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REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Pakistan organizes strategic review workshop

With the support of the Asia Pacific Regional Office of World Scout Bureau, Pakistan Boy Scout Association (PBSA) organized the five-day National Strategic Planning Review Workshop at the Scout Global Village, inside the National Headquarters in Islamabad, Pakistan from 1-5 December 2014.

The workshop aims to strengthen PBSA's standing after defining its strategy and direction to advance Scouting in Pakistan, with great support from the representatives of the Asia-Pacific Regional office of the World Scout Bureau and PBSA key leaders.

Special guest at the opening was Ms. Helga Ahmad, a well-known philanthropist and social worker in Pakistan who highlighted the work of Scouts and their positive role in society.

Participants of the workshop represented seven provinces, who are leaders of the branch associations.

Supporting the workshop were WSB/APR Unit Manager Uzair Kamal, Director for Program and Training & Acting National Secretary PBSA Mr. Zahid Mahboob, and Workshop Director Mr. Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti.

Pakistan MoP Gathering

The Pakistan Boy Scout Association (PBSA) became the fifth country supported by the Messengers of Peace (MoP) this year by hosting MoP Team-Pakistan Gathering in Islamabad on 7-11 December 2014.

The Gathering helped in the promotion and globalization of MoP network in the Asia-Pacific Region. Participants were mainly Rover Scouts and adult leaders representing 7 out of 10 branch provincial associations in Pakistan.

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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

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

World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Development Support Manager Uzair Kamal and Boy Scouts of the Philippines Deputy National Programme Commissioner for Community-Based Scouting Mr Bernardo de Leon assisted workshop director Mr. Muhammad Shuaib. PBSA Chief Commissioner Mr Abdul Karim Baloch was the chief guest at the opening.

Disaster Preparedness Training for Scouts in the Philippines

SAN JOSE, ANTIQUE, PHILIPPINES – 62 Senior and Rover Scouts ages 14 to 24 years old from different Local Councils in the Western Visayas Region have undergone the second leg of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training Course last 13–17 December 2014 in the Province of Antique. The training was under the auspices of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office through the support of the Provincial Government of Antique with the assistance of the Antique local council and the leadership of Broderick G. Train.

This initiative shows BSP's in response to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) 2011-2028 and introduces the aims, purpose and principles of the Scout Emergency Service towards home, school, neighborhood and community in times of emergency, disaster and calamities and how to mitigate, reduce and manage its risks.

This capacity building initiative is made possible through the support of the World Scout Foundation (WSF) and His Majesty King Carl Gistaf of SWEDEN during his country visit in January this year.

Highlights of the exercise are simulation exercise related to disaster and emergency from simple to complex scenarios such as Collapse Structure Search and Rescue, Vehicle Extrication, Sweep Water Rescue, Basic Life Support, Incident Command System through the Mass Casualty Incident scenario as final examination having a total of 30 victims.

Project implementation was headed by the BSP National Executive Board Member and National Program Commissioner, Cedrick G. Train; while the Course was headed by Professional Disaster Management expert, Mr. Broderick G. Train, assisted BSP Training Executive, Mr. Yasser F. Sarona and Mr. Thian Hiong Boon of the WSB-APR, with local BSP Trainers and Facilitators, Mr. Alfredor Navallasca, Ms. Janice I. Gonzales and support staff from the Local Council.
By Yasser F Sarona, Boy Scouts of the Philippines

WOSM INITIATIVES

WOSM and UNESCO

On 3 December 2014, WOSM and UNESCO signed an agreement to promote the World Heritage Education programme that encourages young people to take part in projects related to heritage conservation and protection.

Through this agreement, WOSM and UNESCO World Heritage will recognize

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.

projects undertaken by young people through the Scouts of the World Award programme at any of the UNESCO World Heritage locations. Detailed information will be sent to all National Scout Organizations early next year.

The partnership demonstrates WOSM's commitment to heritage conservation and protection worldwide, a commitment that is parallel to our mission of creating a better world.



NSO INITIATIVES

New Scout App

Scout.sg is an all-new, all-original app developed by Hwa Chong Scout Group that catalogs the past, present, and future of Scouting in Singapore.

