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What's New

New Regional Director for the Asia-Pacific Region appointed

In agreement with the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, Scott Teare, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, has appointed Mr Jose Rizal C Pangilinan, 50 years old, from Morong, Rizal, Philippines, as the new Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Regional Office.

Mr Pangilinan, known to many as "J.R.", previously held the position of Director, Programme & Community Development at the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of WSB before returning to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines where he served as Director of Field Operations, Assistant Secretary General, and Secretary General since 2003.

J.R. holds a Master of Arts degree in Administration and Supervision. He also holds the rank of Commander in the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Throughout his career, J.R. has developed and maintained a strong network both regionally and internationally. Having spent more than 20 years as a Scout professional, J.R. received the Loyalty Award from the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in 2009 and the Gold USA Award in 2012. He also holds numerous awards from other National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region.

We extend our warmest welcome to J.R. Pangilinan as he prepares to take up his new responsibilities for World Scouting. He is expected to report from 1st June 2013 although he will assume the responsibility from 1st July 2013.

The current Regional Director Mr Rasheed assumed office from 1st June 2002 from his predecessor Mr Kim Kyu Young of Korea. He is retiring after completing 11 years of service when his current contract expires on 30th June 2013. Mr Rasheed is scheduled to leave Manila on 4th July to return to Maldives.

World Scout Committee and Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee joint meet in Jakarta

Indonesian Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs, Hon. Roy Suryo welcomed the members of the World Scout Committee (WSC) and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee (APRSC) on their first joint meeting at the Cibubur Scout Centre, Jakarta from 23rd to 24th March 2013. WSC Chairman Simon Hang Bock Rhee and APRSC Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po, including members of both Committees were present.

The minister said the Indonesian government considers Scouting as very important for young people. He thanked the Scouting leaders for their presence as a way of supporting Gerakan Pramuka which Secretary General Scott Teare and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed both agreed. He recalled that Scouting came to Indonesia through the Dutch East Indies in 1912, and with the unification of various Scouting organizations into one Scout association, Gerakan Pramuka was born in 1961.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

49th APR Basic Management Course
4-14 April
Malaysia

Ticket to Life project Evaluation
11-17 April
Philippines

Suncheon Scout Centre Board Meeting
19-21 April
Korea

Consultancy Visit
20-25 April
Fiji

Advanced Unit Leaders Training Course
20-26 May
Afghanistan

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting
3-6 June
Taiwan

APR Management Committee Meeting
13-14 June
Philippines

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree
8-12 July
Thailand

APR Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Schemes Review
20-26 July
Thailand

Meanwhile, WSC Chairman Simon Rhee said that being the largest National Scout Organization in the world, Indonesia can play a greater role in global Scouting activities. Simon also mentioned that the joint meeting of WSC and RSC in Jakarta is historical and hoped that the meeting will produce important decisions for the benefit of Scouting worldwide in line with the vision "creating a better world". Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po echoed the same thing.

The first joint meeting was held on 24th March at Cibubur Scout centre where review was made on key focus areas and presentations, highlighting the work undertaken at both levels. On the Asia-Pacific side, three papers were presented. RSC member Janaprith Fernando presented the regional strategy, Wendel Avisado on future plans and Shree Ram Lamichhane on regional challenges. From the WSC side, presentations were made on four priority areas, work of other task teams and the current status of relocation of the central office. After the presentation, discussions were held which lasted for nearly one and a half hours.

Earth Hour celebration

On Saturday evening, 23 March, all members of WSC and RSC had a welcome dinner at the office of the Minister of Youth and Sports, and joined millions of Scouts in Indonesia and around the world in celebrating the "Earth Hour 2013" where they drew their own carbon footprint.

Friendship and Fun at the International Scout Peace Camp

The International Scout Peace Camp (ISPC) officially opened with fanfare where more than 500 participants and guests attended the opening ceremony of the ISPC at the Cibubur Scout camp on 5th March. The peace camp is one of the Messengers of Peace initiatives. Around 150 participants came from different countries including Madagascar, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Scouts of China (Taiwan), Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Thailand, Azerbaijan, Singapore, Oman, Australia, Zimbabwe, Moldova, Hong Kong, Macau, South Africa, Kuwait, Mexico, Philippines, Maldives, and local participants from 31 out of 33 provinces of Indonesia.

Among the guests were the entire World Scout Committee and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, with Mr Simon, Dr Chao Shou-Po, Scott Teare, Abdullah Rasheed and Chief Commissioner of Gerakan Pramuka Dr Azrul Azwar.

Mr Simon Rhee urged the Rovers to live the spirit of scouting and to spread the message of peace wherever they may be. The Chief Commissioner of Gerakan Pramuka opened the camp and said it is a great honour for Gerakan Pramuka to host the international event. After a day in Cibubur, the participants will be divided into three subcamps, at Kampung Domba (Banten Province), Kampung Sukaratu (West Java Province), and Setu Babakan (Jakarta Province). At every subcamp, the participants will stay with local people for three days. They will learn Indonesian art with an opportunity to do community service.

