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# 31st APR Jamboree: The Nomadic adventure lives on

Before a crowd of more than 5,000 Scouts from 30 countries attending the 31st APR Scout Jamboree, WOSM Secretary General Ahmad Alhendawi, addressed the organisers and participants through a video message saying "the Jamboree is a time to fully appreciate the gifts of Scouting which are the gifts of nature, diversity and learning."

Asia-Pacific Chairman Paul Parkinson, in his message, said that participants of the Jamboree are

privileged people who stand in the land rich in history. It may be time to say goodbye to five days of adventure – leaving behind Mongolia's nomadic life and the breathtaking Jamboree valley – but the experience lives on with great learning and new encounters.

The Scout Association of Mongolia coincidentally celebrated also its 25th founding anniversary.





# APR targets over 42 million Scouting membership growth by 2023



*"Scouting is a movement, because it moves forward. As soon as it stops moving, it becomes an organisation, and is no longer Scouting" – Baden Powell*

Suncheon, South Korea – In cooperation with Korea Scout Association (KSA), the Asia-Pacific Support Centre organized a workshop on Membership Growth from 14 to 20 July 2017. The workshop aims to support National Scout Organizations (NSOs) in reaching the Region's membership growth target to help achieve WOSM Vision 2023.

## VISION 2023

*"By 2023, Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens inspiring positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values."*

The Region's projected growth targets an average of 3% annually, a vision that was positively received by the NSO key leaders. Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region is envisioned to achieve a 38.9% growth in membership by 2023, from currently 30 million Scout members to 42 million Scouts and active citizens creating positive change in the community and in the

world.

As one of the many steps to be taken, the workshop helped build internal capacity within NSOs to attract more people to join Scouting and keep Scouts inspired and moving. The workshop also helped NSOs to:

- develop analytical competency and identify the scope for membership growth
- describe essential factors for quantitative growth in Scouting
- draft membership growth strategy at national and local level
- develop action plan for 2017-2018 on Growth and Strategy

With these objectives, the NSO key leaders agreed to improve coordination within the national and sub-national level organizations to increase their efforts in bringing Scouting to areas that it does not exist and ensuring that Scouting is available to all segments of society.

The workshop was attended by 33 key leaders from 17 NSOs (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, and Sri Lanka).



## WSB Asia-Pacific Support Centre warmly welcomes WOSM Secretary General Ahmad Alhendawi

Secretary General Ahmad Alhendawi met with the APR team and shared his vision of a revitalised One World Scout Bureau.

*"Our Vision 2023 is not just our contribution to the Movement, it is our contribution to the world. We are here to advance the work of the Movement, not to inherit it but to pass it on and take it to new heights."*

-- Ahmad Alhendawi





# Ticket to Life: The irony of a slice of Pizza



By Bryan DG

"You should take pride on who you are today, your courage and resilience have made you a better person. You are one of the best examples of Scouts because despite of difficult life circumstances, you chose to be better" - an inspiring message from WOSM Secretary General Ahmad Alhendawi to a group of street kids whose lives changed by joining Scouting through the Ticket to Life (TTL) Project.

As part of his visit to the Asia-Pacific Support Centre, Mr Ahmad Alhendawi met with a Scout Troop in Manila, Philippines supported by APR Ticket to Life Project. It was a day filled with excitement and inspiration amongst the Scouts. Meeting a Scouting personage is a common occurrence for them, for one, the King of Sweden King Carl Gustaf XVI has also visited them in 2014. And every time, these Scouts whose lives began on the street continue to inspire with the incredible transformation they brought upon themselves.

Queenie Morales, a young girl who spent 18 years living in a park and doing her homework under the street-light will graduate next year from a university as a teacher.

Joseph Anderson, a boy who sleeps in a parked public transport jeepney is now a third-year university student taking up a course in Banking and Finance.

Jerwin Gonzales, a boy who was a street snatcher and drug-dependent is now one of the trained Scout Leaders in this troop. "When I started, I was only in it for the food, and because there was Pizza! Eventually, with the activities we were doing, I learned that I can do and be better" shared Jerwin.

