



JUNE 2013

What's New

Former Scouts in Myanmar hopeful to revive Scouting

It has been five decades that WOSM had no official visit to Myanmar since the dissolution of Scouting in 1964. For the first time last May, a WOSM delegation visited the country and saw that the traditions of Scouting is not entirely lost, and many former Scouts and leaders still relive the Scouting they knew, some with old uniforms still intact.

Today there are nearly 2,000 boys and girls in Myanmar doing Scouting in 20 schools. In March this year, as many as 200 Scouts underwent a Scout skills training and the Union Minister of Education Dr. Mya Aye attended the activities. Around the same time the Ministry convened a meeting of old Scouters where 120 Scout Leaders attended. The oldest among them, Mr. U Henery Pan Aung, is 86 years old.

Scout Leaders ran a Scout Jamboree earlier this year where the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of Parliament took time to speak to the participants. Also Aung san Suu Kyi, who was a Guide Leader, spoke to the young scouts.

Regional Chairman Dr. Chao Shou-Po led the nine-man delegation to Yangon with the hope to re-establish Scouting. YMCA officials arranged the meetings with officials in the Education Ministry led by the Deputy Minister, Mr U Aye Kyu, who was a Scout.

The Deputy Minister appreciated the visit and the willingness of WOSM team to pursue Scouting in Myanmar. He explained the Ministry's initiatives to revive Scouting, first by selecting 18 schools as pilot areas. Fifty boys and five girls, with a Scout Leader, were chosen from each school. Simultaneously, three adult leaders were selected from each region to train and form Scout groups.

A Scout leader, Mr U Tin Nyo, coordinates Scouting activities at national level. He is a member of the Myanmar Human Rights Commission.

On behalf of WOSM, the visiting team valued the extensive support of the National General Secretary of YMCA Mr. Maung Maung Win and his colleagues, including the National President, for this visit.

In addition to the Regional Chairman, the WOSM team includes Regional Director Mr Abdullah Rasheed, 1st Vice Chairman Mr Shree Ram Lamichhane, member of the RSC Mr Wendel Avisado, Chief Commissioner of Australia Mr Reg Williams and international Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Mr Neville Tomkins, Secretary General of ASARC (ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation) Mr JR Pangilinan together with the Assistant Secretary General of ASARC, Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

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

APR Management Committee Meeting
13-14 June
Philippines

APR Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Schemes Review
22-25 July
Thailand

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
20-22 September
Argentina

APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management
25-28 September
Cambodia

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
19-20 October
Taiwan

Regional team meets with Timor Leste President to strengthen Scouting

Another regional team visited Timor Leste for a meeting with the Patron of the Scout Association and President of Timor Leste H.E. Taur Matan Ruak, which is part of a bigger meeting with key leaders of Uniao Nacional dos Escuteiros de Timor Leste (UNE-TL). Meetings took place from 7th to 10th May.

The President appreciated the support of WOSM and Scouts Australia, especially on improving membership requirements. In the meeting with UNE-TL President Ms Idelta Maria Rodrigues, they talked about the need for a free hold land to build a national Scout training centre while eyeing on a one hectare area in Metinaro located 25 km outside Dili, apart from the need for a full-time staff to handle day-to-day office work.

The regional team comprised of Scouts Australia Chief Commissioner Mr Reg Williams, National Chief Executive, APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Chairman Mr Richard Miller, and Regional Director Mr Abdullah Rasheed.

Scouts Australia has been supporting Timor Leste through the Messengers of Peace initiative to meet requirements for WOSM membership. Since 2005, APR facilitated the formation of a National Scout Organization and election of officers but the challenges to train adults and build a national office remain unresolved. So Scouts Australia's earlier focus was on training the leaders and a national training team was formed.

Joining the discussion were Chief Commissioner Mr. Mateus Maya de Jesus, International Commissioner Ms. Filomena Barros dos Reis, Chief Executive Mr. Isolino Vas de Alegria S.G Amaral and Adult Resources Commissioner Mr. Angelino Melo da Acosta.

The regional team joined the Deputy Minister of Education in inaugurating a community project, a toilet block in a local school in Dili, with the help of Australian partners led by the Chairman of the Rover Council of Scouts Australia Ms Nicole Strachan.

