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International Events

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Winners of the 12th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Photo Contest

The Asia-Pacific Region is very pleased to announce this year's winners of the 12th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Photo Contest for this year.

GOLD PRIZE: Geumhee Kwon, Korea
SILVER PRIZE: Arthur de Borja, Philippines
SILVER PRIZE: Chutiwat Kraturerk, Thailand
BRONZE PRIZE: Ryan Beeby, Australia
BRONZE PRIZE: Tomofumi Chiba, Japan
BRONZE PRIZE: Vayalil Chathoth Pravin, Singapore

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to Mr Takeyosi Tanuma, a renowned photographer in Japan for heading the judging panel. Thank you to the Scout associations in Australia, Bhutan, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand for their photo entries.

Brunei Scouts gear up for new organizational goals

Brunei Scouts has mapped out a new 10-year plan to align with their goal of providing high quality Scouting to young people. This was carried out at the National Strategic Planning Workshop on 15-21 March. Workshop participants envisioned a membership increase of 5,000 by 2024, with Scouting as a leading organisation offering an innovative, tech-savvy, and environment friendly program. The association was also envisaged as financially sound enjoying the support of government and other sectors of society.

Dato Paduka Ar. Awang Haji Idris bin Haji Abas, President of Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam (PPNBD), delivered an inspiring message at the opening ceremony on 16 March. Participants of the planning process were 25 commissioners headed by Chief Commissioner Haji Awang Badar Haji Awang Ali. Director of the workshop was Haji Mohd. Zali bin Haji Arsad, supported by APR Director S Prassanna Shrivastava from the APR office.

Adult training improves leadership quality

With Sri Lanka Scout Association's recent Course for Assistant Leader Trainers (CALT), 42 Scout leaders are a step closer to becoming ALTs. Prof. Nimal De Silva, Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA) Chief Commissioner, conveyed a tall order at the course opening, "As a good leader, you must be able to command respect and love; when to apply wisdom, courage and commitment; and must think where you stand."

This 10th CALT was held at the Lee Dasanayake National Scout Training Centre in Mirigama from 22 to 28 April. Course Leader M E S Jayasinghe, SLSA National Training Commissioner, said that part of the course was to assess

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 Workshop

16-21 March
Brunei Darussalam

World Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 March
Geneva

Scouts of the World Discovery Workshop

21-23 March
Singapore

2nd Preparatory meeting for the 25th APR Scout Conference

28-29 March
Korea

APR MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering

3-7 April
Indonesia

the knowledge and skills of participants as potential trainers. A total of 42 participants from nine provinces of Sri Lanka attended.

Overseas trainers were Dr Cyrus Wadia (India), Ekbert Yong (Malaysia) from the APR Specialists Panel; Thian Hiong-Boon (Asia-Pacific Office), and SLSA's two Deputy Course Leaders: National Youth Programme Commissioner Sarah Godakandaarachchi (Program) and Sarth Mataraarachchi (Administration). Regional Scout Committee member and SLSA International Commissioner Janaprieth Fernando was present at the closing ceremony.

Malaysia opens CALT to Scout states

The Course for Assistant Leader Trainers (CALT) recently held in Johor Bahru is considered historic as Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM) opened the course to Scout states.

Out of 17 states, 15 Scout states sent 155 Scout Leaders to the course. In addition, the course attracted seven overseas Scout Leaders from Scouts of China and Maldives. PPM National Training Commissioner Dato' Paduka Haji Abdul Shukor bin Mohsin stressed on the importance of sharing at an international level.

Other leaders present at the course were Chief State Commissioner of Johor Bahru Tuan Haji Yaacob bin Karim and Mr Syd Castillo, Director of Youth Programme of the World Scout Bureau/APR.



Scout Events

Bangladesh Prime Minister inaugurates 1st SAANSO Scout Jamboree

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined the crowd of about 9,000 Scouts at the opening of the First South Asia Association National Scout Organizations (SAANSO) Jamboree, held in Mouchak, Gazipur on 5 April 2014. The Prime Minister assured support to turn Mouchak National Scout Training Centre into an international training complex and the construction of 'Scout Bhavan' in every

district.

Notable leaders present at the occasion from the Bangladesh Scouts were President Abdul Karim, Chairman of the Organizing Committee Hedayet Ullah All Mamun, and Chief National Commissioner and APR Scout Committee member Md. Abul Kalam Azad, who also spoke at the occasion.

Scouts demonstrated their many skills and talents and joined a wide selection of activities related to health and community, heritage and adventure. *By Md. Toufiq Ali, APR Correspondent, Bangladesh*

Indonesia takes gigantic step for MoP Initiative

Over 20 MoP Coordinators from 20 National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region were in Cibubur Scout Complex, Jakarta, Indonesia for the 2nd APR MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering. Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia International Commissioner Mr. Ahmad Rusdi, officially opened the gathering, speaking on behalf of the GP Chairman Dr Adhyaksa Dault.