It includes many features that will be useful to leaders, students, and members of the public alike, including:

- Information about Scouting in Singapore such as the Scout Promise and Law, and District Badges sorted by Area
- A full record of all proficiency and progress badges of every section, complete with crisp, high-quality images and detailed descriptions and badge requirements
- A brief history of Scouting in Singapore remembering notable events and people since its founding in 1910
- Introductions to key sections in Scouting
- A list of decorations and awards conferred upon outstanding individuals by the Association
- A live media center comprising a news feed, a photo gallery of major events, and a video channel
- Details on new and special badges such as the Air Scout badge scheme and the Wood Badge Training Scheme
- Contact details and opening hours of Scout HQ and the Scout Shop

An Internet connection is not required to refer to badges and information (perfect for checking progress requirements during hikes and camps!), while content from the Media Center will be saved locally once connected for the first time and updated automatically thereafter.

Three Rover Scouts join UNV cycling tour

As part of International Volunteers Day celebrations, three Rover Scouts W.L.M.M. Madhusanka Perera, Y. Sutharshanan, and V. Nayanan are representing Sri Lanka Scouts among a group of 20 cyclists who participated in the cycling tour organized by the UN Volunteers from Medawachchiya to Colombo. Volunteering to Make a Difference is one of the main initiatives as part of the public outreach campaign.

The cyclists started the tour from 25th November from Medawachchiya and travelled through Anuradhapura, Nochchiyagama, Puttalam, Chilaw, Marawila, Negombo and ended in Colombo on 5th December coinciding with the celebration of International Volunteers Day.

Along the journey, various volunteering activities were organized on peace and sustainable development in cooperation with partners including UN Agencies, youth led organizations, and volunteer involving organizations.

The tour offers an opportunity to sensitize the public on the importance of youth volunteering for peace and development. *By M.F.S.Muheed, APR Correspondent and Special Scout Commissioner of Sri Lanka Scouts*

Scouts taking a stronger role keeping the forest clean

Around 2,500 Rovers and Senior Rovers from Indonesia, including representatives from Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam took part in the 4th National Forestry Special Troop Scout Camp at Cibubur Camping Ground, east of Jakarta. The five-day camp centered on protecting the forest was held on 15th December 2014, having Puan Maharani, daughter of former Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri, and granddaughter of the first Indonesian President Sukarno, who said in her opening remarks that rainforest contains the rich diversity of life that must be preserved.

Moreover, Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture, Puan Maharani, who officially opened the camp said Scouts enjoy camping in the forest but there should be more than enjoying but having the "responsibility to keep it clean."

The Minister asked Scouts to be leading pioneer on environmental sustainability program. She added that Scouts can and should have a stronger role, not only in understanding the forestry issues in the homeland, but also take the role campaigning for the preservation of forests in a sustainable manner.

Also attending the camp opening ceremony were Minister for Youth and Sports Imam Nahrawi, Chairman/Chief Commissioner of Gerakan Pramuka Adhyaksa Dault, and around 300 guests. During the camp, the Messengers of Peace activities were being held daily.
By Berthold Sinaulan, APR & WOSM Correspondent

INVITATION

AV2015 SA Heaps Good

The 16th Australian Venture (AV2015 SA Heaps Good) will be held at Woodhouse Activity Centre, Adelaide, South Australia from 2nd to 13th January 2015.

An Australian Venture is the major National youth event for the Venturer section of Scouts Australia. You get to meet other Venturers and Guides from all over Australia and around the world.

Check out Heaps Good official music video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvTT2Kyjaqk>

The Moot

Theme: Discover & Serve & Share

When: 2-8 July 2015

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

Who: All members of National Scouts Organizations between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of the Moot are eligible to attend as participants. Those 26 or over are encouraged to attend as staff or IST.

There are about 500 boys and girls expected to attend the Rover moot including 400 Mongolian Rovers and their leaders as well as 100 overseas participants.

Fee: US\$ 250 covers food, souvenirs, inland transportation and insurance.

50th Asia-Pacific Regional Basic Management Course for Scout Executives

The Asia- Pacific Region has been organizing Basic Management Course for Scouts Executives since 1972 so as to strengthen the managerial and professional competencies of full time Scout executives and volunteers to effectively perform their responsibilities in serving the national Scout organizations.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides will host the 50th Asia- Pacific Regional Basic Management Course for Scout Executives in Kolkata on February 2015.