APR Task Force on Sub-Committee Nominations and Appointment meet in Manila

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee at its meeting in Jakarta in March created a Task Force in charge of reviewing the nomination and appointment of APR sub-committee members. APR Consultant Mr Anthony Thng chairs the task force.

Members sat down for a two-day meeting at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines HQ on 21-22 May comprised of Kirsty Brown, Dr Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani and Malcolm Tan. Joining them were Regional Scout Committee Member Wendal Avisado, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, Regional Director Designate JR Pangilinan and Director S. Prassanna Shrivastava.

The Task Force went through the current criteria, nomination process and appointment of sub-committee members and discussed ways to strengthen the sub committee system keeping in mind its basic functions. They also looked into the suggestions from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, India and the Scout Association of Maldives in response to the letter to all NSOs for feedback. After a thorough discussion, the task force is now revising the criteria and will submit its proposal to the Regional Scout Committee in October this year.

Programme sub committee meets in Kaohsiung

Very good attendance and productive discussions concluded the first formal meeting of the Programme Sub-Committee held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Dr Ie Bin Lian chaired the meeting. Among the attendees were Mr Wendel Avisado as adviser, incoming Regional Director JR Pangilinan and outgoing RD Abdullah Rasheed.

The regional plan was the centerpiece of discussion where many upcoming activities are outlined. In addition, the sub-committee reviewed the Youth Forum recommendations (Dhaka) and the details of the environment workshop that will open after the meeting. They noted the status report of the 30th APR Regional Scout Jamboree to be held in Japan from 1-7 August with the solidarity programme

56th JOTA/17th JOTI

19-20 October
Worldwide

World Scout Education Congress

22-24 November
Hong Kong

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

27 November –
4 December
Thailand

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December – 6 January
2014

going very well to ensure wide participation from developing countries and from other regions. Another point of interest is the upcoming Scout Congress in Hong Kong and every member has been asked to attend. Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po met the members and commended the good participation.

New Regional Director reports this June

Newly appointed Regional Director Jose Rizal ("JR") C Pangilinan is reporting this June for the turnover of responsibilities from Mr Abdullah Rasheed who is retiring at the end of the month.

Mr Pangilinan is attending the environmental workshop in Taiwan before he will join his colleagues in Manila for the Management Meeting in mid June. The Management Meeting is an annual event that reviews the regional operations of the previous year and confirms the operational plan for the next fiscal year, with the participation of the Regional Chairman, Regional Treasurer, chairmen of the Management Sub-Committee and Finance Sub-Committee, and an Executive Director from the World Scout Bureau central office.

The following week, Mr Pangilinan will join senior managers of the World Scout Bureau in Kandersteg, Switzerland for their annual meeting, and will spend two-days at the Central Office in Geneva for a briefing. He will assume the post of Regional Director on the 1st of July.

BSP appoints Acting Secretary General

Following the appointment of JR Pangilinan as Regional Director, the National Executive Board of Boy Scouts of the Philippines has appointed Mr Wendel E Avisado as Acting Secretary General. Mr Avisado is currently the Senior Vice President of BSP and serves as member of the Regional Scout Committee.

Other appointees are Atty. Jose Ma Gastardo as Chief National Commissioner and Dr. Julito F. Berdan as National Training Commissioner.

ASARC executives decide on 4th ASEAN Jamboree matters

At a recent meeting in Bangkok, the National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT) and executives of the Association of ASEAN Scout Associations for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) discussed matters related to the forthcoming 4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree. Originally set for 8-12 July this year, the Jamboree is postponed to 27th November until 3rd December 2013. Arrival is on the 27th and closing ceremony is on 3rd December.

Expected international participation is around 1,000 mainly from southeast Asian countries with invitation to other NSOs from around the world. Majority of participants, around 5,000, will come from the host country. Organizers also decided to invite observers from Myanmar, Vietnam (both former members of WOSM) and Laos.

The Jamboree will also celebrate the 86th birthday of the Chief Scout of Thailand.

