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International Events

First ever World Class Scouting Events in Hong Kong

It seems that Scouts in Hong Kong for a long time have not been so busy as they were in November 2013. They hosted the first ever World Scout Education Congress at their HQ in Kowloon, Hong Kong. More than 104 NSOs with 425 representatives and guests from around the world flown in to attend the

3-day event starting on 22 November 2013. The main theme of the Congress is "Scouting: Education for Life. What kind of education, what kind of life?".

The Opening Ceremony of the Congress was officiated by the President of the Scout Association of Hong Kong, the Honourable Geoffrey MA, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal for Hong Kong. Before and after the event, the volunteers of SAHK International Branch had played an important part in ensuring their guests arrive and depart safely, by stationing 24 hours round the clock inside the restricted passenger area of the terminal, through the kind arrangement offered by the Airport Authority and the Civil Aviation Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government. Mr. Alexander Wong, International Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the Organising Committee, said he was very proud of his team members and the high spirit in ensuring the event a huge success.

The story did not end there because two days after the closure of the Congress, the Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation, HM King of Sweden, paid a visit to the Association when en route to Kyoto, Japan, for the 66th BP Fellowship event. A private welcome dinner was hosted at the Chief Justice's Residence in Victoria Peak by the SAHK President on HM's arrival with another welcome banquet organised to welcome His Majesty at the Gordon Wu Hall of Hong Kong Scout Centre on 26 November 2013, which was attended by 335 local and foreign Scouts. Special scarves bearing the Royal Colour and Crown of Sweden, yellow and blue, were made and worn by all participants to honour this special guest.

In his speech, the Chief Commission of Hong Kong, Mr. CS Cheung, thanked HM's coming to Hong Kong for working together to map out how to bring better Scouting to more young people and help create a Better World. Later that evening after a courtesy call to the Chief Scout and Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Government Honourable LEUNG Chun Ying, the traditional BP Fellowship Gala Dinner was held for his honour at the Chater Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and was attended by 131 BP Fellow, diplomats and guests. In honour of HM's visit the BP Fellowship Hong Kong Chapter has successfully raised US\$705,000 for the World Scout Foundation with 33 new Baden Powell Fellows, 12 Fellows upgraded themselves to the Benefactor Circle and one new Benefactor Circle member; with another 3 members upgraded themselves from Benefactor Circle to International Circle in addition to one new International Circle Baden-Powell Fellows. All of them were duly recognised by HM during the Gala Dinner. The World Scout Foundation Hong Kong Chapter now has 95 Baden-Powell Fellows on its roll with 15 of them at the Benefactor Circle and 4 in the International Circle. *By Alex Lam, APR Correspondent, Hong Kong*

2014 events

Consultancy visit

11-15 January
Sri Lanka

BSP/SLR Invitational Scout Peace Jamb

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

HM King's visit continues in the Philippines

His Majesty, King Carl XVI Gustaf, visited Manila and the provinces of Laguna and Leyte last January. HM was visiting the Philippines as Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation (WSF).

Highlights of the visit began with a courtesy call on the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chief Scout, HE Benigno C Aquino III at the Malacañang Palace, with the Vice President of the Philippines, H.E. Jejomar C. Binay, President of Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP).

His Majesty spent the second day with over 8,000 Scouts at the Regional Scout Peace Jamborette in Mt Makiling, Laguna Province. He spoke with the Scouts who proudly displayed their Scout crafts and skills. In appreciation of his support to global Scouting, BSP presented him the Mt Makiling Award, the highest award conferred on heads of state.

Later that day, HM joined the troop meeting of Ticket to Life Scouts, the children living in the streets of Manila. The children entertained him with a simple performance. Surprisingly, despite tight security protocol, the King went out of his way on foot to see one of the Scouts' dwelling along a crowded street.

As a continuing support to the TTL project, His Majesty, on behalf of the World Scout Foundation, presented a cheque of US\$100,000 to the entire BSP TTL project operating in different parts of the country.

The Swedish monarch's concluding trip was in Tacloban City, one of the worst hit areas of Typhoon Haiyan in November last year. He saw the massive devastation which he described as "unbelievable". Local officials briefed him on the ongoing clean up and restoration work. Another US\$100,000 was committed to Boy Scouts of the Philippines from the World Scout Foundation to be used for disaster awareness and preparedness program.

World Scout Foundation officials who joined His Majesty on this visit were Lars Kolind (Regal Circle Member and Committee Member WSF), Fredrik Gottlieb (WSF Treasurer and Regal Circle Member), Sven Philip Sorensen (Regal Circle Member), John Geoghegan (Director of WSF). Dignitaries who supported the visit were Klas Molin (Ambassador of Sweden to Thailand), Bayani S Mercado (Ambassador of the Philippines to Sweden), Albert F del Rosario (Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs), Maria Zeneida Collinson (asst. Secretary, Office of the European Affairs), Carla S Limcaoco, Consul General of Sweden to the Philippines.

