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What's New

Scott Teare is the new Secretary General of World Scouting

The World Scout Committee has announced the appointment of the new Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement – Mr Scott Teare. He is currently the Director of International Division of Boy Scouts of America.

Scott is a tireless advocate for World Scouting and has successfully kept the torch of World Scouting lit within Boy Scouts of America among its board members and officers.

As one of Boy Scouts of America's World Scouting ambassadors, Scott – also recently awarded the Bronze Wolf – has contributed significantly to establishing and applying the association's international policy. He has established diplomatic contacts, maintained relations and represented Boy Scouts of America with American businesses operating abroad, foreign embassies, key government leaders, heads of states and royal family members in an effort to provide sustained financial support and membership growth for World Scouting.

Scott has negotiated and established beneficial relationships with other National Scout Organizations around the world; and advised and supported Boy Scouts of America officers and leaders who are actively involved in international Scouting commitments, including Regional and World Scout Committees and subcommittees, and Regional and World Scout Foundations. His direct involvement in supporting the Interamerican Scout Region, especially in setting up the new Regional Office in Panama, has been especially noteworthy.

The new Secretary General will take office on 1st January 2013 at the World Scout Bureau Central Office.

Fifteen NSOs to be recognized for membership growth

One regional focus for the current triennium is membership growth where relevant studies have been undertaken over the past three years.

Following the first membership review workshop held in 2010 in Malaysia, the recent review in Macau captured the growth of membership of NSOs and recommended ways to sustain the strategies that worked well.

Before the Macau workshop started, the Membership Growth Sub-Committee met to review the criteria for recognizing NSOs with significant membership increase. The sub-committee identified two categories for recognition. One category is a group of NSOs that increased membership annually and the other is the group that implemented the Membership Growth Guideline in a remarkable way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOTA/JOTI

20-21 October
Worldwide

SAARC Scout Camp

17-21 October
Islamabad, Pakistan

APR Course for Leader Trainers

15-21 November
Bangladesh

7th APR Scout Youth Forum

17-21 November
Bangladesh

Chief Scout Executives Meet

22 November
Bangladesh

APR Sub-Committee Meetings

23 November
Bangladesh

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

23 November
Bangladesh

24th APR Scout Conference

24-29 November
Bangladesh

Ticket to Life Evaluation & Planning Workshop

17-20 December
Indonesia

NSOs meeting the criteria for the two categories will be recognized at the forthcoming Regional Scout Conference in Dhaka in November. Twenty NSOs (80%) have submitted the completed tool which summarizes their membership growth strategy, as well as their actual increase in numbers and retention.

Regional workshop tackles membership issues

The membership review was a four-day workshop that encouraged NSOs to share their good practices, successes and challenges over the last three years. It was held at the National Headquarters of the Scout Association of Macau (SAM) from 7th September with 22 participants from Bangladesh, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

International Commissioner Francisca Vong directed the workshop with the guidance of the APR Membership Growth Sub-committee. Edward Kou Chi-Leong, President of the Supervisory Council of SAM, addressed the group with his well-wishes. Francisca explained the aim and objectives of workshop to address issues pertaining to membership growth; analyse regional membership trends since the 2009 regional conference, and recognise the role of NSOs in sustaining growth.

At the opening ceremony, Dr Jeffrey Ho, Vice-chairman of the Membership Growth Sub-Committee gave an overview of the workshop, while Regional Director Mr Abdullah Rasheed thanked all NSOs for their cooperation in taking up the membership growth strategy.

International Scout Peace Camp in March 2013 announced

Gerakan Pramuka/ Indonesia invites National Scout Organizations to send participants for the International Scout Peace Camp 2013. The camp will be held on 25-31 March 2013 at the Cibubur Scout Camp in Jakarta, targeting 500 Scouts, 240 of which will come from the six regions (each region with 40 participants) and the rest of 260 will come from Indonesia.