Key organizers attending the meeting were Mr Sutham Phanthusak, ASARC Treasurer; Mr JR Pangilinan, ASARC Secretary General; Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy, ASARC Deputy Secretary General; Dr Prapatpong Senarith, Camp Chief, and several officials of NSOT. Sutham chaired the meeting on behalf of the Chairman, Dato Mohammed Shahrom.

NZ Scout Heroines rewarded

The holiday heroic of best friends Sabrina Parsons and Amohia Afeaki has landed the teenage Sea Scouts with a rare accolade. While holidaying in Northland in January the 15-year olds, who are now 16, rescued two adult swimmers struggling in a rip at Matauri Bay, north of Kerikeri, in the Bay of Islands. They were first on the scene and used their boogie boards to help keep the men - one weighing around 150kg - afloat and breathing until help arrived.

In celebration of their efforts the girls have been awarded the Gilt Cross for gallantry, which the National Office of Scouts New Zealand has no record of awarding here before. Their award was presented at a special ceremony at the Auckland Area Regatta by New Zealand Scouts National Commissioner Kelly Bleakley. Mrs Bleakley was standing in for the country's Chief Scout, the Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae, who was abroad. "After reading the nomination form for these awards it was clear that from all accounts both Amohia and Sabrina deserved high recognition for their actions in rescuing the two men for a number of reasons," Mrs Bleakley said in her speech "One is their young age that

at 15 years old they acted with maturity and courage well beyond their years."

"We were quite surprised," Amohia says of learning they would be honoured in this way. "We're happy but it feels like our effort was not that great but in the end two people are still living today so it's a pretty big thing."

Maldivian Scouts take part in blood donation

The newly formed National Scout Youth Council (NSYC) of the Scout Association of Maldives organized a blood donation camp to mark the National Thalassemia Day to promote and foster a culture of blood donation and encourage new donors to come forward. The event held on 4th May 2013 at the Central Blood Bank was in collaboration with the Maldivian Blood Services.

Maldives, being a country with high number of thalassemia (a form of blood disorder), NSYC's recent efforts is to promote blood donation and increase the members of the current donor pool.

From 108 volunteers, 64 passed the blood screening. Out of them, 44 were first time donors. NSYC was formed at the 1st National Scout Youth Forum held last November 2012.

Indonesia and USA Scouts Take Clean Up Action

The US Embassy in Jakarta initiated a clean up action with Gerakan Pramuka to celebrate the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD). Twenty Indonesian boys and girls and their American counterparts cleaned up the area near the US Embassy in Jakarta. Within 90 minutes, 53 bags of garbage were collected.

GYSD was known as the National Youth Service Day in the USA, a coordinated annual event that gathers young people around the world to do community service, service learning, and youth voice activities to benefit their communities, their country, and the world. Activities are organized in more than 100 countries and engage millions of young volunteers.

US Embassy Green Team Chairperson, Mike Chittenden, who enjoyed the activity with the Scouts said, "I have to say, after removing 53 bags of garbage, our fence-line looks 100 times better".

By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent

PARSA Institution recognized for developing Scouting in Afghanistan

The second series of advanced Unit Leaders Training Course was run at the PARSA Scouts Training Centre in Kabul from 20th to 26th May 2013.

Since the formation of Scout units in PARSA orphanages in 2009, Scout membership has increased. PARSA works with government agencies to coordinate Scouting activities, such as the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Social Affairs and other non-government organizations in Afghanistan.

Orphanage Director General Said Abdullah Hashimi inaugurated the course. Only 28 participants arrived, from the original 41 who were initially selected to attend, due to various challenges. Most of them came from PARSA and government departments.

At the same function, Wood Badge certificates were awarded to seven Scout Leaders who have completed the course requirements.

Present at the ceremony were PARSA Executive Director Marnie Gustavson, Country Director Dr Mohd Yasin Farid, and other NGO representatives. Mr Thian Hiong-Boon from the APR office was the Course Leader, assisted by Brajesh Kumar from India and Scout executives of PARSA.

At the opening ceremony, PARSA was presented with a plaque of appreciation for its continued collaboration with WOSM, Asia-Pacific Region.

