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### APR Events

#### Coordinators evaluate impact of TTL Project

Ticket to Life (TTL) national coordinators met on 6-9 December 2013 in Karachi, Pakistan and mapped out a strategic plan to assess the short and long-term impact of the TTL project on the young members. Joining the coordinators are

Scout leaders in Pakistan who were encouraged to start a TTL project at their own districts.

Mrs Shehla Raza, Deputy Speaker of the Sindh Provincial Assembly, addressed the coordinators and supposed the continuation of this project. She is a strong advocate of an act that protects children.

Echoing a similar message was Regional Scout Committee Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po who said that the heart of TTL is to build a good foundation for street children. Joining him was Regional Director Mr J. Rizal C. Pangilinan who expressed his appreciation to the National Scout Organizations who are supporting the project.

Regular members under TTL are largely children living in the streets due to poverty or parental abandonment. Currently the TTL project has over 1,000 Scout members in seven countries.

Coordinators reported the significant changes in their Scout members, both seen and observed, while undergoing the advancement process in their Scout rank. They shared issues and challenges they are facing and some solutions to overcome them.

TTL Pakistan national coordinator Prof. Anwar Ahmed Zai facilitated the workshop, assisted by APR Director Syd Castillo with funding from the Messengers of Peace initiative.

#### Karnataka startup and MoP network gathering

Seventy Five young leaders representing 26 District Associations from Karnataka State Bharat Scouts and Guides, India gathered at their National Training Center Dr. Annie Besant Park in Dodabalapur to participate in the Messenger of Peace Karnataka Startup and Network Gathering of Leaders.

The aim of the gathering was to orient young leaders on the Messenger of Peace (MoP) initiative. Extending to the grassroots level could inspire and encourage young people to undertake peace actions locally and to share their success stories.

All the 75 participants were registered on the platform of WOSM website and they have started uploading their stories. They were also trained how to approach an institution or a Scout unit and invite them to be peace messengers. During their practicum sessions, they succeeded in registering 64 Scouts and Guides into the platform.

### 2014 events

#### Consultancy visit

11-15 January  
Sri Lanka

#### BSP/SLR Invitational Scout Jamboree

26-31 January  
Philippines

#### ISGF ASPAC Committee meeting

1-2 February  
Philippines

#### Founder's Day

22 February  
Worldwide

#### National Strategic Planning Workshop

4-8 March  
India

#### AIS Review

4-8 March  
Malaysia

#### National Strategic Planning Review Workshop

15-21 March  
Brunei Darussalam

#### World Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 March  
Geneva

#### 2nd Preparatory meeting for the 25th APR Scout Conference

28-29 March  
Korea

#### 23WSJ 1st Heads of Contingents Meeting

4-6 April  
Japan

#### Regional Scout Committee meeting

April 25  
Sri Lanka

#### 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit

26-29 April  
Sri Lanka

The Gathering was held on 02 January 2014, as one of the first events of the year supported by the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region. Participants represented a mixture of Scout professionals, volunteers, teachers and students.

Mr M.A.Khalid, State Secretary of Karnataka State and International Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides steered the gathering successfully. Prassanna Srivastava, Director, Development Support and Finance, facilitated the gathering with the support of Mr. Krishnaswamy, Deputy Director and MoP NSO Coordinator, Shri N. Srinivasan Headquarters Commissioner(S) Karnataka State. Recently elected National Commissioner Shri B.I. Nagarale flew all the way from Mumbai to grace the valedictory function. The team under the leadership of Madhusudan A S as Project Leader made tireless efforts to get things done effectively.

### **Sri Lanka Scouts to focus on educational method of Scouting**

The Consultancy Visit to Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA) on 11-15 January was a follow-up action from the previous Committee NSO Visit back in 2010. SLSA Chief Commissioner, Prof. Nimal De Silva, outlined the three focus areas of the consultancy meeting. First is the review of Youth Programme, with educational objectives for all Scout sections and for the advancement scheme. Second is the development of a data management system for adults in Scouting, and to facilitate the implementation of their life cycle. And finally, review the effectiveness of the National Training Scheme and recommend guidelines and Terms of Reference.

Chairman of the National Executive Board, Mr Lakman Wickremasinge was the Chief Guest. At the opening, the Chief Commissioner shared the story that Mr. Lakman was his Scoutmaster who invested him as a Scout. Since then, many things have changed – society, people, children and therefore, and it is about time for Scouting to be proactive in influencing those changes. He mentioned that Sri Lanka has a 4.6 million youth potential against the current 40,000 and therefore points out the critical role of adult leaders and quality of training they receive.

Present at the opening were APR Scout Committee member and International Commissioner Mr Janaprith Fernando, Deputy Chief Commissioner Shiraz Salih, and Commissioners at various levels.