The peace camp is designed for Rovers, both male and female, between 18 to 25 years old. Camp fee will be sponsored by the Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiative which covers food for seven days, transport from Soekarno Hatta International Airport to campsite and back, accommodation in tents, camp kit (scarf, bag, handbook, cap, shirt, etc) and activities.

Regional Conference registration gains momentum

With less than two months before the Regional Scout Conference, more NSOs are picking up on their registration. As of the end of September, there are 235 registered participants from 15 countries.

Participation for the Youth Forum has gone up to 80 young people from 23 NSOs, excluding those who will be selected for the sponsorship program.

Confirmed participants for the Course for Leader Trainers also increased to 18, representing 14 NSOs.

New MoP projects approved

Project planning and implementation is still gearing up. Lately additional projects from New Zealand, Nepal, Mongolia and Bhutan have been approved. These projects will focus on promoting and developing Scouts in multi-cultural communities (NZ), uniting two cultures (Mongolia), consultancy support to strengthen adult resources (Bhutan), and reaching out/ expansion Scouting (Bhutan).

A total of 25 projects have been granted under the MoP, several have been completed, while some others are at various levels of implementation.

A comprehensive MoP global report has been released recently covering projects undertaken worldwide with a scenario for the future. The report is available at regional web pages under MoP.

Community-based Scouting further explored

Recognizing the importance of extending Scouting outside the school system and bringing Scouting closer to the community, the second Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Community-Based Scouting (CBS) was held in New Delhi, India from 21st to 24th September 2012.

National coordinators, unit leaders working at district and state levels, and eight executives from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Bhutan, Cambodia, Nepal, Maldives, Philippines and India shared their good practices as the workshop looked into the impact of Scouting in communities and how it can facilitate reaching out to new horizons.

Over 98% of NSOs in Asia-Pacific, as revealed in the recent regional survey, uses the school-based Scouting mode, while the 2009 Regional Scout Conference in Malaysia endorsed the promotion of CBS.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines hosted the first CBS workshop in 2010, itself largely school-based with 1.5 million members, and has explored the CBS mode in recent years.

Bharat Scouts & Guides National Commissioner Mr. L. M. Jain inaugurated the second workshop in New Delhi, with Chief Commissioner Scouts and Directed by Mr Shyamal Kumar Biswas, assisted by APR Programme Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman Dr. H.P Chhetri. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed shared his vision for community-based Scouting. Also with him were BS&G Director Mr Rakesh Kumar Sharma and APR Director Mr Syd Castillo as resource persons. *By SS Ray, APR Honorary Correspondent (India)*

Young Adults view for YAMG

Ten young leaders from different National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region are eyeing to be part of the region's Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) for the term 2012-2015. Nominations are coming from Bangladesh, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines and Thailand, comprised of 3 females and 7 males with ages from 18 to 22 years old.

Out of the 10 candidates, six will be elected during the APR Scout Youth Forum to be held on 17-21 November 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A new set of YAMG officers will be announced on the final day of the regional conference. The six successful candidates will elect their chairman who will represent the YAMG to the Regional Scout Committee, while the remaining five will serve in the five subcommittees: Youth Programme, Adult Support, Management, Finance and Scouting Profile. Apart from their sub-committee involvement, YAMG members will take part in planning and supporting the next APR Youth Forum in 2015.

At the upcoming regional conference in Dhaka this November, a proposed constitutional amendment will be presented to the conference for adoption whereby the elected YAMG chairman to the Regional Scout Committee will have the same rights and obligations as the other ten elected members.

The YAMG was initiated at the Regional Scout Conference Brunei Darussalam in 2004. Its inclusion in the region's operational framework demonstrates the Regional Committee's confidence in the capability of young people to take responsibilities at regional level and acquaints them with decision-making bodies such as the RSC, and all its sub-committees.

Cambodia augments management capability

More than 40 key leaders of Cambodia Scouts from different parts of the country attended the four-day National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities at the Council of Ministers complex in Phnom Penh from 25-28 September 2012. They reviewed their organizational structure to make it stronger and more effective.

