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What's New

Mongolia Scouts set new vision

Scout Association of Mongolia's (SAM) newly built campsite known as Batsumber Scout Camp is so panoramic and pristine fitting for five days of focused planning and attention. Thirty Scout leaders assessed the association's five-year performance for 2008-2013 and agreed on six strategic priority areas to support their Vision 2023.

The campsite is in Tuv Province, around 2.5 hr drive from the capital Ulaanbaatar, and still under construction. Despite the very cold weather, participants sustained their enthusiasm to map out the future of SAM with their shared Vision.

Key leaders of SAM in attendance were Chief Commissioner Ms Baigalma Lkhagvasuren, International Commissioner Mr Adiyabold Namkhair and Secretary General Mr Bayarjargal Damdindagva.

In a simple ceremony, Deputy Minister of Justice and former Chief Commissioner Mr Erdenejamiyan Erdenebileg inaugurated the event. APR Management Sub-Committee Chairman Malcolm Tan and APR Director for Development Support and Finance S. Prassanna Shrivastava tirelessly facilitated the entire workshop.

The draft national strategic plan highlighted the vision statement for 2023, both in English and Mongolian, and was presented at the closing ceremony with a signed commitment to have it adopted and implemented.

New Zealand celebrates 50 years of Venturing

The 50th Anniversary of Venturing both in New Zealand and the world kicked off in the month of July, with several celebrations taking place around the country.

One event was held in Wellington over the weekend of 5 to 7 July 2013 where the Lower North Island Regional Venturer Council had organised the amazing race, with the Venturer Activity Teams running all over central Wellington.

SCOUTS New Zealand was happy to see many Venturers having fun, learning and enjoying. More celebrations have taken place around the country including the Central North Island Venturers running a very successful amazing race as well.

Senior Scouting started in Britain in 1947. However it was New Zealand that led the world on making a dedicated section and naming it Venturers, a name that many countries have adopted. The first official "Venturer Unit" started in 1963. This had a new name "Venturers", a new uniform including long trousers (Scouts had shorts only), a new award scheme, a new method of organisation based on the use of activity groups instead of patrols and what has remained the fundamental basis of a Venturer Unit, the acceptance that Venturer Units be self-governing and self-programming with adult guidance. This still remains the same 50 years down the track. *By Wayne Philip, APR Honorary Correspondent, SCOUTS New Zealand.*

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee Meeting

7-8 September
Hong Kong

World Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 September
Argentina

APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management

25-28 September
Cambodia

MoP Training for national-level Leaders

25-29 September
New Delhi, India

WSB Management Meeting

7-11 October
Lisbon, Portugal

WSEC Planning and Facilitator Team Meeting

12-13 October
Lisbon, Portugal

Suncheon Board Meeting

16 October
Korea

1st Preparatory Meeting, APR Scout Conference 2015

17 October
Korea

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

19-20 October
Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI

19-20 October
Worldwide

Afghan Scout stands tall after surgery

Eleven-year-old Nazirullah suffered from badly deformed clubfeet since he was abandoned at the steps of an orphanage in Kabul that became his home around 11 years ago. Afghan Scouts, under PARSA, solicited funds from soldiers at the nearby Camp Phoenix military base to raise enough money for his extensive surgery. He was admitted at the Kabul French Hospital, and after his surgery, he is steadily recovering and enjoys playing. He said he looks forward to joining his Scout friends again.

Take a look at this highly spirited boy at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

Bangladesh President takes oath as Chief Scout

His Excellency Abdul Hamid, President of the Republic of Bangladesh, took oath as the Chief Scout on 30th July 2013 at a ceremony at Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban in Dhaka. Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Mr Md. Abul Kalam Azad administered the oath and adorned him with a national scarf.

During the ceremony, 125 Scouts and 3 Rover Scouts were presented the President Scouts Award and President Rover Scout Award for the year 2011 and 2012.

Aware that Scouts have recently started their IT skills training, the Chief Scout congratulated them for taking the first step to contribute to the socio-economic advancement of their country. Bangladesh government regularly provides assistance to Bangladesh Scouts for development and expansion of Scouting activities. "This assistance will be extended further", the Chief Scout assured.

