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REGIONAL
INITIATIVES

Malaysia develops strategy for Scouting

Commitment is a keyword at the National Strategic Planning Workshop held at the International Youth Centre, Kuala Lumpur, from 17 to 21 November 2014. Chief Scout of Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM) Tan Sri Dr. Haji Shafie bin Haji Mohd Salleh, said in his speech that commitment starts with good communication. The Chief Scout said that strategic planning does not have to invent new things. It could adopt what is relevant and necessary. What remains constant is the core business of Scouting, which is young people.

On the same note, World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Director JR C. Pangilinan quoted Peter F. Drucker, "unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes, but no plans. Therefore, let there be commitment to implement whatever we will plan for the future of Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia."

A total of 20 key leaders drafted the strategic plan of PPM.

Leaders serving at the workshop were PPM National Chief Commissioner Dato' Dr. Mohamad Shahrum bin Osman, Chairman of the APR Management Sub-committee, Malcolm Tan and Workshop Director Haji Ishak bin Mohd Jonid, assisted by S Prassanna Shrivastava and Syd Castillo from the Asia-Pacific office, APR Management Sub-Committee Vice Chairman Berthold Sinaulan (Indonesia) and Dr Effendy bin Rajab (Singapore). ****Berthold Sinaulan, APR and WOSM Correspondent*

Remaining 2014 events

National Strategic Planning Review

1-5 December
Pakistan

MoP Pakistan Team Gathering

7-11 December

2nd SAANSO/ 14th National Scout Jamboree

16-23 December
Pakistan

2015 events

WSB Management Meeting

20-25 January

50th APR Basic Management Course

4-14 February
India

TTL Evaluation & Planning Workshop

20-23 March
Bangladesh

APR Seminar- Workshop on Needs & Challenges of Young People and Adults

2-5 June
Philippines

SAPSC promotes World Culture Village

At the recent board meeting of the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center (SAPSC) located in Suncheon, Korea, a number of significant activities took place at the center this 2014. The board is composed of key leaders from the Suncheon City Council, Korea Scout Association and WOSM Asia-Pacific Region.

SAPSC vigorously promoted the World Culture Village using English as medium of instruction and Scouting as its educational approach. The Winter Camp started in January and ended February with 1,034 participants catering to first-grade middle school students. The camp operated three days and two nights.

The second camp was held from March to April with 1,268 participants for elementary school students. After the tragic sinking of the Jin-do Sewoi ship, all activities were suspended and resumed in September until November with 3,539 middle school students as participants.

22 February 2015: Deadline for the Asia-Pacific Regional Cartoon Character Contest

Scouts are invited to join the Asia-Pacific Cartoon Character Contest and deadline for submission of entries is extended until 22 February 2015, Founder's Day.

Objectives of the contest are to:

- reflect Scouting values and positive attributes
- appeals across 26 countries in APR and multiple cultures
- capable of appealing across all Scouting around the world
- largely relevant to key target audience of 8 – 14 year olds but appealing to all ages.

Softcopy and hardcopies of the entries must be sent to:
World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region
4F, 219 ODC International Plaza Building
Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Philippines
Email: asia-pacific@scout.org

Three Prizes will be given to the winners: Gold Prize, Silver Prize, and Bronze Prize with plaques of appreciation to be presented at the 25th APR Scout Conference in November 2015.

Cash prizes

- Gold Prize US\$300
- Silver Prize US\$200
- Third Prize US\$100

For more info, visit the link <http://scout.org/node/40976>

APR Seminar on Life Skills for the 21st Century

22-25 June
Bhutan

23rd World Scout Jamboree

28 July-8 August
Japan

APR Course for Leader Trainers

26 Oct-1 Nov
Korea

8th APR Scout Youth Forum

29 Oct-1 Nov
Korea

Chief Scout Executives Meet

1 November
Korea

Sub-Committee and Regional Scout Committee meetings

2 November
Korea

Regional Scout Committee Meeting with Heads of Delegations

3 November
Korea

25th APR Scout Conference

3-8 November
Korea

This list of events will be updated regularly.

WOSM and UNICEF Collaborate to Establish Global Communications Network through the U-report

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the UNICEF Global Innovation Centre have entered into an agreement aimed at establishing a global communications network through the U-report.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding was held at the World Scout Bureau – Kuala Lumpur Office in Malaysia on 18 November 2014.

Through this new collaboration, WOSM will be given access to UNICEF's global U-report on RapidPro, an open source platform of applications.

U-report is a real-time mobile messaging programme that allows young people from across the globe to communicate, share information and opinions as well as to vote on issues. It provides a channel for strengthening communication and dialogue with communities around core development issues.

This collaboration, using the U-report as a tool to support WOSM achieve its strategic priorities and enhanced youth engagement, was endorsed by the 40th World Scout Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia in August 2014.

"WOSM will leverage its network of 40 million Scouts in over 200 countries and territories, which it plans to grow to over 100 million by 2023, and encourage them to participate in global and national advocacy and mobilization efforts through the U-report as part of efforts to create a better world", said WOSM's Secretary General, Scott Teare.

The input of these young "social monitors" on community reports and polls on issues via SMS will help UNICEF and its partners gather data on community services and issues. This feedback is analysed and summarized in real-time, provided to local government and authorities to make informed decisions about social development programmes and monitor issues that matter most to young people.

