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What's New

Korea National Jamboree marks 90th year of Scouting

Around 8,000 Scouts from 42 countries spent a week of fun, adventure, and challenges at the 13th Korea National Jamboree from the 2nd to the 8th of August. The Jamboree was a fitting celebration to mark the 90th year of Scouting in Korea.

Korean Prime Minister Kim Hwang-Sik graced the opening ceremony with the Governor of Gangwon Province and other dignitaries.

Jamboree activities included climbing up 'Ulsan Rock', a craggy peak at the Soraksan National Park, as well as archery, go carting, paragliding, challenge valley, Global Village and more. Participants also enjoyed an 'off-day' in the middle of the week with an International Food Festival and carnival.

Main events were the spectacular opening ceremony with fireworks and a rock concert afterwards, and a closing ceremony which, after very brief formalities turned into a K-Pop TV broadcast, with bands performing, most notably, the veteran rock band "No Brain" which had the whole arena on its feet.

The Jamboree also hosted the International Night featuring cultural performances from traditional British drumming to rapping, and epic musical from Thailand and Indonesia, and an impromptu lesson in *Tagalog* from a brave Filipino participant who took the stage alone to represent his country.

Another special event was Superstar J, a talent competition of magnificent dancers, magicians and guitarists, a live band, and solo and duo singing performances.

The Jamboree also hosted the Jamboree Youth Forum, held twice in two days. Around 100 participants discussed deforestation and ways of protecting the forest in line with the Jamboree theme "For the Forest".

Through the 2012 Operation Sorak, Korea Scout Association sponsored the participation Scouts from different Scouting regions. From the APR, two Scouts each (male and female) came from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, India, Maldives, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka.

APR Air-Internet Jamboree

Coinciding with the Korea National Jamboree was the 8th Asia-Pacific Air/Internet Jamboree hosted by Korea Scout Association on the weekend of 4-5 August. The Air/Internet Jamboree started in 2004 as a platform for Scouts to contact each other by means of amateur radio and through the Internet.

Key officials, starting with Korea Scout Association Chief Commissioner Jung Bok Hyun greeted and welcomed the participants around the region and

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Scout Committee Meeting

28 September – 1 October, Geneva

APR Workshop on Membership Growth Review 2012

7-10 September
Macau

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

other parts of the world. World Scout Committee Chairman Simon Rhee delivered inspiring words at the opening event, together with APR Vice-Chairman Prakorb Mukura and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. Mr Park Jong Dok is this year's national coordinator of the event.

Nominations for Young Adult Members Group 2012-2015

Ten National Scout Organizations have sent their nominations for the 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, consisting 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 Youth Forum to be held on 17-21 November 2012 in Bangladesh. The six successful candidates will elect their chairman who will represent the YAMG to the Regional Scout Committee. The remaining five will serve in the five sub-committees: 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.

A proposed constitutional amendment will be presented to the conference for the elected YAMG chairman to be a member of the Regional Scout Committee with the same rights and obligations as the other ten (elected) members.

APR receives Sub-Committee nominations for 2012-2015

A number of names have been proposed for sub-committee membership for the next triennium. Five sub-committees will be formed at the forthcoming APR Scout Conference in November. A total of 45 nominations were received broken down as follows: Youth Programme – 9, Adult Support – 9, Management – 8, Finance – 9, and Scouting Profile – 10. The APR Foundation Management Committee has 4 nominations. So far, only ten NSO have sent their nominations: Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Deadline is extended to give enough time for other NSOs to send their nominations.

The new Regional Scout Committee (2012-2015) to be reconstituted at the APR Scout Conference will review the nominations and announce the appointments on the final day of the conference. It is reiterated that nominees will be appointed based on their knowledge, experience and track performance.

WOSM conducts Consulting Skills Workshop for Building Internal Consultants

Responding to new strategies for consultancy approach to support NSOs in their development and growth, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) organized the Consulting Skills Workshop: Building Internal Consultants in Rizal Province, Philippines from 14th to 17th August 2012.

