



SEPTEMBER 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

25th APR Scout Conference Update: Special Events

It's not all business at the forthcoming regional conference. There will be special gatherings for fellowship and meetings where delegates, observers and even accompanying persons could consider attending from 1 to 8 November:

1 November, Sunday

- Chief Scout Executives Meet, 1400–2130h

2 November, Monday

- Sub-Committee and Task Force Meetings, 0900–1240h
- Regional Scout Committee Meeting, 1400–1800h

3 November, Tuesday

- APR Scout Committee Meeting with Heads of NSO delegates, 0900–1030h
- Opening Ceremony, 1515–1615h
- Welcome Dinner, 1900h

4 November, Wednesday

- International Commissioners Gathering, 1730–1830h
- APR Palaver, 1730–1830h
- Chief Commissioners Meeting, 1730–1830h
- APR Scout Foundation Fellowship Gathering, 1900h

5 November, Thursday

- Educational Tour and Meeting with Local Scouts (full day)
- Gathering of Evergreen Scouts of APR (ESAP)

6 November, Friday

- First meeting of the new Regional Scout Committee, 0800h
- ATAS Gathering, 1800–1900h
- APR Foundation Dinner, 1900h

7 November, Saturday

- Regional Scout Committee Meeting, 0800h
- Cultural/International Evening and Farewell Dinner, 1800–2100h

8 November, Sunday

- New Sub-Committees Meeting (over lunch), 1230–1400h
- Closing Ceremony, 1700h

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2015 events

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 Com- mittee Meeting with Heads of Delegations

3 November, Korea

25th APR Scout Conference

3–8 November, Korea

SG50 International

Australia workshop highlights Scouting beyond schools

One of Asia-Pacific Region's emphasis this triennium 2012-2015 is the greater involvement of young people in creating better communities. Therefore, it is considered important for NSOs to extend Scout membership beyond schools by creating more community-based groups.

A four-day workshop on community-based Scouting (CBS) was organized at Gilwell Park in Victoria, Australia from 3-6 September 2015. Thirty Scout Leaders from 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region attended the workshop. The workshop focused on encouraging NSOs to organize more community-based Scout units. Discussions include the contextual framework on CBS, challenges in implementing CBS, and how to organize CBS in NSOs. Organizing community-based Scout groups was cited as one of the strategies in achieving Scouting's global target of 100 million members in 2023.

Scouts' Solar badge (global) launched in Pakistan

Scouting takes another step forward on green environment as the Solar Badge (global) was launched during the APR Workshop on Environment Education held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 14-18 September 2015.

The badge was developed by the World Organization of the Scout Movement in partnership with Greenpeace and SolAfrica under the 'Scouts Go Solar' project of the World Scout Environment Badge. Boy Scouts of the Philippines and Pakistan Boy Scouts Association have implemented the projects in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

The regional workshop, focused on environment education, gathered 47 participants from eight National Scout Organizations from the Asia-Pacific Region.

World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan graced the inauguration, joining Ms Raheela Hamid Khan Durani, Patron of Balochistan Boy Scouts Association and Member National Council of PBSA; Mr Zahid Mahboob, PBSA Acting Secretary, and other guests. Mr Uzair Kamal of the Asia-Pacific Regional Support Centre coordinated the workshop.

Workshop tackles opportunities for self-reliance and partnership in NSOs

Four days were devoted, from 17-20 September 2015, for a regional workshop on partnership and self-reliance hosted by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines at its national office in Manila. The workshop gathered 59 participants, of which 43 represented the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and 16 from overseas: India, Maldives, Cambodia, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee facilitated the workshop, headed by its Chairman Joseph Lau, Vice Chairmen Chay Hong Leng and Susi Yuliati together with members Ahmad Sabri Saad, Chindhai Jayaraman, Kapila Perera, Eilif Wang, Dan Asiaten, and Shirley Tam. Boy Scouts of the Philippines Acting Secretary General Wendel Avisado and Deputy Secretary General Roger Villa supported the opening.

Presentations were delivered on successful projects in the areas of self-reliance, partnership and fundraising. Speakers were invited from outside

Jamboree

17-22 November 2015,
Singapore

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course

19-23 November, Cebu
City, Philippines

Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course

1-5 December, Davao
City, Philippines

of Scouting, Mr Edward Gacusana who presented partnerships and Mr Jesus Antonio Ros on Intellectual Property Protection. World Scout Bureau/ Asia-Pacific Region headed by Regional Director JR C Pangilinan, Directors S Prassanna Shrivastava and Ms Luz Taray made presentations on self-reliance, partnership and the WOSM Brand. Lastly, Mr Eilif Wang introduced the concept and future plan for the APR Scout Supply Chain.