World Scouting was fully involved in supporting and coordinating this visit, with the presence of World Scout Committee Chairman Simon Rhee, WSC Member Prof Abdullah al Fahad, WOSM Secretary General Scott Teare, and Asia-Pacific Regional Director J Rizal Pangilinan in cooperation with the BSP headed by Senior Vice President and Acting Secretary General Wendel E Avisado.

King of Sweden and WSF to extend more assistance in the rebuilding process

Just two weeks after the His Majesty's visit to Tacloban City, Mr Sven Philip-Sorensen, Regal Circle Member of WSF, came back to the Philippines to represent His Majesty for the rebuilding of Scouting in Tacloban City. RD Jose Rizal C Pangilinan accompanied Philip for an assessment of the area and to determine the nature of support to be extended. The primary goal is to reconstruct the Boy Scout Council of Leyte Province which was destroyed by typhoon Haiyan in November last year. The Council has over 30,000 Scout members. APR office will lead the reconstruction project. Another plan is to train Scouts in emergency preparedness and disaster management.

Philip relayed His Majesty's great concern over the people of Tacloban especially those who lost their means of livelihood. HM expressed his intent to help rebuild lives of the villagers at a very basic level, such as providing farmers water buffalos to till their fields and boats for the fisher folks.

MoP Team Indonesia Gathering

9-13 April
Indonesia

Consultancy Visit

6-10 April
Bangladesh

Regional Scout Committee meeting

April 25
Sri Lanka

8th APR Scout Leaders Summit

26-29 April
Sri Lanka

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

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

2-5 June
Australia

APR Management Meeting

17-19 June
Philippines

APR Workshop on Adult Support

24-27 June
Cambodia

CSPSA Forum/Workshop

25-28 June
Papua New Guinea

Visit of WSB leaders to Indonesia

Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement Scott Teare and Asia-Pacific Regional Director J Rizal Pangilinan visited Indonesia from 7 to 10 February 2014 to personally meet the new Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka (GP), Mr Adhyaksa Dault.

Adhyaksa will replace Dr Azrul Azwar, who served as the Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka for two terms (2003-2008 and 2008-2013). Adhyaksa, who was the former Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia will hold the Chairmanship position until 2018. Secretary General Scott Teare and Regional Director J Rizal Pangilinan were accompanied by Regional Scout Committee member Dr Azrul Azwar, some key leaders in meeting Adhyaksa in his house in southern Jakarta on 9 February 2014.

The Secretary General said that being the largest National Scout Organization in the world in terms of membership, he hopes to keep the strong partnership of WOSM with GP and looks forward to see GP's active involvement in international Scouting events.

Meanwhile, the Regional Director mentioned of GP's strong track record in community development, which is a good practice that makes GP a highly visible organization.

Also, accompanying the two visiting leaders were Vice Chairman of the APR Management Sub Committee Berthold Sinaulan, Vice Chairman of the APR Financial Resources Sub Committee Susi Yuliati, and other national headquarters staff.

Both leaders sent their condolences to the victims and their families of the recent accident in Pandeglang, Banten Province of Indonesia happened 7 February, which killed four Scouts, seriously injured 31 Scouts, and 22 Scouts with minor injuries. SG Scott shared a message of condolence on behalf of WOSM which was posted at APR facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/AsiaPacificRegion>). *Berthold Sinaulan, APR Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent (Indonesia)*



Scout Events

MoP Network gears up

Karnataka, India. Seventy five young leaders of the Karnataka State Bharat Scouts and Guides participated 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 and extending to the grassroots level could inspire and encourage young people to undertake peace actions locally.

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. See more at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

Philippines. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) held a five-day Messengers of Peace Team Philippines Gathering from 10 to 14 February 2014 at the National Headquarters in Manila. The gathering promotes the MoP Network in the Philippines. BSP is the second NSO to build up leaders at the grassroots level who can promote MoP initiatives in their respective areas.

There were 49 participants representing 34 local councils belonging to 10 Scouting regions all over the archipelago. Participants are mainly from the Rover Scouting and Senior Scouting sections, with some adult leaders and council staff joining. See more at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

APR Staff Development Workshop

3-5 July
Philippines

5th Mongolian National Jamboree

2-8 July
Mongolia

Colombo Scout Centenary Jamboree

1-5 August
Sri Lanka

APR Workshop on Value-Based Scouting

2-5 August
Singapore

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

23-26 October
Korea

3rd Preparatory meeting for 25th APR Scout Conference

November
Korea

New Zealand. Another recent achievement was the New Zealand Jamboree, held on 28 December to 6 January 2014, where the MoP base got an excellent location, close to the main camping area, situated high up in one of the stadiums.