Present at the opening ceremony were Mr Chuch Phoeurn, Secretary of Ministry of Culture and Finance and Vice-President of Cambodia Scouts and Secretary General Mr. Lak Sam Ath, who served as workshop director.

Mr S Prassanna Shrivastava, Director of the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region, saw the workshop as very timely for Cambodia Scouts to develop a certain degree of organizational strength that could add to the capability of Scout leaders. Other overseas resource persons assisting in the workshop were Dr Winston Jacob of PNG and Anthony Ng of Singapore.

Participants looked into focusing on strategic management, human resources development and membership growth, that could bring substantial development to Scouting in Cambodia.

Cambodia Scouts, which became a full member of WOSM in 2008, has a current membership of over 10,000. Being the youngest member country of WOSM in the region, the Asia-Pacific office has been supporting Cambodia Scouts in youth programme, adult support and training, and organizational structure.

Maldives to build organizational capacities

The Scout Association of Maldives (SAM) engaged the services of APR Specialists for a weeklong consultancy in Malé from 17th to 23rd September 2012. The visit focused on building capacities in three areas: Review adult recognition award system and develop a plan to implement it effectively; Review the advancement scheme of youth programme; Study the co-relationship between the young members and the adult leaders.

In his welcome remarks, Chief Commissioner Mr Ahmed Ali Maniku said that the consultancy is a milestone for SAM and much will depend on the combined effort of local leaders with the guidance of resource persons. Visiting team members were Paul Parkinson from Scouts Australia, Malcolm Tan

from Singapore Scout Association, with Mr Thian Hiong-Boon as APR representative.

APR Specialists are Scout Leaders nominated from NSOs who possess the competencies, skills, knowledge and experience in providing professional advice at national and regional levels in nine areas: youth program, adults in Scouting, communication and marketing, IT, fundraising, governance & strategy, management, event management, consulting & needs analysis.

Sri Lanka Scout Association eyes revising youth programme

The National Programme Development Workshop of the Sri Lanka Scout Association opened at the Lee Dasanayake Scout Training Center in Mirigama, Sri Lanka on the 26th of September. There were 39 participants from 28 districts from around the country who are assistant district commissioners and Scout leaders involved in district program development, with some Rover Scouts. The workshop aimed to share the technical process of developing an attractive and challenging Youth Programme.

Former Chief Commissioner Mr C Batuwangala, who was the chief guest, highlighted the importance of educational objectives in all Scouting activities and events. Also present at the opening were Chief Commissioner Prof. Nimal De Silva, Regional Director Mr Abdullah Rasheed and Youth Programme Director Mr Syd Castillo. Programme Commissioner Mr Sarath Godakandarachchi directed the workshop.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Nimal De Silva said "Every district is different and their needs are diverse. Programme developers should take those needs into consideration and use the knowledge derived from the workshop to improve Scouting."

He added "Scouting is the only educational youth programme for young people that combines the use of head, heart and hands in whatever they do." International Commissioner and Chairman of the APR Management Sub-Committee Mr. Janaprith Fernando appreciated the work done by the Asia-Pacific Regional in supporting youth programme development of NSOs.

Brunei concludes consultancy visit

Continuing the consultancy visit to NSOs, a small team of regional leaders was in Brunei Darussalam from 3rd to 9th September to carry out discussions with key leaders of Brunei Darussalam National Scout Association.

Taking part in the consultancy visit was Brunei Darussalam National Scout Association President Dato Paduka Hj Idris Hj Abas, who was joined by Regional Scout Committee First Vice-Chairman Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin, APR Director on Youth Programme Syd Castillo, with Flor Atinyao of Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Major points of discussion is the review of draft national Adults in Scouting Policy. Equally important is the establishment of National Rover Council and the activation of the Program Committee at all levels. These areas were pointed out at the youth programme development workshop last year where Brunei committed to make their programme more dynamic for their members.

