



JULY 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Mongolia to provide safe environment at 31st Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree - 2017

The Scout Association of Mongolia (TSAM), first time host of a regional jamboree, is taking an important step to provide safe environment for young people. TSAM will host the 31st Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree in 2017.

This important step starts with the National Risk Management Workshop held at the Scout Camp, Tuv Aimag, Mongolia, on 6-9 July 2015, equipping 35 young Scout leaders on risk management processes, risk probability and consequence, managing the risk for troupe leaders, among others. This event is part of the Messenger of Peace Initiative.

TSAM is set to finalize its own National Risk Management Policy this year.

Workshop Director Ms. Uugantsetseg Gantumur, with the help of selected Rovers, interpreted the presentations and discussions as most participants speak only the local dialect.

Overseas resources speakers who assisted the workshop were Mr. Ramakrishnan Ramasamy, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia Risk Management Committee chairman; Aminur Rahman and Jamal Harim Bin Abdulla, both members of APR Panel of Specialists; and Malcolm Tan, APR Management Sub-Committee Chairman who served as advisor.

Malcolm Tan, with TSAM Secretary General Bayarjargal Damdindagva, recognized the support of the volunteers and the regional office represented by Prassanna Shrivastava and Syd Castillo.

Macau holds General Assembly

While the application of Scout Association of Macau (SAM) for WOSM membership is progressing, SAM had its General Assembly on 27 June 2015 where amendments to its Constitution were approved.

International Commissioner Ms Francisca Vong, said that with few more actions, SAM will complete all the legal procedures.

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2015 events

(3rd to 4th Quarter)

APR Management Meeting

2-4 July, Philippines

National Risk Management Workshop

6-9 July, Mongolia

31st APR Jamboree Preparatory Meeting

10 July, Mongolia

23rd World Scout Jamboree

28 July-8 August, Japan

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

3-6 September
Australia

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

14-18 September
Pakistan

APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance

17-20 September
Philippines

World Scout Bureau KL office released a circular announcing that it has received the application from the Scout Association of Macau for recognition, as a Member Organization, by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). This application is in line with Resolution 3/14 of the Slovenia Conference. In accordance with the requirements of the WOSM Constitution, the World Scout Committee considered this application and recommends that it be accepted.

The Scout Association of Macau has been an Associate Member of WOSM within the Asia-Pacific Scout Region since 1983.

Region's performance reviewed, new goals set

Volunteers and professionals review the performance of the Asia-Pacific Support Centre and set new goals at this year's Asia-Pacific Regional (APR) Management Meeting on 2-3 July 2015 in Makati City, Philippines.

Dr. Chao Shou-Po, Regional Scout Committee (RSC) Chairman, took the opportunity to thank both the professional and the volunteers for the support he received as this was his last management meeting as Chairman.

Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan said that "volunteers serve as driving force for professional staff to aim higher and achieve the region's vision and mission".

WOSM Global Director Göran Hägerdal, desk officer for the Asia-Pacific Region, appreciated the meeting as it gives him a good picture of what is going on in the region. He gave an update on recent development in world Scouting.

Key volunteers who made substantial inputs at the meeting were Atty. Wendel Avisado, RSC member; Malcolm Tan, Management Sub-Committee Chairman; Joseph Lau, Finance Sub-Committee Chairman and Paul Ho, Regional Treasurer.

Also, Atty. Avisado announced that Hon. Jejomar C. Binay, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, has conferred the President's Award to Dr. Chao.

WOSM INITIATIVE

23rd World Scout Jamboree Contingent Registration

Since the Contingent Registration for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree closed on the 31st of March 2015. A total of 33,000 Scouts and Leaders from 147 countries and territories around the world registered and will gather for the Jamboree, including those invited through the Operation Kirara solidarity programme.

5th Preparatory for 25th APR Scout Conference

22-23 September
Korea

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

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

Jamboree Schedule

(Sat) 25 July

Staff arrival

(Sun) 26 July

IST arrival and training

(Mon) 27 July

IST Training

(Tue) 28 July

Participants arrival

(Wed) 29 July

Participants arrival (AM),
Opening Ceremony

(Thu) 30 July

Programme and Activity

(Fri) 31 July

Programme and Activity

(Sat) 1 August

Programme and Activity

(Sun) 2 August

Cultural Exchange Day, Arena
event, Inter-religious Ceremony

(Mon) 3 August

Programme and Activity

(Tue) 4 August

Programme and Activity

(Wed) 5 August

Programme and Activity, Nagasaki
Peace Forum

(Thu) 6 August

Programme and Activity,
Hiroshima Peace Memorial
Ceremony, Nagasaki Peace Forum

(Fri) 7 August

Programme and Activity,
Closing Ceremony

(Sat) 8 August

Participant Departure

(Sun) 9 August

Participant and Staff Departure

NSO INITIATIVES

"Project Sunshine"

Teaching the good values of giving and sharing through educational interests, interaction and cultural experience, South Area Rovers and leaders of The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) teamed up with Rovers of Cambodia Scouts through its Project Sunshine 2015.

The initiative was mooted by South Area Rovers and leaders of SSA, that ran from 19-24 June 2015 at Orphanage Center, in Takeo Province, where around 25 Rovers and leaders from two NSOs engaged children and young people at the orphanage in different Scouting games and activities like knotting and paper folding.