The guests of honour autographed the special Commemorative Cover issued by the Indonesian Postal Service. This is a limited edition of commemorative cover of only 2,000 pieces. After the opening ceremony, the Governor of Jakarta, Joko Widodo and Vice Governor Basuki Tjahja Purnama hosted lunch for all members of the World Scout Committee and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee.

Regional Chairman and Secretary General visit Gerakan Pramuka HQ

Regional Chairman Dr. Chao Shou-Po and Secretary General of WOSM, Mr Scott Teare, accompanied by Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, visited the national headquarters of Gerakan Pramuka to meet the key leaders of the association.

30th APR Scout Jamboree

1-7 August
Japan

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

3-4 August
India

14th World Scout Moot

8-18 August
Canada

World Scout Committee Meeting

September
Argentina

APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management

25-28 September
Cambodia

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

20-21 October
Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI

19-20 October
Worldwide

World Scout Education Congress

21-24 November
Hong Kong

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December – 6 January
2014

Dr Azrul briefed the visiting team and said that Scouting is not compulsory in the country. Out of 60 million young people of Scout age, only about one-third or 20 million boys and girls have joined scouting.

He further explained the aspects of the revitalization process since 2006 having three main aspects: first is organizational which includes strengthening one association through law. Second is strengthening of the educational dimension of scouting and lastly, the emphasis on self-reliance. He added that the first aspect has been implemented. In terms of education, five dimensions are integrated into all sectional youth programmes supported by materials including translations of WOSM publications into Bahasa Indonesia.

Bangladesh Chief Scout passes away

We are sad to announce the passing away of the Chief Scout of Bangladesh HE Zillur Rahma. The Regional Scout Committee at its meeting in Jakarta on 23rd observed a minute of silence and conveyed its condolences to the members of Bangladesh scouts as well to the family of the late Zillur Rahman.

The Chief Scout's invaluable contribution and support to Scouting at national, regional and world levels, will surely inspire many people and his passing away is definitely a loss to the Scout Movement.

Scouts' immediate response to Bangladesh' biting cold

Cold wave gripped Bangladesh's northeastern regions since mid-December last year prompting Bangladesh Scouts to respond.

Scouts, Rovers and adult leaders distributed 26,500 blankets to victims, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme in many worst-hit areas.

Before the distribution, Bangladesh Scouts had preliminary work through house-to-house visits, preparing the list of beneficiaries, including the so-called "floating people."

Also in other areas, Scouts and Rovers from Dhaka Rover district and Daffodil International University Scout Group collected clothes and blankets for distribution to affected people. A total of 28,000 victims have been assisted since January.

Cambodian Scouts hold their first historic national camp

Cambodia Scouts held its 1st National Scout Camp at Chitapich Mountain, Kirivong District, Takoe Province under the theme "Building today for tomorrow!". There were 300 Participants from five municipalities and provinces as well as from Phnom Penh, Takoe, Kandal, Kampot, and Kampong Speu. This is the first Scout Camp in the history of Scouting in Cambodia. The recent group of first wood-badge holders of Cambodia Scouts comprised the camp organizing committee.

H.E Srey Ben, Governor and President of Cambodia Scouts of Takoe, together with H.E Kong Uok, Vice President of Cambodian Scouts graced the colourful opening ceremony. Mr Tuon Siphann, Vice President of Cambodian Scouts and International Commissioner, and many other scout leaders and guests also attended. For three days and two nights, the participants took part in life skills activities and worked in patrols. They rendered community service and had briefing sessions on Messenger of Peace and the MoP Network.

Cambodian Scouts became a full member of WOSM in 2008 and since then a number of national workshops have been held in the country including regional workshops. Currently the Cambodian scouts are actively working on the construction of a Scout Centre within the vicinity of a world heritage centre with funding from Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting contributes to good citizenship

In his address at the inauguration ceremony of the 14th National Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal's Prime Minister and Patron of Nepal Scouts Dr Baburam Bhattarai said Scouting contributes to good citizenship and saw Scouting as important to young people, considering the present situation of the country.

Joining the Prime Minister was the Ministry of Youth and Sports Secretary Mr Hari Prasad who assured supporting Nepal Scouts in implementing its programme. A National Council meeting was held after the inauguration where national secretaries presented their annual report.

Prime Minister Bhattarai also urged Nepal Scouts to give special attention to the upcoming 2nd National Scout Jamboree, from 10-15 April 2013 this year in Tikauli, Chitwan district where the Prime Minister will be the Chief Guest. The 2nd national jamboree is a historical event after a gap of 26 years. Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichhane said that Nepal Scouts will give their best to provide the participants a good Jamboree adventure.