"These children are true heroes" said Sophie Castillo, the troop's coordinator. "In nine years of this Scout group's existence, I grew up with them, saw a different and humbling perspective in life and I found God amongst these children. I gained 40 children and I realized how blessed I am".

Not only did this project helped develop these children into positive members of their community, it also gave

them a home with a peculiar set of family.

"I don't know where I would be if not for Scouting and the Ticket to Life Project. It gave me a sense of purpose, confidence to dream and develop aspirations to serve others. Most of it all, a family" shared Joseph.

At the end of the simple gathering, Ahmad treated them with pizza for lunch as a reminder that the road to creating a better world starts with what seems to be the simplest of steps. In this one, a free slice of pizza.

The Ticket to Life Project is a flagship project currently implemented by the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (APR-WOSM) to integrate street children in society through Scouting. A group of committed and compassionate especially trained Scouts venture out onto the streets, rubbish dumps and parking lots which are often home to young boys and girls who may be living in disadvantage families, an outcast or orphans. This project aspires to mentor them in various aspects such as Education, Discovery of self-worth and esteem, Personal development, Self- exploration and Team spirit.



# Bangladesh Scouts -- creating a new generation of Active Citizens

*"It is in your hand to create a better world for all who live in it" – Nelson Mandela*

BANGLADESH - "Scouting can play a very significant role in grooming the new generation as a modern progressive and creative nation coping with worldwide competition" - a message by His Honorable M Abdul Hamid, President of Bangladesh and Chief Scout at the 46th Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Bangladesh Scouts on 13 July 2017.

President M Abdul Hamid appealed to Scouts and Leaders to expand Scouting activities at the grass root level, and to encourage and engage more young people to do Scouting and be Active Citizens.

In line with the Bangladesh Scouts National Strategic Plan 2021, the President lauded the various initiatives of Scouts to help grow Scouting membership to 2.1 million from the existing 1.6 million.

"We must inform the new generation that there is no room for militancy or communalism on the soil of our holy homeland" he added.

During the event, President M Abdul Hamid awarded 353 outstanding Scouts for their significant contributions to the Scout Movement including 8 Silver Tiger Award, Bangladesh's highest award given to Adult Scouts. Twenty Scouts received the Silver Hilsa Award and 325 Scouts was awarded with the President Scout Award.

The event was covered live by the national television BTV, the daily news and online portals. Correspondence.

-- S. M. Shahriar,  
National Commissioner PR  
& Marketing, Bangladesh Scouts



## Beacon of hope: Rovers spend time, play with young cancer patients

Scouting is more than fun and exciting activities. Rovers of Bangladesh Scouts are helping in a pediatric and oncology unit is a perfect example of this.

A total of 40 Rovers spend 2-3 hours a day, 3 days a week, working on a rotation basis -- playing, conducting arts activity and reading story books for children who are diagnosed with cancer, whenever their physical condition allow it. These activities help them (kids) reduce their trauma and anxiety from the disease and treatment. It also decreases the feeling of isolation.

The initiative started on 3 June 2017, in partnership with the Pediatric Oncology Department of Bangabondhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. The project aims to provide emotional support to the patients as well as the parents to help them face the challenge with courage.

MoP Bangladesh Team plans to expand its voluntary service with new and more useful activities, such as collecting blood for patients; providing financial support for medicine especially for poor patients;

provide meals on a weekly or monthly basis and launch an awareness campaign about cancer.

-- S. M. Shahriar, National Commissioner PR & Marketing, Bangladesh Scouts





# Nepal Scouts, taking a step forward to inspire peace

*"Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding" – Albert Einstein*

NEPAL – In cooperation with Asia-Pacific Support Centre, Nepal Scouts is taking a step forward in implementing the Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiative at the grassroots level.

On 08 – 11 July 2017, the MoP Local Coordinators met in Lakeside Pokhara, Nepal to build their capacity in promoting the MoP Initiative and expand the network in their own districts.