Project Coordinator Desmond Foo said that the project was just initiated with a casual conversation with leaders from Cambodia Scouts about having an understanding of memorandum with Singapore -- to learn and share about each other's experiences.

-- Text and photos by Desmond Foo and Michael Po C H
(The Singapore Scout Association)

Scouts New Zealand Young National Commissioner

Giving back to an organisation which had given her so much was a major motivating factor when Kelly Bleakley put her hand up to take on the top volunteer role at Scouts New Zealand- The National Commissioners role.

Kelly was just 24 when she took on the voluntary position of Scouts New Zealand National Commissioner – the youngest person to ever occupy the role, and in a traditionally male organisation to boot. Kelly was a Scout in her teens and comes from a Scouting - and volunteering - family. She took over the leadership of her local local scout troop at 18, when the previous leader passed away.

For Kelly, volunteering is a way of putting back into the organisation but also “it’s something I’ve become really passionate about .I’m passionate about youth and working with young people. I love to see people developing and giving them skills and experiences they might not otherwise have.”

Kelly trained as a teacher and currently works for Fonterra on its Milk for Schools and Kick-start Breakfast programmes. She has managed to juggle Scouting duties around her work commitments and travel, catching up with Scouts around the country whenever she can.

She says the volunteers involved in Scouting are “so generous with their time, but at the same time so humble that they don’t even think of it that way. It’s part of them, just something that they do.

They love it because of the rewards they get in terms of the smiles on the kids’ faces and knowing they made a difference to that child’s , week or life.”

Even though her three-year term as National Commissioner has just come to an end, there will be no rest for Kelly. “I’m not sure what my next role will be, but I will be volunteering forever.”

-- Wayne Philip, Scouts New Zealand, APR Correspondent

INVITATION

World Scout Seminar on the Scouts of the World Award

All National and Regional Scouts of the World Award team members are invited to attend the World Scout Seminar on the Scouts of the World Award (SW Award), hosted by Scoutisme Français, from 13 to 15 November 2015 in Paris, France.

Participants will be able to explain current changes to the SW Award, the stage of a SW Award Discovery and SW Award Voluntary Service. They will be able to understand and explain the SW Network, SW Award Bases, SW Award Partnerships and SW Support Structures and how the award aligns with the “Better World” framework.

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Registration form not later than the 13th of October 2015 with the details of participants that will be representing your National Scout Organization.

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

Targeting to explore ways of implementing the Community-Based Scouting in national Scout Organizations as an effective method in increasing membership bringing Scouting closer to the communities, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, Asia-Pacific Region in collaboration with Scouts Australia, will organise the APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting from 3-6 September 2015, at the Gilwell Park, Melbourne, Australia.

This is a follow up to the workshop conducted in Delhi in 2012 that will serve as a gathering of CBS Coordinators.

Participants

Primary target of this workshop are the coordinators of community-based Scouting at national level or commissioners who are in-charge of promoting Scouting in the community and key leaders who could be valuable contributors to the seminar are also welcome.

Fee

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

APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance

In our continuing effort for NSOs in the region to gradually move towards self-reliance, the APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee has promoted the concept of self-reliance as common ground to further share the knowledge and experiences in building and institutionalizing the internal capacities of the NSOs.

It is on this basis that the "APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance" is being organized and hosted by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Date: 17 - 20 September 2015

Venue: Boy Scouts of the Philippines National Office

Participants

Key leaders responsible for Resources Development, Partnership, Finance, and Fundraising in National Scout Organizations both at the national and sub-national levels, interested in the subject and willing to further share the knowledge back in the NSO as well as to undertake fundraising tasks benefitting the NSO at the national and sub-national levels.

Trade Fair

A trade fair during the event is proposed, where NSOs can share and showcase their success stories in strengthening the existing resources, and innovative means of developing new resources (Scout Shop, Partnerships, Real estate, etc). The details will be communicated in due course.

Methods

Talk, Panel Presentation, Case Presentation and Study, Project Workgroups

Registration Fee

USD \$150.00 covers inland transport, Food and accommodation during the event, workshop materials, 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
- Circular 10-2015:** APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of Multimedia
- Circular 11-2015:** 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts – 2015
- Circular 12-2015:** Call for nominations to the Young Adult Members Group for 2015 - 2018
- Circular 13-2015:** Appeal to help Nepal earthquake survivors
- Circular 14-2015:** APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance
- Circular 15-2015:** Nomination for APR Sub-Committees 2015-2018
- Circular 16-2015:** Candidates for APR Scout Committee 2015-2021
- Circular 17-2015:** Draft APR Plan 2015-2018
- Circular 18-2015:** 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference: Breakout Groups
- Circular 19-2015:** Final Conference Agenda
- Circular 20-2015:** 18th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange
- Circular 21-2015:** Nomination for APR Scout Foundation Management Committee (2015-2018)
- Circular 22-2015:** Cancellation of the APR Air/Internet Jamboree
- Circular 23-2015:** Displays and Scouting Mall for National Scout Organizations and External Partner Organizations
- Circular 24-2015:** 8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum Documents

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