NZ Scout Leader facilitates weekend Scout training in Solomon Islands

A Scout Leader from New Zealand, Warren Bunn, who is currently serving in Solomon Islands on transfer from NZ Police has volunteered to run a practical skills training in the islands. Warren has been actively involved in New Zealand for many years, and offered to provide assistance to the Solomon Islands during the time he will be in the country.

Warren reports that more than 20 Scout and Venture Leaders joined the practical skills day that includes basic Scout knots and lashings with practical work on the grass. He said, "I arranged with the construction contractors on our Police base to make about two dozen tent pegs which we used and have left with the Honiara District to use for future courses." He will be running more weekend training for Scouts in practical skills and leadership.

New International Commissioner of Scouts of China

Scouts of China has appointed Dr Ie-Bin Lian as the new International Commissioner effective 15th May 2013. Dr Ie-Bin Lian is an active scout leader who is currently the Chairman of APR Programme Sub-Committee. He is a professor at the National ChangHua Normal University.

Former International Commissioner Dr. George Huang, who also served in the Regional Scout Committee, retired from this post which he held for many years. The National Council appointed him as Honorary Member to recognize his long and dedicated service to Scouts of China.

Rover scouting materials translated to Chinese

In May 2009, as a result of extensive research, discussions and feedback, WOSM published a guideline for the Rover Section. This guideline has been translated to Mandarin and will soon be available online for downloading.

Scouts of China translated the guideline with encouragement from the previous APR Program Sub Committee. Mr. HJ Yeh of the National Youth Rover Committee headed the translation team with support from Rover Commissioner Dr YJ Liu. It took a year and a half to complete the work that would eventually benefit a large Mandarin speaking population in the region. Advance copies were distributed to APR Programme sub committee members who are now meeting in Kaohsiung.

World Scouting book launched

Last year the book *World Scouting: Educating for Global Citizenship*, authored by Eduard Vallory, was published in hardcover. A paperback edition, which is much more affordable, will be formally launched on September 23, 2013, at New York University's Institute for Public Knowledge. The overview says that the book is based on the first existing academic research on world scouting, explains in a very comprehensible way the main characteristics of (boy and girl) Scouting, the largest youth movement in the planet, existing in more than 165 countries of the five continents. Using new data and storytelling, the work covers the main elements that distinguish the scout movement over the world, and explains its origin, evolution, operating system, and the soundness of its values.

GONE HOME: Sir Garth Morrison

Sir William Garth Morrison, former member of the World Scout Committee, passed away on 24 May 2013 after a brief period of illness. Garth was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 8 April 1943. He was Chief Scout of The Scout Association (United Kingdom) from 1988 to 1996, and served as a member of the World Scout Committee from 1992 to 2002. He was a Baden-Powell Fellow and was awarded the Bronze Wolf in 2004.

During his term of office as Chief Scout of the United Kingdom, Garth Morrison went out of his way to forge long-standing links with Scout Associations around the world. He provided support for disadvantaged associations and is always prepared to assist and encourage the development of Scouting.

As a member of the World Scout Committee, he maintained an active and keen interest in every aspect of the Committee's work, including the development of the Strategy for Scouting and the promotion of youth involvement in decision making, monitoring progress closely despite a very heavy work schedule in his other fields of endeavour. His passing away has brought sadness to World Scouting. (scout.org)

What's On-going

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

Who: Volunteers and full time executives responsible for community Scouting and environmental program

When: 3–6 June 2013

Where: Kaohsiung, Taiwan

APR Management Meeting

Who: Key regional volunteers and executive staff of APR office

When: 13–14 June 2013

Where: Makati City, Philippines

Senior Management Team Meeting

Who: WSB Senior Managers and Regional Director

When: 17–21 June 2013

Where: Geneva

Adults In Scouting Review Workshop

Who: Adult leaders responsible for AIS

When: 20–23 June 2013

Where: Malaysia

What's Upcoming

Asia-Pacific Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Scheme Review

Who: Training Commissioners and leaders responsible for adult resources and training

When: 22–25 July

Where: Thailand

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

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

Who: Young people between 12–17 years old from Southeast Asian countries

When: 27 November – 4 December

Where: Thailand

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