Brunei Scout Association President Dato Paduka Hj Idris Hj Abas opened the consultancy meeting with the group of headquarters commissioners, deputy commissioners, district commissioners and deputy district commissioners. Deputy President Awang Matusin came during the first day where some amendments on the organizational structure were recommended. *By Sabtu Timbang, APR Honorary Correspondent, Brunei Darussalam*

Indonesia's Chief Scout: "Scouting is strategic"

Indonesian Scouts and leaders headed by Chief Scout and Indonesia's President H.E. Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono celebrated Indonesia's 100th anniversary of Scouting on 3rd September 2012 at the Cibubur Scout Complex, east of Jakarta, which was also the 51st anniversary of Gerakan Pramuka.

In his speech, the Chief Scout shared that Scouting education is very strategic and vital to the nation at all times.

"Let us use Scouting as a solution to the challenges faced by the young people so the existence of the Scout Movement will continue in accordance with the changing times," Chief Scout Yudhoyono said.

Joining the Chief Scout was First Lady Madame Ani Bambang Yudhoyono, Coordinating Minister of People Welfare Agung Laksono, Minister of Education & Culture Muhammad Nuh, Minister of Youth & Sports Andi Mallarangeng, Chief Commissioner of Gerakan Pramuka Prof. Dr. Azrul Azwar, and many high ranking officials and dignitaries in the country.

The Chief Scout presented the Lencana Melati Award to several outstanding Scout leaders in the Asia-Pacific Region including Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia Chief Commissioner Dato' Dr. Shahrum bin Osman, Scout Association of Hong Kong Assistant Chief Commissioner Alexander Wong and Bangladesh Scouts Vice-President Mohammad Habibul Alam. *By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

ASARC looking forward to ASEAN membership

The Chairman of the ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) Dato' Dr Shahrum bin Osman of Malaysia visited the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta on 4th September to register ASARC as an accredited member of ASEAN. With him was Secretary General of ASARC, Jose Rizal Pangilinan of the Philippines.

Welcoming the ASARC team was the Assistant Director for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Civil Society Engagements and Interaction with ASEAN Associated Entities, Ms. Leena Ghosh.

ASARC was established in 2007 in Malaysia as an informal regional grouping of Scout associations among the ASEAN countries. Its underlying purpose is to share resources and jointly organize activities among ASEAN countries.

Nepal TTL troop undertakes blood donation campaign

In Nepal, Scouts under the Ticket to Life program will organize in October a blood donation program as part of their community development work being supported by the Messenger of Peace project. This activity will also mark the Diamond Jubilee of Nepal Scouts.

Nepal Scouts is coordinating with other supporters for this event such as the Nepal Red Cross Society, Mid Regional Police, local clubs, community people and Scouts in Kathmandu Valley. Refreshments and fruit snacks will be provided to the blood donors and they will be recognized with certificates.

Farouk Bouraoui returns back to Algeria

World Scout Bureau colleague Farouk Boraoui who held the position of Development Support Manager for the Environment in Manila left the Bureau with effect from 30th September. Farouk returned to Algeria for better prospects. Farouk worked for more than two years and had motivated NSOs to adopt and implement the World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP), which was adopted at the Korea Conference in 2008. Within the region, two regional workshops focusing on solely on environment were held in Indonesia and Malaysia. Both events coincided with World Environment Day in June each year. In the last two years, more than 12 NSOs in the region have joined WSEP.

Today, 40 NSOs around the world adopted the WSEP. Associated with environment are the Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENE) and currently, there are a number of SCENE centres fully registered.

The WSEP agreement which is being distributed to NSOs, along with the World Scout Environment Programme Kit, has two options - pack 1 for non-commercial use and pack 2 for commercial use. The environment badge based on the framework for environment education in Scouting has three levels: blue rope (under 11, Cub Scouts), green rope (11 – 14, Scouts), and purple rope (15+, Rover Scouts) and these badges can be obtained from the World Scout Shop.

What's On-going

SAARC Scouts Camp

Who Scouts and young people of South Asia
When 17-21 October 2012
Where Pakistan

What's Upcoming

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Be Prepared

12th New Zealand Venture –

Venture South 2013

5-14 January 2013

15th International Adventure Programme

Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh

India

16-25 February 2013

1 October 2012