APR Chairman's Visit to Fiji

Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po concluded his recent visit to Fiji Scout Association (FSA) with words of appreciation to key Scout leaders there. He wrote that the meeting was very informative, giving him a better perspective and understanding of Scouting in Fiji.

"I salute you for all your efforts," he wrote in his letter to FSA President Abhay Nand and National Executive Commissioner Joji Qaranivalu. The Chairman cited the support of Ambassador Chuan-chin Jeffrey and influential members of the Fiji parliament, also highlighting Scouts Australia's past, current, and future support to Scouting in Fiji.

NSO INITIATIVES

Bhutan and Cambodia celebrate International Day of Peace

Scouts in Bhutan celebrated the 13th International Day of Peace on 21st September. There was an offering of 10,000 butter lamps, a massive clean up in Thimphu and peace promotion related activities. Around 500 to 600 Scouts from Thim Throm were invited to take part.

In Cambodia, there was a gathering of 100 Scouts and Rovers under the theme "Value of Peace". Key leaders and Commissioners introduced the Messenger of Peace initiative with a road show. They also played soccer.

Book Bridge comes to Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Book Bridge Foundation based in Switzerland to set up learning centres in communities around Sri Lanka. The MOU was signed on Saturday, 19th September, at the National Scout Headquarters. Mr Abdullah Rasheed, President of Book Bridge Foundation signed on behalf of the Foundation and Prof. Nimal de Silva, Chief Commissioner, on behalf of SLSA.

The first country to introduce the BB Learning Centre was Mongolia followed by Cambodia where 14 centers are in operation. Sri Lanka is the third country to join the BB project and will soon set up a social business enterprise and learning centres. Initially, eight centres are to be established to bring quality education to people in need and to benefit communities in multifaceted ways.

Scouts partner with organization on proper management

The Scout Association of Maldives along with the Maldives Girl Guide Association, Maldivian Red Crescent, Public Service Media and Local Government Authority, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Environment and Energy to partner in the Saafu Raajje Initiative. The signing was held in June 2015.

Saafu Raajje aims to promote public education and awareness on proper waste management practices and in this manner, reduce the amount of waste being thrown out on to

the streets, parks, other public places and on to the sea. The campaign is run in collaboration with other government ministries, the civil society and NGOs.

The Scout Association of Maldives is among the oldest organizations in Maldives that have committed itself to the 'environment cause' and has been at it from the very beginning. The Scout association received the Green Leaf Award in 2008 by the President Maldives for invaluable services rendered for the environment.

INVITATION

Call for invitations to host World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum: 2020

(WSB Circular no. 19/2015)

The World Scout Committee (WSC) requests invitations to host the 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum in 2020.

National Scout Organizations (or alliances of NSOs) that are interested in hosting these events are invited to contact the Director, World Events (Stephen Peck) before they formalise their invitation in order to be fully informed about the official guidelines and requirements for hosting a Conference and Youth Forum.

The WSC has asked the World Scout Bureau (WSB) to review potential host's plans and to inspect the proposed venue(s) prior to the 41st World Scout Conference. Therefore, it is required that the Bureau receives by email a DECLARATION OF INTENTION from potential hosts by 31st January 2016.

Call for expression of interest to host the World Scout Jamboree: 2023

(WSB Circular no. 20/2015)

National Scout Organizations (or alliances of NSOs) that are interested in hosting this event are invited to contact the Director, World Events (Stephen Peck) before they formalise their expression of interest in order to ensure they are fully informed about the requirements and risks of hosting the World Scout Jamboree.

NSOs (or alliances of NSOs) considering hosting the World Scout Jamboree should be aware that the guidelines and process for submitting formal expressions of interest are currently being revised by the WSC. The updated guidelines and details of the process will be issued in April 2016. Completed documentation will need to be returned by 30th June 2016. The Director, World Events will keep interested parties informed of progress and proposals to assist with their planning.

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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
- Circular 25-2015:** Candidates for the Young Adult Members Group: 2015-2018
- Circular 26-2015:** APR Scout Foundation Fund Raising Dinner
- Circular 27-2015:** 16th National Scout Jamboree - Philippines
- Circular 28-2015:** APR Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) - Change of Course Venue

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