



## MAY 2013

### What's New

#### Region forms delegation to Myanmar

A delegation of nine members to be headed by Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po will visit Myanmar this mid-May for an important mission of re-opening possibilities for Scouting to thrive again in this country.

Scouting in Myanmar has a six-decade history. Scouting was active in Myanmar in the 1950s and, in fact, the Union of Burma Scouts (UBBS) was a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and one of the founding members of the Far East Scout Conference (now Asia-Pacific) in 1958. When the association was dissolved in 1964 with over 93,000 members, all its assets were turned over to the Ministry of Education.

Today, Burma is one of the six of the world's independent countries without an active Scouting movement. Earlier attempts to re-connect with authorities failed to materialize, however, the 2010 elections now appear to introduce changes, which may open up new possibilities.

In Yangon, a different story is unfolding where many of the old Scout leaders are living. They never gave up and are waiting to see Scouting again. Reports say that last March, old Scouts in Yangon gathered, the oldest Scout is 88 years old and the oldest Girl Guide is 84 years old. Some brought their Scout uniforms. They sang Scout songs and narrated stories of their Scouting days, making the gathering a happy and emotional moment. The Union Minister for Education was also there, representing the President's Office.

Reports also say that the first Jamboree in Nay Pyi Taw had 480 Scouts from 20 schools from all states and regions in Myanmar. The Minister of Education attended the opening together with Deputy Ministers and other heads of departments. The old Scouts joined and helped.

In March this year, the President of Myanmar, Thein Sein, visited Canberra at the invitation of the Australian Government. Whilst in Canberra, the President attended a function hosted by the Governor General, who is also the Chief Scout of Australia. As the visit progressed, the Myanmar President expressed a strong desire to develop Scouting in his country, and appeared to be seeking assistance from Scouts Australia. Representatives from Scouts Australia will be joining the visit.

#### Bangladesh Scouts help victims of collapsed building

An industrial tragedy occurred in Savar, a sub-district of Dhaka, on 24<sup>th</sup> April where an eight-storey building collapsed killing more than 300 hundred people and injuring hundreds more.

By 26<sup>th</sup> April, Rover Scouts and Leaders helped in the rescue operations, in coordination with the Bangladesh Defense Force and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, as many people were believed to be trapped in the rubbles. Scouts also helped in facilitating blood donations.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

##### 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

##### 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Scout Jamboree

8-12 July  
Thailand

##### APR Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Schemes Review

20-26 July  
Thailand

##### 30<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree

1-7 August  
Japan

##### 9<sup>th</sup> APR Air/Internet Jamboree

3-4 August  
India

##### 14<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot

8-18 August  
Canada

##### World Scout Committee Meeting

20-22 September  
Argentina

WOSM Secretary General Scott Teare sent a message to Bangladesh Scouts, saying, "How proud I am of the leadership and selfless sense of service that the Scouts and leaders of Bangladesh have shown. You're all heroes!"

On behalf of the Regional Committee, Dr Chao Shou-Po quickly sent words to Bangladesh Scouts, "our sincerest concern and prayer for the quick recovery of those who suffered from this incident. And to those brother and sister Scouts who have joined the rescue work, please convey our appreciation, admiration and support for their good Scout spirit".

*By Md.Toufiq Ali, Honorary Correspondent, Bangladesh Scouts*

### **2nd National Jamboree celebrates Nepal Scouts' triumph**

After three decades of waiting, it was finally a proud moment for Nepal Scouts when Chief Guest Rt' Honorable Chairman of the Council of Ministers Mr. Khil Raj Regmi inaugurated the 2nd National Jamboree on 11th April 2013 at Tikaluli in Chitwan.

The remarkable event gathered over 5,000 Scouts from 59 districts of Nepal, excluding 300 adult leaders serving at the jamboree. Joining the local Scouts, were Scouts and Guides from Bangladesh, Finland, Japan, India, Luxembourg, Pakistan and the USA.

First Vice-Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee and Nepal Scouts Chief Commissioner Mr Shree Ram Lamichhane attributed the success of the Jamboree to the Scouts and leaders for making "it" happen, as he reflected on how Nepal Scouts has overcome a number of challenges and hurdles, as it now moves to become stronger and self-reliant.

Regional Scout Committee Second Vice-Chairman Ms Reiko Suzuki joined the Jamboree, together with the group of Finnish Rovers, who were in Kathmandu to climb the BP Scout Peak.

### **Finnish Scouts expedition to Baden Powell Peak in Nepal**

Last April, 33 Finnish Scouts along with Nepalese BP Scout Peak climbers joined the Baden Powell Scout Peak Expedition from 12 ~ 25 April 2013 at Langtang, Nepal. The climb to the 5718m B-P Peak is part of the partnership between the Scout Associations of Finland and Nepal Scouts. Earlier the Finnish Scouts joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Nepal Jamboree.

It is in fact the second time Finnish Scouts are in Nepal to climb Baden-Powell Peak. A previous expedition in 2010 was very successful and several of the then participants are now part of the expedition's staff team and were valuable help as the team prepared for the adventure during the winter.

