



MARCH 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Leaders Meet advocates Scout Shop development

Twelve Scout leaders from Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines and Republic of China, participated in the first APR Scout Shop Management: Leaders Meet on 5-8 March 2015 at Yangmingshan Scout Camp in Taipei, Taiwan. Some members of APR Finance Sub Committee served as facilitators of the Meet.

The Leaders Meet advocates and supports National Scout Organizations in building or strengthening their Scout shop. Participants considered the Scout Shop as an essential service that NSOs can provide its members by ensuring the availability of Scout uniforms and other merchandise.

Discussion evolved around operation of Scout Shop at national level and sharing of experiences; Introduction of Scout Brand and the policy; Trend on Internet Marketing; Quality Management; and Introduction of the APR Scout Shop Supply Chain. An educational tour was arranged to Scouts of China Scout Shop as a benchmarking learning experience.

Scouts of China International Commissioner Dr. Ie-Bin Lian was the Meet Director who presided over the opening ceremony. APR Scout Committee Chairman Dr. Chao, Shou-Po graced the meeting and welcomed all the participants. Regional Director Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan thanked Scouts of China and the APR Finance Sub Committee who made the Meet possible. APR Finance Sub Committee Chairman Mr Joseph Lau welcomed the participants at the opening ceremony. -- *By Chang, Wen-Shing, International Director, Scouts of China* 🇹🇼

Friendly Reminders to NSOs

A number of circulars were issued early this year calling for action or feedback from NSOs. Here are deadlines for the following:

Circular No. 2: Proposed Constitutional Amendments/ Rules of Procedure/ Resolutions: Deadline for feedback is 30 March 2015

Circular No. 3: Proposed Conference Agenda: Deadline for feedback is 30 March 2015

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2015 events

2nd to 4th Quarter

**2nd WSJ Host
Organizing
Committee Visit**
27-29 March
Japan

**Course for Assistant
Leader Trainers**
4-8 April
Macau

**Disaster and Risk
Reduction
Management
Training Course**
9-13 April
Pangasinan, Philippines

**Workshop on Service
Excellence**
11-15 April
Malaysia

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

**Awards Committee
Meeting**
24 April, Korea

Circular No. 4: Nominations for RSC Membership: Deadline for submission of candidates is 30 April 2015

Circular No. 5: Call for Proposal to Host 26th APR Scout Conference: Deadline for submission is 15 April 2015

Circular No. 6: Call for Proposal to Host 32nd APR Scout Jamboree: Deadline for submission is 20 April 2015

Staff Movement at APR Office

In preparation for the 25th APR Scout Conference, a staff member, Ms. Arjay Cameros is deployed to the Korea Scout Association. Arjay will be based in Seoul for a few months to assist Korea Scout Association in coordination with the AP regional Office in the preparation of the conference, the APR Course for Leader Trainers and the 8th APR Scout Youth Forum.

During Arjay's deployment, Mr. Marciano A. Cruz of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, simply known as "Mar," will assist the APR office in a voluntary capacity. Mar is an experienced Scout Leader and an advocate of Community-Based Rover Scouting. Mar has been the Project Coordinator of Pacific Coast Council of Scouts Canada. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Behavioural Science (Philippines) and in Urban Sociology/Community Planning (Italy). He was a former International Flight Purser of the Philippine Airlines. Mar continues to devote his time as a Scout volunteer. 🌐

WOSM INITIATIVE

Join in Jamboree Programme Guide

The Jamboree Programme Guide has been released targeting not only participants of 23rd World Scout Jamboree in 2015, but also all of Scouts and leaders all over the world. The Programme Guide can be used at troop meetings to bring the Jamboree Programme and experience at unit or patrol level.

Activities at the programme guide can be adopted at the troop situation, depending on the size of the troop, the experience of members, wherever they are.

It also suggests to have "Jamboree Day" at the unit level to enjoy the activities of the Jamboree Programme and learn something about the Japanese culture.

Links: http://www.23wsj.jp/index_e.html 🌐

NSO INITIATIVES

Scouts in Maldives beach clean up

Chief Commissioner Hussain Abdullah and five national commissioners joined 80 Scouts and 50 volunteers in cleaning up the entire beach area in G.Dh Thinadhoo, south of Maldives. This was the first time that "Founders Day" was celebrated nationally out of the capital Male.

The event was hosted by Aboobakuru School, Thinadhoo School and G.DH Atoll Education Center Scouts on 27 February 2015. Scouts from neighboring Ga. Dheyvvadhoo School also joined the activity. Maldives Police Service, Maldives Road Development Corporation and the State Trading Organization fully supported the event. 🌐

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
Tacloban, Philippines

Staff Development Workshop
13-15 May
Philippines

CSPSA Forum Workshop
25-28 May
Papua New Guinea

Adult Support Sub Committee Meeting
30 May, Philippines

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

APR Management Meeting
2-4 July
Philippines

National Risk Management Workshop
6-9 July
Mongolia

National Commissioner for Youth Program Mr. Maeedh Mohamed Zahir made an awareness session on beach cleaning program focusing on waste management and environmental issues of Maldives. Around five truckloads of waste were collected.

-- Ali Maniku, International Commissioner, The Scout Association of Maldives 🌐

Welcome to the Scouts Race

The annual raft race held by the Mahurangi Zone of Scouts New Zealand attracted over 32 rafts on 1 March 2015. The annual event was the Founder's Day activity and this year was held on 1 March due to tide requirements at the Browns Bay beach on the North Shore of Auckland Harbour.