H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid is the 20th President of the Republic of Bangladesh. Bangladesh Scouts constitution provides that the President of the country is the Chief Scout. -- *Md. Toufiq Ali, Honorary Correspondent of Bangladesh Scouts*

Indonesia celebrates National Scout Day

Did you know that Gerakan Pramuka has just turned 52? No other than the President and Chief Scout of Indonesia H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono led the National Scout Day celebrations at Cibubur Scout Complex in Jakarta on the 4th of August. More than 2,000 Scouts and Scout Leaders joined the ceremony with an exceptional dance performance of 100 Scouts with special needs.

The Chief Scout recalled the "Revitalisation of Gerakan Pramuka" back in the same National Scout Day ceremony seven years ago. Now he sets his sights far ahead, in 2045, when Indonesia will celebrate its 100 years of independence, where the young people today will definitely have a role in making their nation great. – *Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

Sri Lanka to host 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit in 2014

Invitation has been issued for the 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit to take place on 26-29 April 2014 at a beach resort in Negombo, Sri Lanka. Invitees for the Summit are Chief Commissioners (or equivalent), International Commissioners, and Chief Scout Executive (or equivalent).

As in previous Summits, this 2014 event will analyze recent developments in the region, set the direction for the APR Vision and identify focus for the coming triennium (2015-2018), and provide input for the upcoming World Scout Conference in 2014 and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in 2015. For more information, see Regional Circular no. 7 at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

Korea invites Scouts for 4th International Patrol Jamboree 2014

This is an early notice for National Scout Organizations to mark this international "Invitational" event in Korea, designed for Scouts, both boys and girls aged between 12 and 17 years. This will take place on 4 - 9 August 2014. Home hospitality will be available, either in Seoul, Incheon or in the far south and north of Gyeonggi Province.

Basic Training Course

25-29 October
Myanmar

World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) Meeting

6-8 November
Japan

World Scout Educational Congress

22-24 November
Hong Kong

CALT for Vietnam Scout Leaders

27 Nov – 2 December
Manila

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

27 November –
4 December
Thailand

Ticket to Life Workshop 6-9 December

Pakistan

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December –
6 January 2014

Some 10,000 Korean Scouts are expected to travel to the Jamboree venue to join the Scouts from overseas in what will be six days of action and adventure.

What's On-going

APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee Meeting

Who: Members of APR Finance Sub-Committee
When: 7-8 September
Where: Hong Kong

APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Meeting

Who: Members of APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee
When: 24 September
Where: Siem Reap, Cambodia

APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management

Who: Volunteers and full time staff in charge of Communications/PR/Marketing in NSOs
When: 25-28 September
Where: Siem Reap, Cambodia

MoP Training for National-level Leaders

Who: Bharat Scouts & Guides representatives from 45 Scouting states
and WSB Executives
When: 25-29 September
Where: New Delhi, India

World Scout Committee Meeting

Who: World Scout Committee members
When: 21-23 September 2013
Where: Argentina

What's Upcoming

WSB Management Meeting

Who: World Scout Bureau executives (Central Office and Regions)
When: 7-11 October
Where: Lisbon, Portugal

WSEC Planning and Facilitators Meeting

Who: Volunteers and staff of World Scout Education Congress
When: 12-13 October
Where: Lisbon, Portugal

Suncheon Board Meeting

Who: Board of Directors, Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center
When: 16 October
Where: Korea

25th APR Scout Conference, 1st Preparatory Meeting

Who: Korea Scout Association and WSB/APR executives
When: 17 October
Where: Seoul, Korea

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

Who: Regional Scout Committee members
When: 19-20 October
Where: Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI

Who: Scouts around the world
When: 19-20 October
Where: Worldwide

Basic Unit Leader Training Course

Who: Potential Unit leaders and Commissioners in Myanmar
When: 25-29 October
Where: Myanmar

Be Prepared

World Scout Educational Congress

Who: National Adult Resources Commissioners, Youth Programme Commissioners,
International Commissioners, Chief Commissioners, other key NSO decision-makers
When: 22-24 November
Where: Hong Kong

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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