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What's New

2013: A vibrant year for Scouting

New Year's Greetings to all our INBOX readers!

The remarkable and event-packed 2012 had passed so quickly and we wish for 2013 more opportunities for greater involvement of Scouts and volunteers, to make every event an engaging experience, to learn, to share, and to grow.

A number of regional events are expected to take place throughout 2013. The Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiative will start the ball rolling in Manila on 23-26 February for the **MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering**. This gathering of around 25 NSO coordinators will enable participants to enhance their skills in managing and delivering MoP projects. The MoP initiative will be explained, including the Network and Funds, and the role of national coordinators will be explored. Boy Scouts of the Philippines is hosting the event, and before the workshop starts, participants are invited to witness the Peace Camp and B-P Day program on 22 February in Mt Makiling.

In March, the **Regional Scout Committee** (RSC) will meet in Jakarta on 23rd March alongside a separate meeting of the World Scout Committee (WSC) on the same day. A joint meeting of the WSC and RSC will follow in the afternoon of 24th and the next morning will be the opening of the International Scout Peace camp.

Rovers from all the six Scouting regions will take part in the **International Scout Peace Camp** on 25-31 March at Cibubur National Scout Campsite, east of Jakarta. Gerakan Pramuka will host this event for Rovers who are between 18 to 25 years old. Around 500 participants are expected to attend, 250 from the Scouting regions of Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe and Inter-america, and the remaining half from Indonesia. Selected Rovers from the six regions will be partly sponsored by the Messengers of Peace initiative.

Momentum will shift to Malaysia for the **49th APR Basic Management Course for Scout Executives** on 4-14 April. This will be an 11-day course for Scout professionals and volunteers. The course aims to strengthen the managerial competency of full time executives and volunteers in NSOs. Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia will host this course at the International Youth Centre (IYC) in Kuala Lumpur.

By mid year, Scouts of China will take its turn to organize the **APR Workshop on Environmental Education** at the GongGuangShan Monastery in Kaohsiung on 3-6 June, coinciding with the World Environment Day on the 5th of June. Scouts accountability to the environment will be the focus of this workshop with the aim of acquiring a new working knowledge on how to implement the World Scout Environment Program (WSEP). Invitation is extended to key leaders in NSOs and those responsible for community Scouting and environmental program.

Further on, from 1st to 7th August, the big event will happen in Japan at the **30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree** vis-à-vis the Scout Association of Japan's 16th National Jamboree. The event is designed for

EVENTS IN 2013

12th New Zealand Venture – Venture South 2013
5-14 January

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop 2013
16-20 January
Nepal

MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering
23-26 February
Philippines

15th International Adventure Programme

16-25 February
India

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
23-24 March
Indonesia

World Scout Committee Meeting
23-24 March
Indonesia

International Scout Peace Camp
25-31 March
Indonesia

APR Basic Management Course
4-13 April
Malaysia

Suncheon Scout Centre Board Meeting
19-21 April
Korea

Consultancy Visit
20-25 April
Fiji

Advanced Unit Leaders Training Course
20-26 May
Afghanistan

young people ages 12 to 17 years old, and it is expected to gather 14,000 Japanese Scouts and 2,000 from overseas. The campsite will be at Kirarahama in Yamaguchi City and will be a dry run for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in 2015. International Service Team (IST) should be above 18 years old and ideally not above 45 years old.

Later in the year, The Scout Association of Hong Kong will host the **1st World Scout Educational Congress**. This World Scouting event will reflect on and question the methods of education in Scouting and look at how they will be impacted by tomorrow's global trends. The 1st World Scout Educational Congress will also point the way forward to the future of the educational proposal of Scouting across the globe.

This event will take place from 21-25 November 2013 in Hong Kong, with invitations being extended to all National Scout Organizations. The main audience targeted includes National Programme Commissioners, National Training Commissioners and professional staff working for NSOs in these areas. Additionally the invitation is also extended to volunteers active in the fields of Educational Methods in the WOSM Regions. A solidarity fund will be established in due course to enable participants from all NSOs to participate. (*Reference: Circular N°35/2012*)

Excellent Job Opportunity in World Scouting

The World Scout Bureau is looking forward to receiving applications for an excellent job opportunity in World Scouting for the position of **Regional Director of the Asia Pacific Region**. Applications must reach WSB Geneva office not later than **17:00 GMT on 21 January 2013**. Interview of short listed applicants is scheduled for the last week of March. The successful candidate will assume the post from 1st June for an overlapping period of one month before formally taking over the position. The candidate will be selected after an interview by the WOSM Secretary General in consultation with the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee. An information pack for the role of Regional Director can be downloaded from www.scout.org/en/our_organisation/job_opportunities.

Appointment of Regional Consultants

Following the practice of appointing consultants to the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee, the past Regional Chairman and Vice President of the Republic of Philippines, Hon. Jejomar C. Binay, and past 1st Vice Chairman Dr. Mukyuddin Bin Sarwani have been appointed as consultants. With their vast experience in the committee and their direct involvement in Scouting activities at national level, the Committee is confident that they will continue to offer valuable and quality input to the work of the Region.