Scouts NZ Community Project

Rather than let any excess or un-harvestable garden or orchard produce go to waste, the Scouts delivered flyers around Hokowhitu householders letting them know they would come and gather up garden crops as part of a community service project. If people have too many tomatoes, for instance, the produced is passed on to the Salvation Army Foodbank. If there are elderly, ill or disabled people who are unable to pick their own produce, the scouts will harvest it for them so they can enjoy the fruits of their garden.

Supported by parents, and equipped with ladders and wheelbarrows, the Keas, Cubs, and Scouts turn up on the evening of Thursday, March 7 to do their community project. With 70 people involved in the group, the parents provided support in transport, and lifting the barrows and supervising.

15th International Adventure Programme

15th International adventure Programme was held at National Adventure Institute Panchmarhi, India from 16th to 25th February. A total of 228 adventure lovers participated including 212 from India, 11 from Bangladesh and 5 from Sri Lanka.

Besides adventure, participants prepared various types of dishes without using utensils as their backwoodsman cooking. On 22nd February, Thinking Day was observed as a tribute to the Lord and Lady Baden Powell. Using the nature rich environment, participants had rock climbing, rappelling, valley crossing, archery, air guns shooting, rifle shooting, and horse riding. The adventure ended with an all-faiths prayer meeting.

Another Scout Movie opens in Jakarta

After the success of "Lima Elang" (Five Eagles), a Scout movie released in 2011 to commemorate 50th anniversary of Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesia Scout Association), another Scout movie is now in theaters across Indonesia.

The film "Hasduk Berpola" (Patterned Neckerchief) talks about the love within the family and how that love can make you sacrifice to support one's dream.

The 100-minute film started by unfolding the life of Masnun, a veteran ex-fighter during Indonesia's fight for independence in 1945, and living with his widow daughter and grandchildren Budi and Bening. Although he made a significant contribution to his country, he is living in poverty. Unfazed by poverty, his grandson Budi was determined to continue being an active Scout despite not having the money to buy Scout supplies he needed for activities.

Bening, seeing her brother's passion for Scouting along with his struggles, decided to give up her favorite bed linen to make a Scout neckerchief for her brother. The love and friendship the siblings have for each other allowed that Scouting dream of Budi to continue.

During the visit of World Scout Foundation Executive Director John Geoghegan in Indonesia last year, he saw the official trailer of the movie and gave the trailer a "thumbs up." John said the film speaks about Scouting spirit to never give up and the willingness to help at all times. "The movie is very inspiring to young people. The values and spirit of peace that exist in the film fits with our current program Messengers of Peace," John said.

John asked the film director Harris Nizam to be a Messenger of Peace and even gave his MoP neckerchief. Harries said that he was pleased to be a Messenger of Peace, and felt that it was a challenge to

improve more on his work in the future.

The movie premiere opened in Planet Hollywood XXI Theater in Jakarta on 19th March 2013, attended by Gerakan Pramuka key scout leaders. *By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

Rovers of BSG India rendered yeomen service at "Kumbh Mela Service Camp"

The Kumbh Mela, believed to be the largest religious gathering on earth, is held every 12 years on the banks of 'Sangam' the confluence of the holy Rivers Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati. The mela (fair) alternates between Nasik, Allahabad, Ujjain and Haridwar every three years. This one celebrated at the Holy Sangam in Allahabad where multitudes of people came for a day for a holy dip.

A National level Rover service camp was organized at Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh from 7th to 16th February 2013 where 142 Rovers from 16 states participated in the service camp.

Rovers rendered services to the pilgrims and assisted the Police and Civil administration in smooth conduct of the holy bath. Lost and Found booths, information counters, traffic points, were manned by Rovers.

Rovers of Indian Railways also set up another service camp at Railway area to support Railway administration. They did exemplary services at the collapse of the foot bridge at Allahabad Railway station killing 24 pilgrims. They brought relief to thousands of people who were distressed during this tragedy. *By Honorary correspondent SS Ray*

What's On-going

Course for Leader Trainers

Who: Assistant Leader Trainers
When: 29 March – 2 April
Where: Gilwell Park, Melbourne, Australia

49th Basic Management Course

Who: Professional Scout Executives and volunteers in executive positions at national and sub-national levels. Potential Professional Scouters may also be nominated to take part in the course.
When: 4 - 14 April 2013
Where: Penang, Malaysia

Course for Leader Trainers

Who: Assistant Leader Trainers
When: 2 - 7 April 2013
Where: Taiwan

Consultancy Visit

Who: Members of APR Specialist Panel
When: 20 - 25 April 2013
Where: Fiji

Suncheon Board Meeting

Who: Board members comprising of RSC, Regional office and national key leaders
When: 19 - 21 April 2013
Where: Korea

What's Upcoming

Advanced Unit Leaders Training Course

Who: Unit Leaders
When: 20-26 May
Where: Afghanistan

Be Prepared

30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree 2013

Who: Young people between 12-17 years old

When: 1 – 7 August 2013. Participants are requested to arrive 31 July and may leave 8 August 2013

Where: Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Japan

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