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What's New

After "Haiyan", Scouting continues

In November 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan swept villages in Tacloban city and nearby towns in southern Philippines due to storm surge, where the Scout Building/Office of Leyte Council, Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) was completely wiped out.

Two years after, on 22 February 2016, a thanksgiving mass was offered to bless the new two-storey Scout building at a prominent location in Tacloban City, complete with computers, office furniture, and various electronic equipment. Today there are over 50,000 Scout members in Tacloban City, a 100% increase from two years ago before the disaster.

Reconstruction was inspired by His Majesty The King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf, Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation and King Abdullah Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia, after the Swedish King's first visit to Tacloban City in January 2014. On HM's second visit in November 2015, he saw for himself the reconstruction and met families who lost their sources of livelihood and were given motorized boats, carabaos (water buffalo) and funds to reconstruct their houses.

World Scout Foundation provided the grant for the reconstruction through the World Organization of the Scout Movement Asia-Pacific Support Centre and Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Additional funds were collected from Scouts and supporters from different countries around the world.

Prominent government, education and Scout officials were present at the thanksgiving mass and blessing of the Scout House.

President of Sri Lanka opens National Jamboree in Jaffna

President Maithripala Sirisena ceremonially declared open the 9th National Scout Jamboree at Jaffna Central College playground. The Jamboree is taking place from 20-26 February.

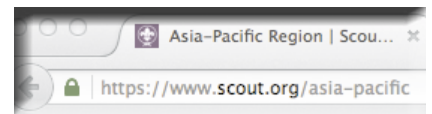
This is the first time a National Jamboree is being held in this northern Province. The event also coincides with 100 years of Scouting in Jaffna. Around 200 overseas Scouts and leaders from Nepal, India, Malaysia and Bangladesh are joining around 8,000 Sri Lankan participants.

At the event President Sirisena recognized the Scout leaders including Chief Commissioner Nimal de Silva for their dedication to serve Scouting in Sri Lanka.

Among the 25 activities offered at the Jamboree are adventure, skills, culture, environment, archaeology, traditional games, health and sustainable energy.



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2016 events

Youth Programme Workshop

31 January - 5 February
Myanmar

MoP ROC Meeting

15-18 February
Malaysia

National Trainer's Conference

19-21 February
Pangasinan
Philippines

Visit to Gerakan Pramuka

20-21 February
Indonesia

Visayas BSP Executives Conference

1-3 March
Philippines

BSP Eastern Visayas Key 3 Conference

3 March
Tacloban, Philippines

BSP holds 60th Annual National Council Meeting

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) held its 60th Annual National Council Meeting (ANCM) from 17 to 19 February 2016 in Pangasinan Province, northern Philippines. The ANCM delivered reports from the National President, Hon Jejomar C Binay and the National Treasurer, and conducted the National Court of Honor.

Four regular members of the National Executive Board were elected: Mr Wendel E Avisado, Mr Francisco Aniag Jr, Mr Leo Lasacar and Mr Jose Maria Gastardo.

At the Court of Honor, awards presented were Tribute to the Scoutmaster, Outstanding Local Council/Regional Chairpersons and Outstanding Local/Regional Commissioners.

Among the attendees were National Executive Board members, Regional Directors of the Department of Education, schools division superintendents, local council members and other local officials representing 121 local councils in the country.

Youth Forums select representatives to BSP Executive Board

Before the ANCM, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines held its 2016 National Scout Youth Forum for Luzon on 11-13 February 2016 in Pangasinan Province.

The Scout Youth Forum is organized to fill in the need for youth participation in decision-making. It is a place for information, training and discussion of various issues. It is also a source of inspiration with opportunities to meet new people, share innovative ideas, different experiences and working methods.

At the youth forum, three Scout representatives are elected to the BSP highest policy making body, the National Executive Board, for a term of one year. The Scout representatives are the voice of 2.4 million youth members of BSP in the three main islands of the Philippines – Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

At the youth forum in Pangasinan, Scout Miguel M. Manipon was elected as the new Regional Scout Representative for Luzon. Earlier this January, the Mindanao Youth Forum elected Scout Emilio D.S. Aquino II. The Youth Forum for Visayas is scheduled to be held on 4-6 March 2016 at Tacloban City.