One session of the gathering required participants to visit a school situated in Jakarta to encourage 270 students to register as Messengers of Peace.

Resource speakers and facilitators include MoP Regional Decision Committee member Peter Blatch (Scouts Australia), APR Management Sub Committee Vice Chairman Berthold Sinaulan, APR Scouting Profile Sub Committee Vice Chairman Brata Tryana Hardjosubroto, APR Financial Resources Sub Committee member Susi Yuliati, APR Director S Prassanna Shrivastava, Uzair Kamal and Cynthia Marquez from the World Scout Bureau/Central Office. *Thanks to Berthold Sinaulan, APR Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

23WSJ 1st Heads of Contingents Meeting

4-6 April
Japan

MoP Team Indonesia Gathering

9-13 April
Indonesia

Global Support (SGS) Meeting

22-23 April
Sri Lanka

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

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

APR Financial Resources Sub Committee Meeting

6 July
Macau

Regional Workshop on Fundraising

4-8 July
Macau

Indonesia strengthens Messengers of Peace Team

Back to back with the Messengers of Peace (MOP) NSO Coordinators Gathering, Gerakan Pramuka (GP) was the MoP Team Indonesia Gathering of young leaders who will promote the MoP initiatives in their respective provinces. Over 50 participants came from 25 provinces of Indonesia.

The newly-elected Chief Commissioner/Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka, Dr. Adhyaksa Dault, opened the gathering, held at the Cibubur Scout Complex in Jakarta from 10 to 14 April 2014. The event was a collaboration of GP and World Scout Bureau/APR represented by the Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan. *Thanks to Berthold Sinaulan, APR Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

10th Scouts of the World Discovery Workshop, Singapore

The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) held its 10th Scouts of the World Award (SWA) Discovery Workshop from 21st March to 23rd March 2014 at the Raffles Institution.

The 3-day workshop saw a total of 15 participants; eight of whom were international participants from Taiwan (5), Brunei (2) and Malaysia (one non-Scout).

Mr Malcolm BH Tan, Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Regional Management Sub-Committee, addressed the opening of the workshop and also presented the Scouts of the World Award to four Rover Scouts who had completed their Voluntary Service Project.

Since SSA adopted the SWA in late 2006, the Discovery Workshops have always been ever-evolving with new ideas and methods to relate and relay important messages on peace, development and the environment to participants. With a strong focus on experiential learning, one of the new activities introduced during the 10th workshop was a poverty stimulation game adapted from TEAR Australia. It was well received by the participants, many of whom expressed that it allowed them to understand poverty issues better through an engaging activity.

"I am amazed by how the Singapore Scout Association has taken the Scouts of the World Award to a level that really benefits young people of Rover age", said Syd Castillo of World Scout Bureau/APR after experiencing the entire workshop.

The Scouts of the World Programme in Singapore has thus far touched the lives of almost 150 young adults, both local and international, and will continue to reach out to more young people to foster a better understanding of our global community. – *Thanks to Tan Sijie, Singapore Scout Association*



Updates

8th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Sri Lanka Scout Association is ready to welcome around 90 participants and accompanying persons from overseas for the 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit. This gathering of top leaders from National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region will be held at the Goldi Sands Hotel in Negombo from 26th

to 29th April, preceded by a Regional Scout Committee meeting on 25th April.

World Scout Committee Chairman Simon Hang Bock Rhee together with four members of the World Scout Committee will attend the Summit. WOSM Secretary General Scott Teare and two Global Directors will have an active role at the event.

APR Staff Development Workshop
10-12 July
Philippines

4th International Patrol Jamboree
1-6 August
Korea

Colombo Scout Centenary Jamboree
1-7 August
Sri Lanka

APR Workshop on Value-Based Scouting
2-5 August
Singapore

12th World Youth Forum
4-7 August
Slovenia

40th World Scout Conference
11-15 August
Slovenia

Consultancy Visit
27-31 August
Bangladesh

Workshop on Delivering Better Services to Stakeholders
9-13 September
Malaysia

National Strategic Planning Review Workshop
20-24 September
Maldives

APR Programme Sub Committee Meeting
21-22 October
Korea

Seminar on Scouts of the World Award
23-26 October
Korea

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

3rd Preparatory meeting for 25th APR Scout Conference
27-29 October
Korea



Invitation

Course for Leader Trainers in Hong Kong

The March issue of INBOX announced the holding of CALT in Hong Kong. To clarify the many inquiries from interested participants, the actual title of the event is "Course for Leader Trainers". We apologise for the inconvenience caused to the Scout Association of Hong Kong and to potential participants.