APR Executives attend Annual Management Meeting in Kandersteg

Executives of the World Scout Bureau in Manila joined their counterparts from the central office (Geneva) and five other regional offices for the Annual Management Meeting of executives. The snowy and breathtaking Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in the Swiss Alps hosted the meeting from 10-14 December.

Mr Aidan Jones, Chief Operating Officer, facilitated the meeting. The first day was devoted for senior management executives, and around 60 executives and some volunteers joined the meeting in the next four days. Discussion points include the WSB organization and location review, virtual working, global support, marketing and communications, global human resources, IT infrastructure, risk management, Messengers of Peace, and Scout Shop. Smaller groups were formed to discuss specific areas such as Educational Methods, marketing and communications, and financial management.

The meeting was a timely occasion for the **new Secretary General, Mr Scott Teare**, to meet and address about half of the entire WSB staff, just before he will officially report to work in Geneva on the 3rd of January.

A farewell party was organized for **Mr Luc Panissod** to pay tribute to his remarkable years of service to Scouting. Before his departure, Luc sent a final message to colleagues, saying "Once again thank you all for your support, trust, confidence ... and friendship all over these years. I enjoyed my job, I enjoyed working with you, we have done great things together and I will certainly miss you all."

APR Management Committee Meeting

13-14 June
Philippines

30th APR Scout Jamboree

1-7 August
Japan

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

3-4 August

14th World Scout Moot

8-18 August
Canada

56th JOTA/17th JOTI

19-20 October
Worldwide

World Scout Educational Congress

21-24 November
Hong Kong

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December – 6 January
2014

Words of gratitude from Bangladesh Scouts

Bangladesh Scouts, through its National Chief Commissioner Md Abul Kalam Azad, sent words of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the 24th APR Scout Conference. He wrote "On behalf of Bangladesh Scouts, I pay my heartfelt gratitude and deep respect for your committed and brilliant role in the successful completion of 24th APRSC in Dhaka. Without your effective service, it was near to impossible to conduct this glorious event.

"I am really indebted to you for your quality time and dedication towards scouting. We are proud of your strong leadership, foresight and hard labour. Your creativity and intelligence enable us to attain world class performance in all the areas of diverse activities of the event."

Ticket to Life national coordinators gather in Indonesia

Country coordinators of the Ticket to Life (TTL) met in Cibubur, Jakarta for the TTL Evaluation and Planning Workshop on 17-20 December. Air Marshall Eris Herryanto, Vice Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka, inaugurated the workshop.

Regional Director Mr. Abdullah Rasheed revisited the history of TTL since its launch six years ago. He said that reaching out is one of the priorities of World Scouting and TTL is one of the projects that go beyond the normal Scouting base, which is mostly in schools. He also clarified that although street children is a social concern, Scouting is an educational movement and not a charity organization. The role of Scouting in society is to make a difference in the lives of street children through the Scout method.

The workshop gathered national coordinators from Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, with Indonesia as the host country. National coordinators or unit leaders presented the implementation of their country plans and collectively assessed the outcome of their work. They agreed to improve the documentation and assessment of the project impact, and developed a plan for the coming year.

One afternoon was devoted to visit the TTL troop in Jakarta. "I am very happy being a Scout. I've learned many things," said 16-year old Dina Fitriani. She belongs to the TTL troop in an elementary school located in a crowded area where several of the street children are residing. Dina said that she was very shy and rarely interacted even with her parents. But gradually, through Scouting, she started to open up and is gaining more self-confidence. – *Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

Scouts Regreen Ulaanbaatar

Around 500 Scouts in Mongolia augmented the greenery of Ulaanbaatar city, planting 1,500 trees at the National Garden Park. Mongolian President Mr Eldegdorj Tsahia and Ulaanbaatar City Governor Mr Bat-Uul Erdene joined the Scouts and their parents in the tree planting activity.

WOSM and UNEP collaborated to organize this activity to achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDG-7) of promoting national awareness on environmental protection.

Scouts and their parents learned the tree planting methods and its various benefits: decreasing wind speed and soil erosion, cleansing air and reducing dust and dryness. They also learned that tree planting is just the beginning of the work and the most important part is watering and nourishing the trees. After planting the seedlings, each Scout was tasked to take care of three trees and each family is responsible to plant one tree every year.

Leadership change in Pakistan

Mr Ghulam Ali Shah Pasha, Senior Deputy Chief Commissioner of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association (PBSA), has assumed the position as Acting Chief Commissioner on 24th December 2012, following the resignation of Justice Agha Rafiq Ahmed Khan. On 11th December, Mr Imtiaz Khan, Deputy Provincial Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Boy Scouts Association, was appointed as Acting Secretary of PBSA.

What's On-going

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Nepal

What's Upcoming

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16-25 February 2013

MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering

Manila, Philippines
23-26 February 2013

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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