



FEBRUARY 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVE

Basic Management Course in Asia-Pacific marks 50th series

Instituted in 1973, the Basic Management Course in the Asia-Pacific Region marked its 50th series this year. The 50th APR Basic Management Course for Scout Executives was held at the State Training Centre in Kolkata, India, from 4 to 14 February 2015.

A total of 42 Scout and Guide executives from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore and Thailand participated in this historic event.

Regional Director JR C. Pangilinan addressed the participants. He said, "Professional Scout executives are catalysts in raising the image of Scouting at national, regional, and district level of Scouting." He also inaugurated the West Bengal State Art Exhibition.

State officials of West Bengal fully supported and added value to the event with their inspiring messages on youth involvement and management. They were the Governor, the former Governor and Chief Justice, and the Vice President of West Bengal. 🇮🇳

WOSM INITIATIVE

Message of the Secretary General: Happy Birthday B-P!

Excerpt of WOSM Secretary Scott Teare's inspiring message to all Scouts on B-P Day:

22 February.

During his lifetime, B-P gave a good number of speeches, addressing Scouts and Guides, their parents and members of the public. On this

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2015 events

WSB Management Meeting

20-25 January
Malaysia

50th APR Basic Management Course

4-14 February
India

National Rovers Conference

6-10 February, Taiwan

Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Training Course

21-25 February
Laguna, Philippines

Visit to Vietnam

March 2015

APR Scout Shop Management: Leaders Meet

5-8 March, Taiwan

Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Training Course

12-16 March
Samar, Philippines

Myanmar Workshop

15-30 March

2nd WSJ Host Organizing Committee Visit

27-29 March
Japan

special day, I recall a meaningful excerpt from his 80th birthday speech, in which he said, "I want you to have as long and jolly a life as I've had and you can get it, if you keep yourself healthy and helpful to others. I'll tell you my secret to this – I've always tried to carry out the Scout Promise and the Scout Law in all that I do".

As we celebrate B-P's 158th birthday, I invite you to spend some time to reflect on what it means to be a Scout. To me, Scouts are a group of young people who are constantly driving positive change in their communities. But what sets them apart is their compassion and capacity to care for others apart from themselves, and their pursuit of personal growth.

Last December, Messengers of Peace celebrated 600 million service hours – in a matter of slightly over 24 months! Over 10 million young men and women from across the world selflessly contributed their time and effort to help their communities recover from disasters, to take care of the poor and vulnerable, and to intervene in divided communities.

Since the launch of the new scout.org in 2013, Scouts have embraced a new way of communicating, sharing stories from around the world online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Baden-Powell Facebook page that was unveiled in the subsequent year currently has a following of more than 30,000. In order to keep up the momentum of our social media initiatives, we are linking it to the brand new Baden-Powell dedicated page on scout.org at <http://scout.org/bp>. Apart from providing information and links related to B-P, it will also feature posts from you, the users.

Continue to leverage the online and offline channels to "tell the stories" of the many positive changes you are driving in the local communities; how you are creating a better world where you are. Continue to show the world that Scouts care, that, as B-P advised, you are adamant to "try and leave this world a little better than you found it". I know you can, and will. 🌟

NSO INITIATIVES

Bhutan celebrates first National Scouts Day

His Majesty The King, accompanied by Her Majesty The Gyaltshuen, graced the celebration of the first National Scouts Day on 21st February 2015, coinciding with His Majesty's birth anniversary. The celebration will be observed from this year onwards.

Scouts from various schools in Thimphu, as well from across the country, participated along with a contingent of De Suung, a programme for youth initiated by His Majesty for nation building and harmonious living.

His Majesty said that ever since Scouting began in Bhutan in 1996, His Majesty addressed every annual event, and as a result, shares a deep bond with Scouts in Bhutan.

His Majesty reminded the Scouts that they are the custodians of Bhutan's national heritage and culture, as well as the custodians of peace and harmony, and must always strive for excellence.