Forty-one Scout leaders were introduced to WOSM's Better World Framework and took this very important role of taking actions to advance the MoP Initiative at the local level. During the gathering, participants are oriented on Globalization of Network, Project Management, and how to inspire and encourage their Scouts to be Messengers of Peace and initiate Peace actions wherever they are.

To give a practical experience, a field activity was held in a secondary school as a practicum for the MoP local coordinators by delivering modules inspiring and encouraging over 100 students to become Messengers of Peace. As a start, many of them created their profile on scout.org to build up a network with other similar Scouts inspired by the MoP Initiative. This in turn, school's Principal is committed to start a Scout and Guide Unit for the students.

Twenty-seven districts of Nepal were represented (Jhapa, Parsa, Bara, Katmandhu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Chitawan, Nawalparasi, Lamjung, Guimi, Kaskhi, Arghakhachi, Bajura, Kailali, Gokkha, Surkhet, Makawanpur, Dolakha, Sankhuwasabha, Ramechhap, dhanusha, Kaski, Dhading), and the Mayor of Pokhara-Lekhnath Metropolitan City, Mr Man Bahadur G.C., graced the meeting and offered his support to Scouting and the MoP Initiative.



# WHAT's UP

## APR Scout Foundation Fellowship Gathering and Fundraising Dinner

You are invited!

In celebration of 25 years of commitment to support and strengthen Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region (APR), the APR Scout Foundation is holding a fellowship gathering and fund raising dinner hosted by the Hong Kong Scout Association.

**Date & Time:** 23 September 2017, 17.30pm  
Venue: Congregation Hall, 11/F, Scout Association of Hong Kong Scout Path, Austin Road Kowloon, HONG KONG

**Deadline of confirmation:** Kindly confirm your attendance by **15 August 2017** to [ilse@scout.org.hk](mailto:ilse@scout.org.hk) (Scout Association of Hong Kong), with copy to

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*See you there!*





# Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Education Forum (EduFor) 2017

EduFor 2017 will serve as an evaluation on how the region progressed, as well as the National Scout Organizations (NSO), taking into consideration the outcomes of the World Scout Education Congress emphasizing the implementation of the World Youth Programme Policy in the NSOs' Youth Programme.

The basic information of the regional education forum are as follows:

**Date:** 9-12 December 2017. Participants are asked to arrive on 8 December 2017 and may leave on 13 December 2017.

**Venue:** National Scout Training Center, Mouchak, Gazipur, Bangladesh

**Aim of the Forum:** To create a common understanding of all educational matters that World and Regional Scouting are offering young people in the region. The target is to strengthen our understanding of our core business, based from the outputs of 1WSEC (Hong Kong) in 2013 and from the 2WSEC (Kandersteg) in 2017.

## **Provisional Forum Objectives:**

At the end of the forum, the participants of the forum will be able to:

### **LEARN**

- identify the main changes in educational matters in Scouting at World and Regional level
- analyse the Scouting educational needs for their NSOs

### **DO**

- meet with different expertise in Scouting education

- share their experiences on Educational Methods

### **FEEL**

- value partnerships to strengthen the work around educational methods
- create common understanding on different educational matters

### **Eligible participants:**

The Forum is an opportunity for NSO leaders (volunteers or professional) responsible for topics related to education (youth programme, adults in Scouting, unit leader training, age sections, diversity, community development, etc.) to meet and share information as well as form partnerships and work together on topics of common interest.

**Forum Fee:** US\$150.00, which includes inland transportation between the international airport and the forum venue; food (from dinner of 8 December 2017 to breakfast of 13 December 2017); accommodation for five nights (four persons in one room); forum kit and documents; and a half-day educational tour. After the Forum, participants may visit (at own cost) the world's longest uninterrupted "natural sand" beach – Cox's Bazar

If your participants are interested to visit this place, you may kindly communicate with Bangladesh Scouts directly on or before 15 October 2017.



## Promoting Scouting Growth and Stability at #AseanJambo2017

The ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC), in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) will be holding the 6TH ASEAN SCOUT JAMBOREE on 27 November – 2 December 2017 in Energy Park, Apokon, Tagum City, Davao del Norte Philippines with the theme, "Growth and Stability."