A crowd of over 2,000 people including Scouts, leaders, families, friends and the public watched the Scouts and Ventures constructed the rafts from bamboo poles, plastic containers and drums lashed together with rope.

Once the completed rafts had been inspected for safety, the patrol of six under a Le Mans start paddled these rafts 500 meters out into the harbour and around the placed marker buoys back to the beach. The Sea Scout section provided the safety boats for the event.

The Honourable Niki Kaye- National Member of Parliament was the guest for the day, starting the raft race, addressing the gathering and presenting the Scouts New Zealand Founders Day Service Awards to the recipients.

Wayne Philip, Scouts New Zealand, APR Correspondent 🌐

Dr. Jane Goodall's Life with Chimpanzees and for Nature Conservation

We were glad to have Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, delivered a valuable seminar on nature conservation to members of the Scout Association of Hong Kong during her visit to Hong Kong in November 2014. Dr. Goodall shared with us her road to the success in the study of chimpanzees and nature conservation, and the establishment of Jane Goodall Institute, which is a global non-profit organization that empowers people to make a difference for all living things.

Her work taught people about chimpanzees, especially the chimpanzees of Gombe. People learnt more about chimpanzees through her books, particularly In the Shadow of Man and Through a Window, and the Chimpanzees of Gombe: Patterns of Behavior. She realized that people were destroying the forest for different reasons and affecting the living of chimpanzee community. Thus, she decided to leave her beloved Gombe forest and work for the chimpanzees by saving the forest. Nowadays, Dr. Goodall travels more than 300 days per year talking to audiences about their power to help other people, animals and the environment. She founded her Institute in 1977 with programmes designed to benefit people who are living in poverty in Africa, and to spread the word about the importance of conserving the forests and animal populations. The Institute also has the Roots & Shoots global youth programme, which helps young people to learn about problems in their communities and the world and then take action towards solving those problems.

Apart from the sharing of Dr. Goodall, students were invited to share with us their Roots & Shoots projects conducted in schools. Besides, Samuel Hung, chairman of Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society, was also invited to deliver a talk on the threats facing by the Chinese White Dolphin,

31st APR Jamboree Preparatory Meeting

10-11 July
Mongolia

23rd World Scout Jamboree

28 July-8 August
Japan

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

2-6 September,
Australia

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

7-10 September
Brunei Darussalam

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

14-18 September
Pakistan

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

which is an endangered species in the Pearl River Estuary near and around Hong Kong water. *By Agnes Lau, Assistant HQ Commissioner (Environmental Protection), Scout Association of Hong Kong* 🇭🻜

Scouting in Cambodia sees consistent growth

Congratulations to more than 100 Cub Scouts who were invested on 17 January 2015 at Vatbo Primary School in Siem Reap. The ceremony was a big step for Cambodia Scouts in its effort to promote Scouting in different parts of the country.

Cambodia Scouts is approaching its seventh year after becoming a full member of World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in 2008.

So far the youngest member country of WOSM in the Asia-Pacific, Cambodia Scouts has been growing consistently with over 10,000 members. 🇰🇲

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Here are the recent leadership changes in Maldives and Nepal.

Mr Hussain Abdullah has completed his term as International Commissioner of the Scout Association of Maldives and was elected by the National Scout Assembly as Chief Commissioner. In his place is the new International Commissioner, Mr Ali Shafaa a'th Maniku, a young energetic Scout Leader who was the Chairman of the National Scout Youth Council.

Changes also took place in Nepal Scouts as the result of the National Council Meeting. The National Council appointed Mr Rabin Dahal as Chief Commissioner and Lok Bahadur Bhandari as National Secretary. 🇳🇵

INVITATION

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

The Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, in collaboration with the Scouts Australia invite coordinators of community-based Scouting at national level or commissioners who are in-charge of promoting Scouting in the community to attend the APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting.

This four-day workshop on community-based Scouting aims to support national Scout organizations in expanding Scouting in communities.

Date

3-6 September 2015

Venue

Gilwell Park, Melbourne, Australia.

Fee

USD 150.00 which covers local transportation, food, accommodation (twin sharing room) for five nights, workshop documents, souvenirs and a half-educational tour.

Reply Slip must reach the Asia-Pacific Office not later than 30 June 2015.

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
Davao City, Philippines

This list of events is updated monthly.

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

NSO WSEP Coordinators and key leaders at national level from NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region are invited to take in the upcoming APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting. Full time executives responsible for Community Scouting and environmental program are also welcome.

The workshop is a collaboration of the World Organization of the Scout Movement/Asia-Pacific Region and Pakistan Boy Scout Association. Pakistan is well known for its natural scenic beauty and environmental conservation efforts especially in its green northern areas and high peak stations of the Himalayas.

Date

14-18 September 2015

Venue

Islamabad, Pakistan

Theme

"Scouts Go Green" aiming at enhancing the knowledge, attitude and practices of Scouts toward the improvement of green environment through environmental education.

Fee

USD150.00 which will cover local transportation, food, accommodation for five nights, workshop documents, workshop souvenirs and educational tour.

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

Circular 7-2015: APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

Circular 8-2015: Youth Involvement

Circular 9-2015: APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

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