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course
9-13 April
Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Workshop on Service Excellence
11-15 April
Malaysia

4th Preparatory Meeting for 25th APR Scout Conference
22-23 April, Korea

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
25-26 April, Korea

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers
27 April-3 May
Cambodia

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course
7-11 May
Pangasinan, Philippines

Staff Development Workshop
13-15 May
Philippines

CSPSA Forum Workshop
25-28 May
Papua New Guinea

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course
28 May -1 June
Davao, Philippines

Adult Support Sub-Committee Meeting
30 May, Philippines

APR Seminar-Workshop on Needs & Challenges of Young People and Adults
2-5 June
Philippines

"Your hard work, and every extra effort that you put in, is an investment that you make today for your future," His Majesty said.

His Majesty said that Scouts must be deeply conscious of the struggle that a nation like Bhutan faces to succeed in the 21st century, as they carry out their activities. 🌍

-- contributed by Abdullah Rasheed, former Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region

Amidst flood crisis, Scouting brotherhood evident

Scouts and leaders of Brunei Darussalam Scout Association drove to Limbang District, Sarawak, Malaysia, and personally delivered food and beverages to the flood victims.

In the midst of heavy flooding that hit the east coast of Malaysia in December last year, Brunei Scouts Association established a Humanitarian Aid Fund -- collecting aid from the contributions of Scouts and their families.

On their way to Limbang for the handover, the team saw many houses still submerged in flood waters. Scout Association of Malaysia, Limbang District, Sarawak Branch welcomed the team and received the items.

Joining the mission were President of Brunei Darussalam Scout Association Dato Paduka Ar Haji Idris bin Haji Abas, Chief Commissioner Haji Awang Badar bin Awang Haji Ali and other Scout Commissioners. 🌍

-- *Borneo Bulletin*

INVITATION

20th Thailand National Jamboree, 2015

The National Scout Organization of Thailand invites Scouts and Leaders to participate in the 20th Thailand National Jamboree to be held on 4 – 10 April 2015 at the historic Vajiravudh National Scout Camp.

Venue: Vajiravudh National Scout Camp, Sriracha, Chonburi, Thailand

Jamboree Fee: USD 150

Young people (Boys and Girls) aged 12 – 17 years old and adult leader and IST aged 18 – 45 years old.

Call for Proposal to Host the 26th APR Scout Conference – 2018

Invitation is now open to member Scout organizations to submit their proposal to host the 26th APR Scout Conference in 2018. Proposals should be received by the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office not later than **15 April 2015**.

The Regional Scout Committee will review all proposals at its meeting on 25-26 April 2015 to be presented before the 25th APR Scout Conference (Korea, November 2015) for decision.

APR Management Meeting

16-18 June
Philippines

APR Seminar on Life Skills for the 21st Century

22-25 June
Bhutan

31st APR Jamboree Preparatory Meeting

4-5 July
Mongolia

National Risk Management Workshop

6-9 July
Mongolia

23rd World Scout Jamboree

28 July-8 August
Japan

Seminar Workshop on Scout Method

August, Maldives

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course

20-24 August
Laguna, Philippines

APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting story through the use of multimedia

26-29 August

Building Internal Consultants

August, Philippines

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

2-6 September,
Australia

APR Workshop on Partnership and Self Reliance

Philippines

APR Course for Leader Trainers

26 Oct-1 Nov
Korea

Call for Proposal to Host the 32nd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree – 2021

National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region are invited to bid for the hosting of the 32nd APR Scout Jamboree in 2021. Required documents are requested to be sent to the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional office on or before **20 April 2015**.

The Regional Scout Committee will study all applications at its April 2015 meeting and endorse to the 25th APR Scout Conference (Korea, November 2015) for voting.

CIRCULARS

Circular 1-2015: Revised Guidelines for the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum

Circular 2-2015: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws, Rules of Procedure and Submission of New Resolutions

Circular 3-2015: Proposed Conference Agenda

Circular 4-2015: Nominations for the Regional Scout Committee Membership 2015-2021

Circular 5-2015: Call for Proposal to Host the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference – 2018

Circular 6-2015: Call For Proposal To Host 32nd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree – 2021

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

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course
19-23 November
Cebu City, Philippines

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course
13-17 December
Mindanao, Philippines

This list of events is updated monthly.

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