



AUGUST 2013

What's New

30th APR Scout Jamboree opens in Japan

Today, the 1st of August, is a remarkable day for Scouting and to the over 14,000 Scouts who will have another adventure of their lives at the 30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree/16th Nippon Jamboree at Kirara-hama in Yamaguchi, Japan.

Filling up the grounds of Kirara-hama are contingents from 53 countries from around the world. The Jamboree officially opens today with the presence of Mr. Shigetaro Yamamoto, Yamaguchi Prefectural Governor, and the Director-General of the Education Ministry Mr Yoshio Yamawaki, together with Regional Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po.

In the coming days, from 1st to 8th August, participants will be all over the campsite, on-site and off-site, to join many activities. One of them is the Global Development Village which is designed to raise awareness of global issues from six perspectives: peace, environment, health, human rights, development, and disaster mitigation. Activities are in collaboration with 16 NGOs and NPOs such as the World Food Programme, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Plan Japan, among others.

Appreciating cultures will be another eye-catcher at the arena through music, dance, costumes and crafts of Japan and that of other countries. In addition, a booth of the World Organization of the Scout Movement will run workshops to engage Scouts as Messengers of Peace. Various programs will trigger the Scouts' curiosity in science, and they will know more about local communities with visits to 19 towns and cities in Yamaguchi.

Nature is definitely a part of the adventure while exploring the Yamaguchi countryside. And there's the Hiroshima Peace Programme which aims to deepen appreciation why we strive for peace with a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. On a smaller scale, sub camp life is another way for participants to experience living away from home and families, this time, sharing daily routine with patrols and units.

This Regional Jamboree is a pre-Jamboree of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree to take place at the same campsite in 2015.

To get updated on what's happening inside the Jamboree, the Scout Association of Japan has launched a couple of days ago its official Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/16nj30aprsj>) which, as of now, has more than 3,000 likes!

Review of training schemes enhances adult training

Once again, Scout leaders appreciate more and more the synergy of training in relation to youth programme. This is shown with the active participation of 44 Scout leaders from 15 National Scout Organizations at the National Training Schemes Review held at Vajiravudh National Scout Camp in Thailand from 22 to 25 July 2013.

Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan, in his first official capacity as the Regional Director of the Asia-Pacific Region, talked about the importance of reviewing the training schemes of NSOs to enhance the quality of adult training. He also emphasized the

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

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

100 Years Sabah Jamboree/ 2nd National Jamboree
12-17 August
Malaysia

National Strategic Planning Workshop
15-20 August
Mongolia

APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee Meeting
7-8 September
Hong Kong

World Scout Committee Meeting
20-22 September
Argentina

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

Suncheon Board Meeting
16 October
Korea

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
19-20 October
Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI
19-20 October
Worldwide

need to sustain the synergy between youth programme and adult training.

Sharing the same view are APR Adult Support Sub Committee Chairman Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy and Programme Sub Committee Chairman Dr Lian Ie-Bin. Other leaders at the opening were World Scout Committee member Eric Khoo, Regional Scout Committee member Paul Parkinson, Consultants Dr Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani and Prakob Mukura and YAMG Chairperson Ms Sornsawan Ho.

On the part of the host country, National Scout Organization of Thailand, International Commissioner Dr. Anatchai Rattakul, who was the chief guest at the opening ceremony, said that NSOT was honored to host the workshop. He said, "I recognize that this workshop is principally designed to enhance the development of the National Training Scheme by reviewing it through your experiences to make Scouting the best youth organization for creating a better world."

Dr. Prapatpong Senarith directed the workshop with the support of an international team: Paul Parkinson (Australia), Rajalingam Ramasamy (Malaysia), Dr Mirza Ali Haider (Bangladesh), Ivan Tam (Hong Kong), Koo Hong Kiong (Malaysia), Ng Ah-Ming (Hong Kong), and Thian Hiong-Boon from the APR office.

APR Adult Support Sub Committee meets in Vajiravudh. Just before the regional workshop review on National Training Schemes, members of the Adult Support Sub-Committee had a meeting on 21st July 2013 at Vajiravudh Scout Camp, and mapped out actions to reinforce the regional plan 2012-2015.

The meeting was a fruitful discussion with good participation of members including APR Adult Support Sub Committee Chairman Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy, Programme Sub-Committee Chairman Dr Lian Ie-Bin and Regional Director Mr J. Rizal C. Pangilinan. The group worked on issues concerning adults in scouting and training. Seven sub-committee members stayed on to attend the training scheme workshop.