This is the first time that the World Scout Bureau organized this type of workshop, and the Asia-Pacific Region has taken the initiative to plan and host the event. Participants came from five regions and the central office, and volunteers from Australia, Indonesia and United Kingdom. Moreover, colleagues from Boy Scouts of the Philippines and The Singapore Scout Association took part. The Institute of Training and Development or ITD, a professional consultancy institution from Malaysia, conducted the workshop headed by key resource speaker Carmen Diokno of the Philippines, with Serely Alcaraz and Rita Goh.

At the opening ceremony, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed explained the background of the workshop, a novelty in WOSM and colleagues from five regions gathering in the Philippines for the first time. Also, he read out the message of WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod who highlighted that he feels a high degree of paternity for the concept of Global Support System and Consultancy – an unavoidable component of that kind of system. The Secretary General added that he believes this workshop will bring new dimensions and opportunities to improve WOSM services to NSOs, and placing all on the same footing in terms of basic concepts of consultancy.

Also present at the opening ceremony is ITD Chairman and veteran Scouter Dato Thomas Chee of Malaysia who gave an inspirational message to the participants and is continuing to observe the sessions until the last day of the workshop. *By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

WOSM Contact Group meets in Manila

The Contact Group on "Global Issues facing WOSM" comprised of the World Scout Committee Chairman, Secretary General, Regional Chairmen of Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe, and key executives of the World Scout Bureau met in Manila on 18th August 2012. Regional Chairman

Jejomar Binay hosted the group at his office as Vice-President of the Philippines. The group discussed WOSM global issues such as fees, voting rights and other matters in preparation for the WSC meeting in September, as well as to generate ideas for the World Scout Conference in Slovenia.

Korea hosts the 4th World Scout Inter-religious Symposium

The 4th World Scout Inter-religious Symposium was organised from the 1st to 5th August 2012 at WonKwang University, Iksan, South Korea. There were over 70 participants from 16 countries coming from 8 different faiths and beliefs namely, Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Islam, Lutheran, Methodist, Protestant, and Won-Buddhist. With a generous Korean hospitality and an innovative approach for inter-religious dialogue using the Scout Method, participants unanimously declared the symposium as very successful. This innovative approach to inter-religious dialogue was originally conceived and implemented at the 3rd World Scout Inter-religious Symposium which was held in Uganda (2009).

The Korea Scout Association and the Korea Won-Buddhism Scouts Council jointly hosted the Symposium. It was organised by members of the World Scout Interreligious Forum, an informal network of religious groups/organizations in Scouting, and was supported by the World Scout Bureau. The theme of the Symposium was "Growing Scouting through Families and Communities" and the flow of programme was planned according to the themes.

Some topics addressed by the participants were:

- What do we mean by family and community
- The significance of family and community in different religious traditions
- Supporting the growth of Scouting by working with families and communities
- The significance of family and community for Youth Programme in Scouting

All participants were engaged in an active learning process and the Symposium programme commenced with a shared experience for participants who were grouped in small teams of mixed faiths. They visited different religious centres (Buddhist Temple, Catholic church, Islamic Mosque and Won-Buddhist Temple) in educational visits.

Participants also visited community development projects some of which were run by the Won-Buddhist community in Korea. These visits in teams of mixed faiths helped participants reflect together in mixed groups on the issues concerning the theme of the Symposium, which provided a rich learning experience. Participants discovered many common elements between their own faith and that of others through this process.

Prior to the commencement of the symposium, the World Scout Inter-religious Forum members convened an informal meeting on the 31st of July that included planning and preparation for the Symposium and discussions regarding the next meeting of the Forum, which will be held in the Geneva at the end of September 2012. The Forum members also discussed the preparation for the faith and belief activities for the next World Scout Jamboree in Japan (2015). – *scout.org*

Hong Kong Scouts and Scouts of China to establish mutual air training collaboration

Air training used to be a dream for many young people in Hong Kong for they once lived close to the former airport – Kai Tak. With the rapid development of aviation industry in Asia, the demand for commercial pilots has increased greatly. Air training for Scouts no longer aims at an airman badge on their sleeves only, but probably a lifetime career – becoming a real Pilot.