Here are the details:

When: 28 July to 1 August 2014

Venue: The Chinese University of Hong Kong, New Territories, Hong Kong

Course fee: US\$300/per person. This includes course materials, accommodation, food, half-day educational tour and transportation between Hong Kong International Airport and course venue

Eligibility: Assistant Leader Trainers who are recommended by respective NSOs

Medium of instruction: English

No. of Participants: Around 30 – including local and overseas participants
Closing Date for Nominations: 31 May 2014

Get ready for an adventure: 3rd King Vajiravudh Scout Jamboree

Get ready for a new level of excitement and learning as you join the 3rd King Vajiravudh Scout Jamboree from 16-22 October 2014, at the Rama VI Camp, Cha-am, Petchaburi Thailand. An opportunity for Scouts to experience the Mrigadaiyavan Palace, which was built by King Rama VI in 1923 as his summer palace. The campers will discover why the palace is known as "Palace of love and hope."

The Camp offers full of adventure with the goal of tapping your undiscovered potentials. Learn more about the world and yourself, sign up now. The event is organized by The Bangkok Boy Scout Club, which has been serving the young people of Thailand for over 50 years.



Good Turn

Earth Hour Singapore 2014

Earth Hour has made Singapore its home since 2012 and this year, all eyes were once again turned to Singapore on 29 March 2014, as she hosted Spider-Man, Earth Hour's global super hero ambassador.

Held at The Float @ Marina Bay, which overlooks the beautiful skyline of the Marina Bay area, Earth Hour Singapore 2014 witnessed thousands of people turning up to show

their support and to catch hold of the star cast members of the Amazing Spider-Man 2. The event saw a record participation from 350 organisations, with more than 60 iconic structures across the Marina Bay skyline 'blacked out' during the hour.

For the 6th consecutive year since Earth Hour began in 2009, The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) has lent its helping hand as a supporting partner to the event managed by WWF Singapore. An increase in participation has been seen every year, and 2014 saw the largest participation of more than 1,500 Scouts and 64 volunteers.

The theme for this year's Earth Hour is that every person has the power to be a superhero by making small changes to save the planet. This includes adjusting the air-conditioning up by 1 degree, using fewer plastic bags, switching to power-saving LED lights, and taking shorter showers.

The event saw thousands of people and their pledges to use their power to reduce to save the Earth. This was on top of the effort to do so at the pledge centre at the SSA Headquarters prior to the Earth Hour event.

SSA's booth was also privileged to receive a visit from Dr Marco Lambertini, the incoming Director-General of WWF International.

With another great success, The Singapore Scout Association and its members are definitely looking forward to continue our support for Earth Hour. – **Thanks to Tan Sijie, Singapore Scout Association.**

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Circular 11-2014: Workshop on Delivering Better Services to Stakeholders

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



Gone Home

Remembering a good Scout leader

Dr Azrul Azwar, member of Regional Scout Committee (2009-2012; 2012-2015) and former Chief Commissioner/ Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia (2003-2008; 2008-2013), passed away in the afternoon of 1st April 2014, at the National General Hospital in Jakarta.

Born in Kutacane, Aceh, on 6 June 1945, he was a medical doctor who specialized in community health. He was also a professor at the University of Indonesia, and a Director General for Community Health in the Ministry of Health.

Azrul was married to Dr. Rhina Azrul Azwar, his classmate at the Medical Faculty University of Indonesia and has three children: Aidil Nusantara, Ilham Samudera, and Imam Dirgantara, with three grandchildren, all girls.

In Scouting world, Azrul was known as one of the founding members of the ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) and served as President of ASARC from 2007-2012. In the health world, Azrul was active in several positions: consultant, World Health Organization (WHO); consultant, International Organization for Migration (IOM); Vice President Medical Association of ASEAN, President World Medical Association (WMA); President Confederation of Medical Association in Asia & Oceania (CMAAO); Chairman of the ASEAN Regional Primary Health Care Cooperation (ARPAC). *Thanks to Berthold Sinaulan, APR Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*



Be Prepared

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

Who: Key leaders at national level from NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region are eligible to apply. Full time executives responsible for Community Scouting and environmental program are also welcome.

When: 2-5 June 2014

Where: Rymill Centre, Woodhouse, Adelaide, South Australia which is well-known for its environmental conservation efforts

What: The theme of the workshop is "Sustainable Development through Environmental Education".

APR Seminar on Value-Based Scouting

Who: Commissioners of any level in an NSO and full time executives responsible for Youth Programme and/or Leader Training.

When: 2 - 5 August 2014

Where: Sarimbum Scout Camp, Singapore



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