Dates: 4 to 14 February 2015

Venue: State Training Center, West Bengal State Ganganagar, 24 RGS (North), Kolkata, India

Fee: US\$150.00 per participant which will cover inland transportation, food, accommodation, course materials and educational tour.

Participants: Professional Scout executives and volunteers at national and sub-national levels. Potential Professional Scouters may also be nominated to take part in the course.

Needs and Challenges of Young People and Adults in Scouting

The Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, in collaboration with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, will organize the Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar-Workshop on Needs and Challenges of Young People and Adults in Scouting on 2-5 June 2015 in Manila, Philippines.

The aim of this workshop is to provide an avenue for key leaders at regional, national and sub-national, such as Chairman/Vice-Chairmen and members of APR Adult Support and Programme Sub-Committees, National AIS Committees, NTCs, Youth Programme Commissioners and YAMG members to strengthen adult support in the implementation of a better Youth Programme.

Workshop objectives:

- To identify ways to enhance the synergy of Youth Programme and Adult Training
- To introduce the latest World Scout Youth Programme Policy and World Scout Youth Involvement Policy
- To share best practices of National Scout Organizations in implementing AIS World Policy
- To identify essential needs and burning challenges of Young People and Adults today
- To promote Educational Methods group as core business of Scouting, and create network among the participants

Date: 02–05 June 2015. Participants are requested to arrive in Manila on 1 June 2015 and may leave on 6 June 2015.

Venue: BSP National Office, Ermita, Manila, Philippines

Fee: US\$150 per participant to cover local transportation, meals, accommodation for the seminar-workshop duration, documents, souvenirs, half-day educational tour, etc.

8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum – Korea

The Asia-Pacific Region is organizing the 8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum in conjunction with the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

Date: 29 October – 1 November 2015

Participants should arrive 28 October 2015 and may leave 2 November 2015 if not attending the 25th APR Scout Conference. It is important to arrive one day before as the forum venue is about 4 - 5 hours away from Incheon International Airport (ICN).

Venue: Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC) Suncheon,
Cholla Nam-do, Korea

Theme: "Growth Towards Unity"

Eligibility: Each National Scout Organization (NSO) is requested to appoint two delegates with a maximum of eight observers to the Youth Forum (total of ten participants). Participants from NSOs must be endorsed by the National Scout Organization and must be between 18 to 26 years old on the date of the forum. We would like to recommend that your NSO holds a National Scout Youth Forum to select participants who can properly represent the NSO to this event.

Youth Forum Registration Fee: USD100.00 per participant. The fee covers forum kit and materials, inland transportation, and accommodation for five nights (check-in on 28 October and check-out on 2 November), food for five days (dinner of 28 October to breakfast of 2 November), educational tour and forum documents.

Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leader Trainers – Korea

The CLT is an ancillary event of the 25th APR Scout Conference in Korea, targeting a maximum of 50 participants. NSOs are requested to nominate their candidates well ahead of time to ensure the possibility of their participation by nominating 2-3 candidates per NSO. However, NSOs may also send in their reserved candidates, on priority basis, subject to the availability after the closing date.

Date: 26 October 2015 - 1 November 2015

Participants should arrive 25 October 2015 and may leave on 2 November 2015 if not attending the 25th APR Scout Conference

Venue: KSA National Training Centre, 107-62 Seosamneung-gil, Deogyang-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea

Eligibility of participants:

- active, recognized serving Assistant Leader Trainer (holding three beads) for at least 2 years in his/her NSO
- able to speak and write well in English
- recommended by their respective NTC and endorsed by NSO
- willing to commit to contribute in adult training course in their respective NSO for two years or more after attending the CLT

Registration Fee: US\$150.00 per participant

The fee includes course kit and materials, inland transportation, accommodation (check-in on 25 October and check-out on 2 November 2015), meals (dinner on 25 October to breakfast on 2 November), educational tour and course documents.

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
- 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
- Circular 20-2014:** Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar-Workshop on Needs and Challenges of Young People and Adults in Scouting
- Circular 21-2014:** 8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum – Korea
- Circular 22-2014:** APR Seminar on Life-Skills for the 21st Century
- Circular 23-2014:** 3th APR Scout Photo Contest 2015 – Impact of Scouting
- Circular 24-2014:** APR Specialists Panel
- Circular 25-2014:** APR Scout Shop Management : Leaders Meet
- Circular 26-2014:** Issuance of the Professional Scout Executive Medallion

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