Making it more visible, SCOUTS New Zealand International Commissioner George Fairbairn set up large tarpaulins and posters of Scouting images around the area, and placed a large TV screen where Scouts can view Messengers of Peace videos.

SCOUTS New Zealand Regional Development Manager Rob Robilliard said that the promotional activities was hugely successful and the most effective way of reaching thousands of young people, who otherwise, would not have known about the Messengers of Peace initiative.

"Many of them have undertaken to embark on a service project when they return to their Troops and hopefully we will see the evidence of this on the Messengers of Peace website," he said.

See more at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.



Updates

40th World Scout Conference and 12th World Scout Youth Forum, Slovenia, 2014

The World Scout Bureau has released a number of circulars through the ScoutPak. Here's a gist of those circulars:

Rules of Procedure (Circular No. 1). As of 20 January, 100 NSOs had voted through postal ballot in favour of the Rules of Procedure for the World Scout Conference in Slovenia in August. The Rules now apply including the various deadline dates which pertain to various steps in the preparation of the conference.

World Scout Committee Membership (Circular No. 2). A tribute to Eric Khoo who passed away on 13 January 2014, and served on the World Scout Committee since 2008, appears on the World Scout Website: www.scout.org

In application of WOSM Constitution Article XIII, 4, the World Scout Committee co-opted Ms Lidija Pozaic from Croatia to fill in the remaining months of Eric Khoo's term of office up to the World Scout Conference in Slovenia.

Practical information and registration system (Circular No. 3).

An information brochure has been released containing practical information for all persons attending these events including:

- travel advice for getting to Slovenia
- information on the Conference hotels
- information on the Conference Accompanying Persons' Programme
- tourist information for those wishing to extend their stay in Slovenia before and/or after the events

The World Scout Bureau has developed a new online registration system for these events, which, for the first time, allows users to indicate their choice of Conference hotel accommodation via the same system with which they register delegates and observers. (Included in the circular is a form for the NSO's official contact person for the Conference and Youth Forum registration, to whom the World Scout Bureau will issue a link and a password with which to access the system). Registration via the online system is strongly encouraged.

Circulars

Circular 1-2014: 12th APR Scout Photo Contest

Circular 2-2014: APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

Circular 3-2014: APR Seminar on Value-Based Scouting

Circular 4-2014: Asia-Pacific Sub-Regional Workshop on Adult Support

Circular 5-2014: Terengganu International Scout Jamboree 2014 - Malaysia

Circular 6-2014: APR Specialists Panel

Circular 7-2014: 2nd APR Messenger of Peace NSO Coordinators Gathering

To get a copy of the circulars, go to www.scout.org/asia-pacific

Call for nomination for Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee (Circular No. 4).

Five Youth Advisors will retire from office at the World Scout Youth Forum where the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, six Youth Advisors for a period of three years (2014-2017). A nomination form has been circulated to NSOs and to be completed by NSOs wishing to nominate a candidate. The form has to be returned to the World Scout Bureau by no later than 4 June 2014. Candidates must be delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum in Slovenia and, as such, must be born or between the dates of 4 August 1988 and 4 August 1996.

Call for nominations for World Scout Committee Membership (Circular No. 5). Five members of the World Scout Committee elected for a six-year term of office will retire at the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia and are NOT eligible for re-election: Mr Wahid Labidi (Tunisia), Mr John May (United Kingdom), Mr John Neysmith (Canada), Mr Oscar Palmquist (Brazil), and Mr Simon Hang-Bock Rhee (Korea).

In accordance with Article XIII, 3 of the Constitution, the following six members of the World Scout Committee elected for a three-year term of office will step down in Slovenia and ARE eligible for re-election: Ms Karin Ahlbäck (Finland), Mr Abdullah Alfahad (Saudi Arabia), Mr João Armanda Goncalves (Portugal), Mr Marcel Blaguet (Côte d'Ivoire), Ms Mari Nakano (Japan) and Mr Daniel Ownby (United States of America). The delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, twelve voting members for a period of three years (2014 – 2017).

NSOs wishing to nominate a candidate for election as a member of the World Scout Committee should complete the nomination form and return to the World Scout Bureau no later than 11 June 2014.