As a part of their preparation the participants raised funds in Finland and once in Nepal, they not only participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nepal Scout Jamboree but also visited local schools and Scout Groups to get more familiar with living conditions in Nepal in particular and the impact of north-south relations in general.

The 33 Scouts returned to Kathmandu. Bad weather conditions finally prevented the Group to reach the summit of Baden-Powell Peak this time. Back in Finland, Katriina, from the home team supporting the Expedition, explains in a blog: "As you can see, the issue of climate change is also discussed in what appears to be remote mountain valleys of Nepal. According to information from local people, this winter has been exceptionally hard, with a lot of snow. But more alarming are the late spring rains, which mean snow in high altitudes such as the Langtang Valley, at times when the plantations of crop should have started already. The locals believe this to be a consequence of climate change. They are convinced that global warming affects the airflows in their mountain valleys and results in more rain and snow." Visit [EuroScoutInfo.com](http://EuroScoutInfo.com) for more info and stories about the expedition.

### **APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management**

25-28 September  
Cambodia

### **Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

5-6 October  
Taiwan

### **56<sup>th</sup> JOTA/17<sup>th</sup> JOTI**

19-20 October  
Worldwide

### **World Scout Education Congress**

21-24 November  
Hong Kong

### **20<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Scout Jamboree**

28 December – 6 January  
2014

### **Rovers join Sailing Expedition**

A sailing expedition participated by 770 Rovers and Senior Rovers from several provinces in Indonesia was held for 17 days, in the last two weeks of February 2013. Participants used the Indonesian Navy Ship "KRI Surabaya 591," taking the route from the port of Tanjung Priok in Jakarta to Labuan Haji port in East Lombok. The expedition was called *Pelayaran Nusantara II* (2<sup>nd</sup> Archipelago Sailing).

From Tanjung Priok, the ship sailed to Tegal in Central Java, then to Surabaya, the capital city of East Java. Later, the ship sailed again to Benoa in Bali, and ended at Labuhan Haji port in West Nusatenggara. During the trip, "all about the marine" lectures were given, with Indonesia being the world's largest archipelago and a maritime country. Landing at each port, they did community service such as planting mangroves like palm beach, spruce, and mahogany. They also renovated a mosque, gave books to a local library, built a public toilet and gave basic provisions to a group of people in dire need. They had fun too, such as excursions to Bali and East Lombok.

There are eight special troops/units of Rovers in Gerakan Pramuka called Saka. Each Saka has a local name specialized in eight areas: public order, air and sky, agriculture and farming, forestry, health care, family planning, defense and security, and marine. *By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

### **Kakani center in Nepal accredited as SCENE Center**

Kakani International Training Center (KITC) in Nepal was approved as a WOSM accredited SCENE Center this April. It is the second accredited WOSM SCENE center in Asia Pacific Region after the Erapah SCENE Center in South East of Queensland Australia. SCENE stands for Scout Centre for Excellence for Nature and Environment.

KITC is located in Kakani Village Development Community in Nuwakot District of Nepal. It is about 25 km from Katmandu at an altitude of 2000 meters. The centre is 44 hectares with accommodation facilities. The camp sites can accommodate more than 1,000 people at one time. Facilities for camping, training, seminars and workshops are open to Scout and non-Scout activities.

KITC is wonderful place for Scouts where they can enjoy the magnificent view on the Himalayan ranges. More than a place for relaxation, the Centre proposes many environmental education programs related to adventure, renewable energy and computer training.

### **WSEP in Asia-Pacific**

By this May, total of 13 National Scout Organizations out of 23 in the Asia-Pacific Region or 50% adopted the World Scout Environment Program (WSEP). The most recent NSOs are Pakistan Boy Scout Association (PBSA) that adopted the program in March, and Nepal Scouts in April. These NSOs will present their progress on environmental education in Scouting at the upcoming APR Environment Workshop in June in Taiwan.

### **Task Team to strengthen world Scouting's web presence**

A new platform is being developed to make a more dynamic and inspiring web presence of World Scouting and its global initiative, Messengers of Peace. It will also reflect world Scouting as a global, united, relevant movement that inspires millions of young people across the world. This project will step up the game of the Scout Movement and MoP in engaging NSOs and giving them the tools and means to tell the many amazing stories that Scouts are doing.

Secretary General Scott Teare invited a task group amongst World Scout Bureau staff including representatives from the regional offices for a two-day meeting in Copenhagen in mid April. The task group of 18 people joined a partner company for a focused discussion and, in those two days, they developed concepts on program content, communication aspects and technical support. Ms Luz Taray, Director of Communications and Strategy of APR office, teamed up with colleagues from Geneva and other regions who are responsible for communications. A core team at the Geneva office is coordinating the project and dedicated staff time is foreseen in the coming months to create new ways of taking world Scouting to the next level.