The Jamboree aims to provide a progressive, safe and enjoyable learning environment for the Scouts in order to enhance their physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual potentials. At the end of the Jamboree, the participants should be able to:

- Promote ASEAN Community and Solidarity;





- Promote the highest quality of Scouting, one that is faithful to the mission, principles and method of Scouting and adapted to the needs and aspirations of young people;
- Undertake high-adventure activities, including community service projects related to the current thrusts of World Scouting (Environment Education, Peace Education and Development Education) through the different World Programmes under the Better World Framework - Messengers of the Peace (MoP) Initiatives, World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP) and

its ancillary programs (Scouts Go Solar, YUNGA Challenge Badges), and the Scouts of the World (SW) Award Programme;

- Undergo projects, programs and activities that will
- cater to the fulfillment of the requirements of selected merit badges and scout ranks under the Advancement Scheme;
- Develop core life skills and 21st century leadership capabilities through team building, cooperative learning, group dynamics, creative problem-solving and decision-making skills;
- Keep oneself abreast with the

prevailing issues about the environment, human rights, health, education, culture and science and technology through the Global Development Village, City of Science and Cross Roads of Cultures, among others.

For more details, read through this link.

What are you waiting for? Contact your local council and be part of this exciting and life-changing adventure!

To catch up with the latest updates, visit (and like!) the 6th ASEAN Jamboree official Facebook pages @facebook.com/aseanjam

## APR Workshop on Strategic Partnerships

Sharing values



Generating Projects



Telling the Stories

### Workshop Objectives

1. Understand and explore the positive impact of strategic partnership by sharing best practices at world, region and local levels
2. Identify existing and potential partners – government, non-government, business, educational institutions, foundations, UN agencies, civil society – what they do and what Scouts can offer to achieve similar goals
3. Learn how to tap potential partners, develop and generate sustainable projects, combine resources and expertise, expand and grow as partners
4. Highlight the educational process of partnership as well as its social dimension through shared values and advocacy, resource mobilisation, humanitarian action, etc.

5. Learn the skills of telling and sharing partnership stories  
Date: 10-13 October 2017 (participants to arrive on 9th October and may leave on the 14th)

**Venue:** National Scout Training Centre, Mouchak, Bangladesh

### Participants

Volunteers and full-time Scout professionals responsible for partnerships and other related areas such as Communications & External Relations, Community Development.

The workshop will involve the World Scout Bureau Global Office, external resource persons, and the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee.

### Registration Fee

US\$150.00 will cover accommodation, food, materials and local transport during the event.





# 2017

# EVENTS

## MoP Evaluation

21 - 23 August, Mongolia

## 15th World Scout Moot

25 July - 2 August, Iceland

## 31st APR Scout Jamboree

27 July - 2 August, Mongolia

## 13th World Scout Youth Forum

7-10 August, Azerbaijan

## 41st World Scout Conference

13-18 August, Azerbaijan

## Scout Shop Manager's Meet

2-3 September, Philippines

## APR Staff Development Workshop

11-15 September, Philippines

## APR Adult Support Sub Committee Meeting

20 September, Hong Kong

## APR Workshop on Adult Support to Youth Programme

21-24 September, Hong Kong

## APRSF Fundraising Dinner

23 September, Hong Kong

## APR Environment Education Workshop

29 Sept - 3 Oct, Sri Lanka

## APR Scouting Profile Sub Committee Meeting

9 October, Bangladesh

## APR Workshop on Strategic Partnership

10-13 October, Bangladesh

## JOTA-JOTI

20-22 October

## MoP Training Bhutan

27-31 October

## Strategic Meeting with Nepal Scouts

3 - 4 October

## Course for Assistant Leader Trainers

6-12 November, Nepal

## Global Support Staff Meeting

8-10 November

## WOSM Staff Meeting

13-19 November, Arab

## GSAT Bangladesh

24 - 25 November

## 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

27 Nov-2 December, Philippines

## CSPSA Forum

7-10 December

## APR Scout Education Forum 2017

9-12 December, Bangladesh

## APR Staff Year-End Get Together

16 December



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