The Messenger of Peace initiative supported this visit with a team from the APR Specialists Panel. They are Malcolm Tan, Chairman of APR Management Sub-Committee and National Youth Programme Commissioner of Singapore; Peter Blatch, National Commissioner for Special Project, Scouts Australia; Ng Ah-Ming, Assistant Chief Commissioner for Programme and Training, and member of Adult Support Sub-Committee; and Thian Hiong-Boon, Director of Adult Resources and Administration, WSB-APR.

During this time, Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilnan paid his first official visit to Sri Lanka.

## **NSO Events**

### **Singapore: Camp Possible 2013**

Some 550 young members of the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) including those youths with special needs participated in the first ever integrated camp to promote inclusiveness; intergenerational bonding and community integration.

Held at Sarimbun Scout Camp, the historic camp held on 17 November was designed to combine the usual camp for Scouts with a typical camp for Extension Scouts and special-needs youths, thus facilitating the playing and learning together among the special-needs youths alongside other physically stronger participants.

**APES Social Visit programme**  
26 Apr – 2 May  
Sri Lanka/Maldives

**APR Staff Summer Outing**  
1-4 May  
Philippines

**SMT Residential Meeting (WSB)**  
12-17 May

**Basic Unit Leaders Training Course**  
17-23 May  
Afghanistan

**CSPSA Forum/Workshop**  
25-28 June  
Papua New Guinea

**APR Workshop on Value-Based Scouting**  
June

**5th Mongolian National Jamboree**  
2-8 July  
Mongolia

**APR Workshop on Adult Support**  
17-20 July

**Colombo Scout Centenary Jamboree**  
1-5 August  
Sri Lanka

**4th International Patrol Jamboree**  
4-9 August  
Korea

**12th World Youth Forum**  
4-7 August  
Slovenia

**40th World Scout Conference**  
11-15 August  
Slovenia

**57th JOTA / 18th JOTI**  
18-19 October  
Worldwide

**Seminar on Scouts of the World Award**  
October

**3rd Preparatory meeting for 25th APR Scout Conference**  
November  
Korea

Mr Tan Cheng Kiong, Chief Commissioner and Camp Chief, said, "Camp Possible aims to allow special needs kids to realise that they have potentials far beyond their own imagination. Everything is Possible, if we strive towards it. My hope is that all special needs kids, whether they are scouts or not, will be given opportunities like these".

The National Council of Social Services (NCSS), Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) and FairPrice Foundation were the strategic partners, strongly supporting SSA in this value-based educational experience.

### **Rovers in Sri Lanka determined to move forward**

The 31st Rover Scout Moot of Sri Lanka was held recently at the Telijjawila Central College grounds over a period of three days with the participation of 300 Rovers from 23 Scout Districts of Sri Lanka. Rovers from the north and east of Sri Lanka participated.

One of the many activities is a youth forum that enabled the participants to discuss a new program for Rover Scouting, and used the Moot theme "way forward" to make the program more relevant to the Rovers. A huge community service project was carried out, cleaning up 21 roads around the area.

Hon.Chandima Weerakkody, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony. Mr Shiraz Salih, the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Hon. Manoj Sirisena Chairman of the Provincial Council and several Scout leaders members were present to show their support. *By M.F.S. Muheed, APR Correspondent, Sri Lanka*

### **10th National Cubboree of Sri Lanka**

While the Rovers in Sri Lanka did their community service projects, the Cub Scouts had a grand celebration of the 10th National Cubboree held at the Wattala-Jaela Scout District, just outside Colombo. Around 2,900 Cub Scouts from 23 districts of Sri Lanka participated.

The First Lady, Madam Shiranthi Wickremasinghe Rajapakse, herself was present amidst a large gathering of invitees. It was a very colourful event with campfire, arena display of culture and music. Assistant Chief Commissioner (Cubs) Mrs Gita Perera led the organizing tem with the support of Wattala Jaela Scout District. *By M.F.S.Muheed, APR Correspondent, Sri Lanka*

## **Good Turn**

### **Crystal Open Scout Group**

Rovers under the Crystal Open Scout troop in Bangladesh are working on education, health and environment. Their work has benefitted around 245 poor families living in Dharala, Mogolhat, Lalmonirhat, located 450 km away from Dhaka. Mr S.M. Shahriar, Deputy National Commissioner (Growth) Bangladesh Scouts, is spearheading the troop.

Part of the work was the construction of two new classrooms, veranda and a teachers' room at the Smrity Roy Primary School which the Crystal Open Scout has established and continue to help in its operations. Rovers render voluntary service there.

Furthermore, the Scout group purchased and distributed books, notebooks, pens, pencils, drawing equipment, among others, enough for 165 students for the next school year.