2016 National Trainers Conference

Boy Scouts of the Philippines has over 200,000 adult leaders supporting 2.4 million youth members, of which 156,000 are unit leaders and 50,000 are lay members and volunteers.

The National Trainers' Conference was held on 19-21 February in Pangasinan, Philippines for the purpose of gathering National Training Team members for updates on concepts and recent practices in the conduct of training courses. Around 130 Leader Trainers and Assistant Leader Trainers represented the 10 regions of the country.

Inputs and discussions include the WOSM Educational Methods, WOSM's Better World Framework, National Training Policy, Trends and Development in Adult Training, Learning and Education, among others as well as Trainers' Outlook on Training Unit Leaders on Program Delivery – among others. Rev. Leonides Son, National Training Commissioner, directed the conference.

National Youth Forum for the Visayas

4-6 March
Tacloban, Philippines

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training Course

6-10 March
Ligao City, Philippines

Regional Scout Committee Members' Orientation

8 April
Indonesia

RSC Meeting – Indonesia

9-10 April

APR Sub-Committees orientation

11 April
Indonesia

APR Sub-Committees meeting

12 April
Indonesia

APR MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering

20-24 April
India

World Scout Seminar on Environment Education

18-21 May
Czech Republic

Senior Management Team Meeting

29 May - 4 June
Kuala Lumpur

APR Management meeting

15-17 June
Philippines

New Chief Commissioner of Malaysia

On 6 January 2016, Dato' Dr Mohd Zin Bidin was appointed as the new Chief Commissioner of Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia.

Dr Zin had an illustrious career in the Military Medical Services. He was a professor and founding Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the National Defence University of Malaysia and retired with rank of Major General.

Upon his retirement from the Ministry of Defence, he was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University College Shahputra.

A Scout in his school days, Dr Zin was awarded the King Scout badge in 1971. He became a Scoutmaster in 1975 and made his way to be the Assistant National Chief Commissioner in 2002. In 2015, he was appointed the Deputy Chief Commissioner until his recent appointment as Chief Commissioner.

Founder's Day Celebrations

Maldives. To mark the Founder's Day and Thinking Day, Afeefuddin (HDh. Kulhuduffushi) Scouts and Cub Scouts made it a creative affair with a hand printing activity. They wrote messages describing how great they feel about "Once a Scout, always a Scout". Another group of over 100 Scouts and Girl Guides had a community service by cleaning beach areas.

Macau. Around 400 Scouts held a two-day event at the headquarters on 20th and 21st February with a variety of activities like watching video clips about BP's biography and the World Scout Jamboree, reflecting on BP's quotes, knowing about the development of Scouting in Macau, coloring the cartoon BP, and making BP quotes bookmarks.

MOP Statistics for January 2016

Translated in numbers, MoP in Asia-Pacific is making great progress. This was how the top ten NSOs performed in January 2016 in terms of MoP Service Hours, Service Project, and scout.org Users:

Top 10 NSO - Service Hours	
Philippines	542,166,370
India	271,973,340
Indonesia	1,765,387
Malaysia	793,588
Sri Lanka	253,562
Bangladesh	231,502
Australia	167,389
Mongolia	106,733
Singapore	80,576
Pakistan	44,492

Top 10 NSO - Users (scout.org)	
Philippines	13,622
India	13,323
Indonesia	13,029
Malaysia	5,387
Bangladesh	2,713
Pakistan	2,434
Australia	1,942
Sri Lanka	1,262
Thailand	1,040
Hong Kong	967

Note: Afghanistan, a non-member country, ranks 11th with 756 scout.org Users

APR Staff Development Workshop

18-21 June

YP Development Workshop for Young People with Special Needs

26-29 June

Mongolia

3rd Prep meeting for 31st APR Scout Jamboree

30 June

Mongolia

2nd Int'l Jamboree (Pre-Jamb for 31st APR Scout Jamboree)

25 July - 1 August

Mongolia

HoC meeting for 31st APR Scout Jamboree

29-30 July

Mongolia

SWA Discovery Workshop

25-30 September

Maasin City, Philippines

RSC meeting

October

21st New Zealand Jamboree

29 December - 7 January

New Zealand

OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2016

(worldwide and all regions)

24th Australian Jamboree (AJ2016)

