner of Scouts of China. Overall the workshop was very interactive and was evaluated 'excellent'. The next workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 2014 in Adelaide, Australia.

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

27 November –
4 December
Thailand

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December –
6 January 2014

APR Management Meeting reviews region's performance and strategy

Volunteers and professionals gathered from 13-14 June 2013, in Makati City, Philippines for this year's Asia-Pacific Regional Management Meeting. The purpose of this annual management meeting was to review the region's performance based on the APR Plan, set the operational plan for the coming year, plan the budget for the next fiscal year, and discuss the operational matters and global challenges affecting the region.

In his opening remarks, Regional Scout Committee Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po noted that it was a very special meeting having the presence of the two Regional Directors – outgoing Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and incoming Regional Director Mr JR C Pangilinan.

In his short but meaningful remarks, Mr Pangilinan said that as a former employee of the Bureau, he was happy to be back while knowing the challenges in his hands. "Let these challenges inspire us," he said. As the new RD, he has three priorities under his management, which he will concentrate in the coming months: office location; fund management and the quality of service to NSOs.

Discussions covered updates on Ticket to Life and Messengers of Peace projects; internal audit report; review of regional support to NSOs concerning CNV and consultancy visits; and other administrative and financial issues such as House Rules and budget. Other major topics discussed were the review of actions for regional and world scout conference resolutions and update on upcoming regional events: APR Summit 2014 and matters related to the 25th APR Scout Conference 2015 in Korea.

WOSM Global Director Göran Hägerdal, who is the Desk Officer for the Asia-Pacific Region, reported on the updates on central office location review and other WOSM global issues.

Other regional leaders who made significant contribution to the meeting were Regional committee member Wendel Avisado, Regional Treasurer Mr Paul Ho, APR Management and Finance Sub-Committee Chairmen Malcolm Tan and Joseph Lau, respectively, joined with the APR Directors and staff.

Rovers and Rangers help flashflood victims

In the recent flash floods and landslides in Uttarakhand State, northern part of India, around 1,000 people were confirmed dead and thousands of people, mostly locals, tourists and pilgrims remained stranded in the mountains.

Due to the massive damage on roads and other infrastructures, the India government declared it a national disaster.

When floods and landslides began on 17th June 2013, the Bharat Scouts & Guides was conducting two national trekking events from 12th to 21st June in Badrinath/Hemkund and Yamnetri where around 120 Rovers/Rangers and staff participated.

While training was going on, both camps were hit by flash floods but campers managed to bring themselves to safety. The first group escaped the flash flood at GovindGhat and reached a safe destination after trekking 23 kilometers, battling several land slides, strong winds and heavy rains.

The second group was stranded at 'Shyana Chatti' and faced land slide, heavy rains and soil erosion before reaching Jamnotri, their final destination.

After making sure that everybody was safe, both groups decided to help in rescue and relief work in their respective locations. Rovers and rangers set up relief camps, and took the lead in the distribu-

tion of food and other relief materials, helping in kitchen work, caring for patients, and assisting in announcement booths.

Reinforcing the service of Scouts, local Scouts and Guides in Uttrakhands also joined and assisted the rescue team.

Scouts Australia launches its first e-books

Scouts Australia has launched its first two e-Books, now available on iTunes, Amazon and Kobo!

The Australian Scout Song Book, which is available on iTunes and Kobo, contains campfire songs, skits and yells, even prayers and opening and closing songs. Imagine being able to read the words straight from your phone or iPad sitting round the campfire!

Yarns by BP, available on iTunes, Amazon and Kobo, is a collection of Baden-Powell's anecdotes and adventures during his travels to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, including the 1935 Australian Jamboree. Amusingly written, he blends the excitement of each incident with his ideas for improving one's life.

Scouts get wheels

Scouts in Zealand are finding ways to boost membership by 10% over the next year, and to help them fulfill this goal, Toyota has given them a brand new car.

Jeff Percival is the man behind the wheel of the Toyota Corolla car, and also the man at the helm of New Zealand's largest Scout group, the Motu Moana Green Bay Group in Auckland, which has over 200 young members. But it's for Jeff's new job as Regional Development Officer for the SCOUTS New Zealand that he will be using the car.

"We are looking for ways to attract more boys and girls into Scouting and that involves me visiting lots of schools where I speak about our programmes. And in the evenings, I often visit one of our groups in the Auckland area, supporting our leaders and volunteers, and helping them to recruit new adult leaders we will be needing," says Jeff.

SCOUTS New Zealand has been one of the 25 community organisations selected by Toyota to be given a Corolla car for three years as part of its "25 ways to say thanks" initiative in celebration of being a top-selling car company over the last 25 years in the country. -- Wayne Philip, APR Honorary Correspondent, New Zealand

Nepal Scouts celebrate Diamond Jubilee

Nepal Scouts celebrated its 61st Scout Day turning the grounds of the National Headquarters in Kathmandu into a field of activities, competitions, cultural shows, march pass, camp craft, camp decoration, campfire and many more.

Distinguished guests from national organizations, government officials, journalists, former scout leaders, national and district scout authorities and scouts from different districts were present to celebrate together.

On this occasion, the Chairman of Council of Minister and Chief Scout of Nepal Scouts inaugurated the ceremony by flag hoisting and presenting awards to Scout Leaders for their noteworthy contribution to Scouting.

APR Staff Development Workshop

The presence of the two Regional Directors, Mr Abdullah Rasheed and Mr JR Pangilinan in one occasion, made this year's annual APR staff development workshop a unique one. Following the theme Personality Assessment, Self-discovery and Understanding, the intention of the workshop is to bring out the better person in each individual. The workshop held on 28-30 June in San Pablo City, Philippines, started with an amazing race style. Generally, it was a fun-filled workshop, learning about oneself and building a harmonious working relationship.

As his parting words, Mr Rasheed said that whatever his legacy, "It might not be the ideal but I tried to give you the best."

As the new RD, Mr Pangilinan said, "we can only work well if we work as one."

What's On-going

Asia-Pacific Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Scheme Review

Who: Training Commissioners and leaders responsible for adult resources and training

When: 22-25 July

Where: Thailand

What's Upcoming

30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree 2013

Who: Young people between 12-17 years old

When: 1-7 August 2013. Participants are requested to arrive 31 July and may leave 8 August 2013

Where: Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Japan

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

Who: Young people

When: 3-4 August

Where: To be hosted by The Bharat Scouts & Guides/India

Be Prepared

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

Who: Young people between 12-17 years old from Southeast Asian countries

When: 27 November – 4 December

Where: Thailand

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