In accordance with the Strategy of Scouting adopted at the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, and in particular the priorities on youth involvement in the decision-making process, and the importance of gender equality, and in accordance with Resolution 06/2002, National Scout Organizations are strongly invited to nominate young people of less than 30 years of age at the time of the Conference, as well as women as candidates.

23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015

The 23WSJ has released Circular Issue 1 featuring the First Head of Contingents Visit, Jamboree Planning Team, Jamboree Planning Team Gathering, and Timetable. To download the brochure, visit <http://www.23wsj.jp>



Call for Candidatures for the Position of Global Director, Communications & External Relations and Director, Finance & Administration of the World Scout Bureau.

Information packs containing all relevant details of both positions have been released. Deadline for application of Global Director, Communications & External Relations was on 12 February. Deadline for the position of Director, Finance & Administration is still open until 17:00 GMT on 7 March 2014.

Short-term Staff. The Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center (SAPSC) located in Suncheon, Korea is now accepting applications for short-term staff for the first two terms of 2014. First term is from 10 March to 9 June 2014, and the second term is from 21 August to 12th November 2014. Six volunteers are needed for each term. Applications for the first term is still open until 20 February 2014. For details, visit www.scout.org/asia-pacific



Invitation

Jamboree in New Taipei City Council. The New Taipei City Council, in cooperation with the Education Department, New Taipei City Government will host the New Taipei City Municipal Scout Jamboree on 10-13 July 2014, in Tamsui, New Taipei City, Taiwan.

The Jamboree will be held in Tamsui, which is a small city to the north of Taipei that was the center of shipping and commerce in northern Taiwan in the 19th century. The city is still popular with visitors from Taipei and boasts many historical attractions, and is a popular location for viewing the sunset. The main Jamboree site will be located in the campus of New Taipei City Municipal Tamsui Vocational High School.

Scouts of China International Commissioner, Mr Lian Ie-Bin, invites 120 scouts and leaders from overseas to join this Jamboree. The registration deadline is on 10 May 2014. For inquiries, please contact the Jamboree International Team at linjony0201@ntpc.edu.tw or wschang@scout.org.tw



Good turn

Over 10 Million Service Hours. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) has completed their BSP Messengers of Peace: Service Hours for Peace and Community Service Projects in close partnership with the Department of Education and various non-government organization and civic groups all throughout the country with its 10 Scouting Regions composed of 118 Local Councils nationwide.

For 52 weeks, Scouts joining Jamborees, Moots, Coastal Clean-Up, Earth Hour, Venture Camps, Youth Fora, Seminar-Workshop, Training Courses, Tree Planting, Community Service and even at the heights of typhoons, Scouts are actively serving at the Provincial and National Relief Operations - re-packing foods, clothing, supplies, etc for the benefit of schools and communities affected by typhoons and other calamities.

1,285,488 active Scouts, Senior Scouts, Rovers, Young Adults and Leaders out of 2,142,481 million Scouts nationwide continuously spent 10,283,908 service hours a week for 52 weeks to contribute in making a difference in the lives of young people and the community. *By Yaz Sarona, Boy Scouts of the Philippines (from scout.org)*

Scouts distribute winter clothes

A group of 56 Afghan Scouts continue their community service by distributing winter clothes to around 250 needy families living in an immigrant city in Ghor Province located in western Afghanistan. With the city's over 600 thousand population, around 1,600 families are underprivileged.

This project is under the PARSA Afghan Scouts Program which has 1,500 active Scouts (male and female) in nine provinces of Afghanistan. Part of their program this year are peace building activities with corresponding achievement badges: Peace in the Family, Peace in the School, Peace in Community, Peace in Afghanistan and Messengers of Peace. *By Muhammad Tamim Hamkar, Director of PARSA Afghan Scouts Program*



Recent Leadership Appointments

- Dr George Huang Po-Cheng of Scouts of China, former Vice-Chairman of the APR Scout Committee, has been appointed as Regional Consultant of APRSC.
- Mr Katsura Kuno of Japan, former Chairman of APR PR Sub-Committee, has been appointed as member of the APR Awards Committee.



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8th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who: Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner and Chief Scout Executive or equivalent.

When: 26-29 April 2014

Where: GOLDI SANDS HOTEL, Negombo, Sri Lanka (Beach Resort with all Conference facilities). Only 15 minutes drive from the Bandaranaike International Airport, Goldi Sands Hotel is situated right on the beach amidst the swaying coconut palms of Negombo.

For more information, you may visit the website at www.goldisands.com

4th International Patrol Jamboree

Who: Both boys and girls aged between 12 and 17 years old from National Scout Organizations

When: 4-9 August 2014.

Where: Sangju City, Gyeongbuk Province, Korea (3 hours from Incheon International airport)



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