3-13 January 2016

Australia

Founder's Day

22 February, Worldwide

Top 10 NSO - Projects	
India	3,340
Philippines	1,179
Indonesia	944
Malaysia	773
Bangladesh	171
Pakistan	114
Sri Lanka	112
Australia	84
Japan	53
Scouts of China	34

What's Ongoing

Scouts Build

The Asia-Pacific Support Centre released a circular on behalf of partner organization Habitat for Humanity International, a global non-profit organization committed to building homes and hope. WOSM/Asia-Pacific Scout Regional has been invited to participate in the upcoming Scout Build 2016 to be held in Cebu, Philippines from 28 March – 2 April 2016.

Scouts Build is a special event organized by Habitat for Humanity and National Scout Organizations which will provide opportunities for Scouts to participate and get involved in spreading awareness, building homes, and fundraising for decent shelter. The event aims:

1. To contribute to Impact Asia, HFHI's new campaign from 2014-2020 that unites dynamic leaders, youth and celebrities, with communities, private sector organizations and governments, to realize the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Through Impact Asia, HFHI aims to reach 25 million people in the Asia-Pacific Region by 2020; enabling 15 million people to secure safe and affordable homes and engaging a further 10 million people as volunteers, advocates and supporters.
2. To concretize the vision of Baden-Powell for Scouts to provide global service and create a better world. It will unify Scouts across the region with one solid community service activity. It serves as a dynamic reflection of the Messengers of Peace program in Scouting and shall contribute to the Scouts goal of one billion community service hours by 2020.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement's reputation and sphere of influence would be a tremendous support to this special event. We seek your help to connect to Asia-Pacific's most committed and brightest young people by participating in this Scout Build 2016.

For interested NSOs, please contact the Asia-Pacific Support Centre and Mr Leo Cabasag, Volunteer Programs Coordinator lcabasag@habitat.org, who will give further information how your organization can register.

2016 APR Scout Photo Contest

APR Support Centre thanks all NSOs participating in the 2016 APR Photo Contest. Entries are received from Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Philippines. Pre-selection will be on 10 March 2016 and the final selection will be in Japan.

Africa Day

13 March

22nd European Scout Conference

17-21 June 2016
Norway

8th General Assembly of World Scout Parliamentary Union

3-5 August 2016
Sweden

5th World Scout Interreligious Symposium

September

International Day of Peace

21 September
Worldwide

3rd Eurasia Scout Youth Forum

4-5 October 2016, Armenia

6th Eurasia Scout Conference

6-8 October 2016, Armenia

-59th Jamboree On the Air -20th Jamboree on the Internet

15-16 October 2016
Worldwide

5th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum

24-25 October 2016
United States

26th Interamerican Regional Scout Conference

26-29 October 2016
United States

What's Upcoming

12th Nippon Agoonoree National Camp for the Scouts with special needs

On behalf of the Scout Association of Japan (SAJ), invitation is extended to all National Scout Organizations to send Scouts with special needs, youth assistance Scouts and leaders to the 12th Nippon Agoonoree to be held in Fujinomiya City - the foot of Mt. Fuji, Shizuoka Prefecture from Friday, 12 to Tuesday, 16 August 2016.

The Agoonoree will gather 700 Scouts and leaders from all over Japan, and around 60 Scouts and leaders from overseas.

10th Indonesia Jamboree

"Cool. Fun and Happy" is the theme of Indonesia's upcoming 10th National Scout Jamboree on 14-21 August 2016.

Cibubur Scout Camp in Jakarta will house an estimated of 25,000 Scouts and leaders from 34 provinces of Indonesia and around 1,000 overseas Scouts. Exciting challenges in land and water activities await the participants.

For registration and inquiries, contact International Commissioner Mr Ahmad Rusdi of Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia.
Email: kwarnas@centrin.net.id

3rd Arab Scout Youth Forum

1-5 November 2016
Oman

28th Arab Scout Conference

5-10 November 2016
Oman

II Interamerican Scout Camporee & XV Interamerican Scout Jamboree

27 December 2016 -
2 January 2017
Ecuador

21st New Zealand Jamboree

29 December 2016 -
7 January 2017
New Zealand

2016 APR CIRCULARS

Circular No. 1, series of 2016

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