An informal summit meeting was held on 18 July 2012 between the air training leaders of Hong Kong and Taiwan, chaired by Hong Kong Air Scout Board and one of the Honourary Presidents of the Scout Association of Hong Kong, Mr. Norman Lo JP. Mr. Lo is the current Director-General of Civil Aviation of the Hong Kong SAR Government. He is also an Air Commodore of the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps. Taiwanese delegation was led by Mr. Billy K. C. Chang, former Director-General of Taiwan Civil Aviation, Chairman of Aviation Education Foundation and a retired Air Force Major General.

There was much exchange of the experience in air training to youth members of the two NSOs discussing the possibility of cooperation between the two NSOs in the future, including the exchange of Scouts for flight experience, and to prepare themselves to become pilots. Presently, student pilot for fixed wing aircraft can only do their flying training on Sundays at the Hong Kong Shek Kong Airfield. The Air Force may close down the runway without prior notice for military reasons which restricts the training to a very limited number of flying hours per week, and to sometimes zero. In addition, it is comparatively more expensive to do flight training in Hong Kong.

Through the exchange program, it is hoped that it will solve these problems so that more Scouts are ready if there are better air training facilities and opportunities in Taiwan under Mr. Chang's Aviation Education Foundation. *By Alex Lam, APR Honorary Correspondent, Hong Kong*

Scouts in India prepare for disaster

Disasters are the most unexpected events but in spite of great efforts, it cannot be stopped. For Scouts, knowledge and training are keys to facing disasters of any kind. With this aim, the Bharat Scouts & Guides organized the Disaster Preparedness Course on 6th August 2012 at its National Camping and Training Complex in Delhi for over a hundred Rovers and Rangers, between 16 to 25 years old.

Experts from the National Disaster Response Force gave lectures and practical demonstration on natural and manmade disaster, accident prone areas, search & rescue, reporting, carriage of victims, CPR, etc. This was a rare opportunity for the young people to learn first hand tips from the experts. The lecture also covered fire services and prevention.

Practical sessions on pioneering and first aid were also given. Later, a traffic police enforcer talked about traffic control and road safety. There were sessions on community service where participants did their share of cleaning and beautifying the premises of the training complex. *By S.S. Ray, Honorary Correspondent, The Bharat Scouts & Guides*

Awards Committee recommends awardees

Following the final review of the nominations received for the various Asia-Pacific Regional awards, the Awards Committee has come up with the list of recommendees during the Awards Committee meeting held in Singapore on 25 August. Out of 21 nominations, the Awards Committee forwarded 16 names for the endorsement of the Regional Scout Committee. Earlier at the April 2012 RSC meeting in Dhaka, 25 nominations have been approved

Award categories include the APR Distinguished Service Award, APR Medal for Meritorious Contribution to Scouting, APR Chairman's Award, APR Chairman Award for Gallantry Service, and APR Certificate of Good Service Award.

Sri Lanka is newest WSEP member

Sri Lanka Scouts Association is the latest member of The World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP). The programme offers tools, resources and initiatives to help Scouts all around the world work together for the good of the local and global environment. Twelve or 46% NSOs in the APR have joined the WSEP, comprising 30% of the global WSEP membership.

WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod signed on 2nd September 2012 the agreement to use the WSEP Pack 1 for non-commercial use of the Sri Lanka Scout Association. PACK 1 or the Basic Package is a free educational (non-commercial) package with all the materials needed to start the Programme. This PACK 1 agreement between the NSO and the WSB contains the terms and conditions of the use of WSEP, containing guidelines, logo and badge to develop the programme at the national level as well as a non-commercial license to produce articles bearing the WSEP logo. The WSEP is a free, very straightforward, flexible and easy to implement programme and does not compete with the existing environment programme of the National Scout Organizations.

NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region that have adopted the WSEP are Australia, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Suncheon Scout Center Board reviews progress

The Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center (SAPSC) located in Suncheon, Korea, now on its fourth year of operation, is planning to introduce an exchange programme between volunteers and Rovers of Korea Scout Association (KSA). Also called the friendship program, it will be between Korean Rover Scouts and international volunteers serving as staff at the center for a 3-month period. This program will be held once for each term which would mean 3 to 4 times a year.

This exchange aims to bring a real international experience which can be developed as a regular event. It is expected to start in October 2012. Today, SAPSC enrolls 20% Scouts and 75% non-Scouts. Mr Sang Ho Shim, the newly appointed International Commissioner of KSA and member of the APR Scout Committee will serve as the Chairman of SAPSC.

The SAPSC Board, at its meeting on 5th August, reviewed the SAPSC report showing that the center had 3,478 participants for the first term (March-May 2012) with volunteers from Russia, Pakistan, Kenya, Serbia, Uganda and Hong Kong. Volunteers for the third term (August – November 2012) will come from Ghana, Malaysia, Hungary and Nepal.

Bookbridge Mongolia celebrates third anniversary

Dr. Carsten Rübsaamen of Bookbridge Foundation reports that Bookbridge's first learning center in Arvaikheer, Mongolia celebrated its 3-year anniversary on 2nd September.

Supported by local Scouts and the community, the very first learning center was set up three years ago. A lot has changed since then. The rented facilities changed into a proper building and 3,700 people of Arvaikheer have become members. Around 4,000 books have been checked out. Nine weekly courses and activities have taken place. The learning center in Arvaikheer also marks the birthplace of the Bookbridge Foundation.

SCOUTS New Zealand's New National Commissioner

Kelly Bleakley has just been appointed as the new National Commissioner. At only 24 years of age, Kelly brings a young, fresh perspective to the senior leadership group and is looking forward to being involved with the Leaders and youth throughout New Zealand.

Kelly is also keen to get more young people interested in volunteering with the Movement.

Being involved at the grass roots level of scouting, Kelly has been a member in the Scout, Venture and Rover sections and currently is an Adult Leader. Kelly holds the Queen Scout and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards and has completed her adult training courses for the wood beads and Gilwell scarf.

Kelly has held the position of Chairperson for SCOUTS New Zealand National Youth Council and represented SCOUTS New Zealand as a delegate at the Asia Pacific Conference and Youth Forum – Japan 2007, World conference and Youth Forum-Korea 2008 and the World Conference and Youth Forum- Brazil 2011.

As National Commissioner Kelly also holds the title of Deputy Chief Scout for SCOUTS New Zealand.

Job Opportunity: Development Support Manager

The World Scout Bureau is inviting applications for the position of Development Support Manager (DSM). The DSM will support the development of Scouting in NSOs and provide expertise in environment education as well as in partnerships. The DSM will be based in Manila, Philippines. See http://scout.org/en/our_organisation/job_opportunities for details.

Deadline of application is on 7th September 2012. Candidates meeting the requirements must send their full application file including CV, motivation letter, copies of diplomas and work certificates/recommendation letters to: jobs@scout.org

What's On-going

APR Workshop on Membership Growth Review

Who Key leaders at national and sub-national level
When 7-10 September 2012
Where Macau
Fee US\$150.00

International Workshop on Youth for Change

Who Volunteers or professional staff working at National or Regional level on Youth for Change related issues
When 14-16 September 2012
Where Thailand

National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities

Who Volunteers or professional staff working at building management capabilities
When 18-21 September 2012
Where Cambodia

National Youth Programme Development Workshop

Who Scouts and leaders working in Youth Programme
When 27-30 September 2012
Where Sri Lanka

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

Who Community-Based Coordinators and key leaders
When 21-24 September 2012
Where India

What's Upcoming

SAARC Scouts Camp

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

Be Prepared

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