The U-report is currently available in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Nigeria, Mali, South Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda and Zambia. It will soon be launched in several other countries in collaboration with the National Scout Organizations.

Concurrently, the UNICEF Innovation Centre is developing RapidPro as the new real-time information system where applications like the U-report can be built using user-friendly and intuitive web-interfaces, and where mobile-based messaging can be integrated with SMS-based information, as well as other media channels.

WOSM is a long-time collaborator with UNICEF and has conducted numerous joint projects worldwide for the health and welfare of children and youth.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines honors Scout Leaders in the Asia-Pacific Region

Many Scout Leaders from different National Scout Organizations were conferred awards at a special Court of Honor ceremony of Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP). The awarding ceremony is one of the highlights of BSP's celebration of 100 years of the introduction of Scouting in the country.

The Scouting Program in the Philippines was introduced on 15 November 1914 with the formation of the first Filipino troop of twenty-six Boy Scouts in Zamboanga City, Philippines named as the 'Lorillard Spencer Troop'.

National Scout Organizations in the Asia Pacific Region who have already achieved their 100 years in Scouting were recognized at this event. Philippine Vice President and BSP President Jejomar C Binay led the presentation of three award categories: International Friendship Award, Bronze Tamaraw Award and the President's Award.

Recipients of the awards are key leaders from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and executives of World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional office. They were awarded for their outstanding work and contribution in the development and progress of Scouting in their countries and in the region.

Scouting Centre in Timor Leste opens with Scouts Australia's support

"This Centre stands as a testament to the commitment of Scouts Australia to support its neighbours in developing Scouting for the benefit of their young people," said Governor-General and Chief Scout of Australia, the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove, during the opening of the Timor-Leste Scout Activities Centre in Metinaro, outside Dili on Friday 26 September 2014.

"World Scouting has a strong desire to reach out to developing nations, such as Timor-Leste to grow and develop Scouting" Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee Chairman Dr Chao, Shou-Po said in addressing the 300 VIP's, leaders and youth at the Centre's official opening. "With the extraordinary assistance of Scouts Australia, Uniao Nacional Dos Escuteiros De Timor Leste (Timor-Leste Scouts) now have a multi-purpose, modern Centre for a range of youth and leader activities."

The Centre was a joint initiative by Scouts Australia and the ACT Government. Working in partnership, the required funds were raised by volunteers to construct the multi-purpose facility.

"This Centre is the first of its kind in Timor-Leste", Neville Tomkins, International Commissioner, Scouts Australia, said. "But it is far more than bricks and mortar – it is a symbol of growth of Scouting in Timor-Leste, and will be the emotional home of Scouting in this country for generations to come."

"This has been Scouts Australia's largest international project, to help build a better world," Neville said. "We also hope this Centre will provide opportunities for Scouting to grow over the coming decades, and to contribute to the growth of this nation."

Friendship Fiesta in Singapore

"Scouting is a big movement that has members not only in Singapore, but all around the globe. You should be very happy if you can join and participate in international Scout events abroad but we have the opportunity now, we bring international Scout members to our country," was the remark of Singapore Scout Association (SSA) International Commissioner, Chay Hong Leng before the crowd of more than 600 Scouts who joined the Singapore International Friendship Fiesta on 25th October 2014.

This was the first time SSA organized this event, participated by Singaporean Scouts and 80 Scouts from Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesia), 40 from National Scout Organization of Thailand, representatives from Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam, Scouts from Austria, and two exchange students from Brazil and Mexico.

The event organized by Michael CH Poh in coordination with SSA staff, has created a new platform for Scouts and non-Scouts to interact and appreciate international Scouting. Some highlights of the event were the promotion of international Scout events: World Scout Jamboree-2015, World Scout Moot, World Scout Conference and Youth Forum and some world initiatives: Scouts of the World Award, World Scout Environment Programme, and the Messengers of Peace.

SSA Chief Commissioner Tan Cheng Kiong invited the participants again next year at the SSA International Jamboree to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Singapore. ****Berthold Sinaulan, APR & WOSM Correspondent, Indonesia*



INVITATION

Kanderwinter 2015

Want something wonderful and exciting in 2015?

The Kandersteg International Scout Center in Switzerland offers a wide range of activities suitable for anything from the snow first-timer to the experienced alpinist. Have a look at KanderWinter 2015 at www.kiscstaff.com for details or contact KISC at reception@kisc.ch

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 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

Circular 8-2014:
APR Seminar on Scouts of the World Award

Circular 9-2014:
APR Workshop on Fundraising

Circular 10-2014:
Educating young people on Human Rights

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

Circular 12-2014:
10th Asia-Pacific Regional Air/Internet Jamboree

Circular 13-2014:
Scouting with children and young people with special needs

Circular 14-2014:
2014 APR Workshop on Communications and Marketing

Circular 15-2014:
25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference

Circular 16-2014:
APR Scout Cartoon Character Contest

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Circular 17-2014:
Guideline on Code of Ethics in Partnerships and Suggested
Basic Accounting Procedures for NSOs

Circular 18-2014:
50th Asia- Pacific Regional Basic Management Course for Scout Executives

Circular 19-2014:
Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leaders Trainers – Korea

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