### **Training to boost Scout membership**

The Scouts of China (SoC) hosted a Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) targeting Chinese-speaking leaders, the second of its nature since the first course was held in 2007 in Hong Kong. The course was held at YangMingShin Scout Centre in Taipei from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Course Leader and Deputy Secretary General Mr Chen Huann-Ran inaugurated the course, together with Secretary General Mr Lin Ching-Shen and International Commissioner Dr George Huang from Scouts of China.

Asia-Pacific Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po, who is also the Chief Commissioner, visited the course and highlighted that membership is the main goal of the region, and as such, training of trainers would help enhance the competency of adult leaders who are at the frontline of encouraging more young people to join Scouting.

The course had 35 participants with 29 participants from 25 Scout districts of Scouts of China, and six overseas participants from Hong Kong (3), Macau (1) and Malaysia (2).

Trainers Kee Yung-Chan and Wu Chen-Hong from Scouts of China partnered with overseas trainers Ivan Tam and Peter Lee from Hong Kong and Thian Hiong-Boon from the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Office.

### **Scout Executives join Basic Management Course**

A total of 33 participants from 10 countries participated in the 49th APR Basic Management Course (BMC) for Scout Executives held at the Universiti Sains in Penang, Malaysia, from 4 to 14 April 2013. The course was officially opened by Hon. Dato' Dr. Junaidi bin Abd Wahad, Political Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia.

In his speech, Hon. Dato' Dr. Junaidi stated that the Scout Movement is really important for the youth as he himself had experienced. He further said that considering the gap between young people and adults, it is foremost that the needs of young people be met.

Mr Malcolm Tan, Chairman of the APR Management Subcommittee, Mr Janaprith Fernando of the APR Scout Committee and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed all emphasized that good management is key to the success of the Scout Movement. This management course is now reduced from 15 to 11 days. Besides the professional or full time executives, volunteers can now formally participate in the course and are allowed to start mid way, while the full time executives are required to join from the first day.

Before the course, the APR Management Sub-committee held their first meeting for the triennium, from 2nd to 3rd April. Members discussed key points in the Asia-Pacific Regional Plan related to management including potential member countries. They decided to hold a regional workshop in early December using the theme *delivery of better services to our stakeholders* to highlight concepts in the recently published "Services from NSOs." *Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

### **Fiji reviews organizational structure and youth program**

A three-member regional consultancy team joined the key commissioners of Fiji Scout Association (FSA) for a working meeting on 20th to 25th April 2013, to review major elements related to the management and youth programme of the association.

In doing so, the current gaps in the existing organizational and administrative structure were reviewed. The team looked into job descriptions for various functional positions including Terms of Reference for various committees based on the revised/proposed organizational structure.

On youth programme, reviews were made on the educational proposal in setting sectional and final objectives. They planned activities for Scout section advancement scheme which includes the creation of a recording system.

The visiting team comprised of Neville Tomkins, International Commissioner of Scouts Australia; Julie Creed, former APR Program Sub-Committee member and presently member of APR Specialists Panel, also from Scouts Australia and S. Prassanna Shrivastava, Director of Development Support and Finance from WSB/APR. Joining them are Chief Commissioner John Naisau of FSA with key commissioners.

### **6th Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre Board meeting held**

Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC) which has been operating since 2009 held its Board Meeting on 20th April 2013. The board reviewed the 2012-2013 activities and made recommendations on the improvement of the Centre.

SAPSC is located in the province of Jeollanam, a scenic agricultural and industrial city of Korea. The Centre is governed by a Memorandum between Korea Scout Association (KSA), Suncheon City Government and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee (APRSC) providing opportunities for Scouts on global leadership through outdoor hands-on programs, weekly English camp programs, and seasonal experiential programs.

The board consists of 13 members from APRSC, KSA, Suncheon City Government and the Jeonnam Scout Council.

KSA Chief Commissioner Mr Bok Hyun Chung, SAPSC Chairman Mr Sang-Ho Shim, APRSC First Vice-Chairman Shree Ram Lamichhane and World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed expressed their satisfaction for bringing in improvements on programme activities and the number of international volunteers serving at the SAPSC. Since 2009, 34 volunteers from 21 countries have already served, out of which, nine were from Asia-Pacific.

Next summer activity will be in August 2013 in which ten volunteers already applied including five from Malaysia, and one each from the USA, Serbia, Liberia, Poland and the Netherlands.

As the meeting coincided with the city's International Garden Expo, Shree Ram Lamichhane made a special toast to the city and for the international garden expo, in a special reception hosted by City Mayor Mr Cho Choong Hoon.

### **Pakistan appoints acting Secretary**

At the National Council meeting of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association (PBSA) on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the Council unanimously elected Mr Abdul Karim Baloch as Chief Commissioner. Following this, Mr Zahid Mahbood, who has been working as Scout professional for many years, was appointed acting Secretary.

## **What's On-going**

### **Advanced Unit Leader Training Course**

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

## **What's Upcoming**

### **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

## **Be Prepared**

### **1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Scout Jamboree**

Who: Young people between 12-17 years old from Southeast Asian countries  
When: 8-12 July 2013  
Where: Thailand

### **30<sup>th</sup> 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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