The Scout group also distributed 80 pieces of blankets among the poorest of the poor families and set up with wells with safe drinking water for 11 families.

## **Recent Leadership Appointments**

### **Scouts Australia**

President of Scouts  
Australia: Major General  
John Pearn AO RFD

National Chief Executive:  
Mr Martin Thomas

### **Scouts of China**

Chairman and Chief  
Commissioner:  
Mr Lin, Jung-Tzer

Secretary General:  
Mr Lin, Chin-Shang

### **The Bharat Scouts & Guides/India**

President: Shri Ashok  
Gehlot (Hon. Chief Minister  
of Rajasthan State)

National Commissioner:  
Shri B.I. Nagarale, I.A.S.  
(Retd.)

### **Gerakan Pramuka/ Indonesia**

Chairman/Chief Commis-  
sioner: Mr Adhyaksa Dault  
(former Minister of Youth  
and Sports)

### **Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia**

Youth Programme  
Commissioner: YH. Dato'  
Dr Mohamad Shahrum  
bin Osman

### **Pakistan Boy Scouts Association**

Chief Scout and President:  
H.E. Mr Mamnoon Hussain  
President of Pakistan

International Commissioner:  
Mr Muhammad Shuaib

## **Circulars**

### **Circular 1-2014**

12th APR Scout Photo  
Contest: Unit and Diversity  
in Scouting

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### **Rovers provide service as part of Moot**

On Wednesday 8th January 2014, approximately 80 Rovers from across Australia attended a Service Day at the East Perth Cemeteries and St Bartholomew's Church within the City of Perth. It was organised as part of the 19th Australian Rover Moot, held from 30th December 2013 - 10th January 2014.

The service at the cemeteries involved weeding around the heritage listed grave sites and doing a general tidy up of the property. All service performed around the site is done carefully to help preserve the historic value of grave sites.

As the grave sites being maintained were all extremely delicate, all work done was by hand - the only tools used were wheelbarrows, rakes and gloves. The cemeteries site is approximately 4 hectares, and throughout one day of service, the Rovers covered at least half of the area.

The Cemeteries Board were very thankful for the help the Rovers provided, as unfortunately they don't have many volunteers able to give up their time. All the Rovers who attended had a fun day helping to maintain historic graves and preserve history. *By Elizabeth Affleck, from scout.org*

### **Updates**

#### **12th APR Scout Photo Contest: Unity and Diversity in Scouting**

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Photo Competition is now open to receive images from Leaders and young people of National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific.

#### **Theme**

For this year, the theme is "Unity and Diversity" in Scouting. While we come from different cultures, Scouts enjoy unity in various ways, forms, and practices. The challenge of this contest is to be able to capture these practices into images.

Furthermore, this is also in line with the theme of the 12th World Scout Youth Forum, which will be held before the 40th World Scout Conference in August this year.

Deadline of submission of entries to the Asia-Pacific Regional office is on 28th February 2014.

The National Scout Organization must endorse all entries.

#### **Winners**

There will be six winners: One Gold, two Silvers, and three Bronzes. Awards will be presented at the 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit in April 2014. Winning photos will be featured in the 2015 APR wall calendar and Photo Contest posters.

### **Last Salute**

#### **Eric Khoo**

In the morning of 13 January, we were greatly saddened by the sudden passing away of a dear friend and brother, long-time Scout and leader Mr Eric Khoo. Since the early 1990s, Eric has been a constant presence in regional Scouting who worked his way through global Scouting.

Eric Khoo first served the region as an active member of the "Internet" team and became Chairman of the PR Sub-Committee. He was elected to the Regional Scout Committee and served as Chairman for the term 2004-2007. He was President of ATAS, President of APR Scout Foundation, and member of the World Scout Committee.

Beyond those positions and practical roles, we will remember Eric Khoo for his strong dedication to Scouting who shared his personal brand of "jolly Scouting" with everyone he met. He was generous of his time, energy and resources reaching out to Scout friends around the world. Although Eric Khoo is no longer with us, he will continue to live in our hearts and memories for a long long time.

### **5Th National Scout Jamboree**

Where: Scout Adventure camp. About 65 kilometers north-west from Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia

When: July 2 (Wednesday) – 8th (Tuesday) 2014

Who: The Jamboree is open to Scouts aged 12-17 years old, male and female who are registered as member of their National Scout Organization. Members of WAGGGS are welcome as long as they join with their contingent.

There are about 1,200 boys and girls expected to attend Jamboree, including 1,000 Mongolian scouts and scout leaders as well as 200 overseas participants.

Payment: The fee for participant is US\$ 200, which covers food, souvenirs, inland transportation and insurance.

Overseas contingents are encouraged to pay the Jamboree fee to the Scout Association of Mongolia not later than 28 April 2014.

Theme: Go see Naadam

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