Former Regional Director conferred the Bronze Wolf

It is a proud moment for former Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed to be conferred the Bronze Wolf. WOSM Secretary General Scott Teare sent his congratulatory note to Mr Rasheed for being a recipient of the highest award in World Scouting that recognizes his outstanding services of the most exceptional character to the Scout Movement.

Mr Rasheed, in a general note he sent to colleagues and friends, wrote "I am greatly honoured to have received this highest award in world scouting - The Bronze Wolf and I owe to everyone of you my deepest gratitude and appreciation for your support and co-operation that you have extended to me during my tenure as Regional Director and enabling me to serve the movement to the best of my ability during that period."

Regional Treasurer reappointed

Current Regional Treasurer, Mr Paul Ho of Hong Kong, who was first appointed as Regional Treasurer of Asia-Pacific Region in mid 2011, has been reappointed for the term 2012-2015. World Treasurer Mr Oliver Durant confirmed the reappointment after the endorsement by the Regional Scout Committee.

Mr Paul Ho promptly acknowledged his appointment, and responding to RD JR Pangilinan's congratulatory note, he said, "I am very glad to know my re-appointment so that I can continue to work with you and our staff as one team for the good of the APR Office and the NSOs".

President of the Republic of Bangladesh takes oath as Chief Scout

His Excellency the President, Abdul Hamid, took oath as the Chief Scout of Bangladesh on 30th July at a ceremony at Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban in Dhaka. High public officials as well as Bangladesh Scouts leaders including awardees joined the ceremony. The Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad administered the oath and adorned him with a national scarf.

During the ceremony, 125 Scouts and 3 Rover Scouts were also presented the 'President Scouts Award' and President Rover Scout Award for the year 2011 and 2012.

The President was happy to know that Bangladesh Scouts started some activities for acquiring IT skills. He

World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) Meeting

6-8 November
Japan

World Scout Education Congress

22-24 November
Hong Kong

CALT for Vietnam Scout Leaders

27 Nov – 2 December
Manila

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

27 November –
4 December
Thailand

Ticket to Life Workshop 6-9 December

Pakistan

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December –
6 January 2014

asked the Scouts to increase their knowledge in IT and to step forward to become part of the country's socio-economic advancement. The Bangladesh government always provides co-operation and assistance for development and expansion of the Scout activities. "This assistance will be extended further", he assured.

H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid is the 20th president of Republic of Bangladesh. Bangladesh Scouts constitution provides that the President of the country is the Chief Scout. *** *Md. Toufiq Ali, Honorary Correspondent of Bangladesh Scouts*

Bank VP tops honours list for contributions to Singapore Scouting

Thirty-one active volunteer Scout leaders led by Bank Vice-President Robert Koh were honoured for their significant contributions to Singapore Scouting at this year's Singapore Scout Association Distinguished Service Awards presentation ceremony held at the Istana on 24th July.

Mr Robert Koh said, "I am humbled by the award. I have enjoyed serving scouting both at the unit level and the national level for the last decade or so. I hope to return to Singapore scouting when I return from my overseas posting in the near future."

Mr Koh received the Distinguished Service Award (Star to Silver). Three overseas leaders namely Haji Badar Bin Haji Ali (Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam) received the Silver Award while Mr Tim Kuo (Scouts of China, Taiwan) and Mr Syd Castillo of World Scout Bureau (Asia Pacific Regional Office) received the Bronze Award. They received their awards from President Tony Tan Keng Yam, who is also Chief Scout of Singapore.

The Singapore Scout Foundation seeks to bring together friends of Singapore Scouting who are committed to developing the Movement for the benefit of this and future generations of young Singaporeans. Over \$1 million has been raised by the Foundation since its establishment last year.

*** *Mr Caleb Cheah, Honorary Correspondent, The Singapore Scout Association*

Two national camps aim for appreciation of agriculture and special needs

Two national Scout camps were held in Indonesia recently. First, the National Community Service Camp for the Agriculture Special Unit of Rover and Senior Rover. This camp was held in West Sumatra Province from 25 to 30 June 2013. The Indonesian Minister of Agriculture, Ir. H. Suswono, opened the camp in front of more 1,200 Rovers and Senior Rovers who came all the way from 33 provinces of Indonesia.

Indonesia is known as an agriculture country, and through this camp, Minister Suswono expressed hope that many young people would learn to appreciate farming and fisheries, even though many people nowadays tend to shy away from agriculture. This camp, said the Minister, "can be create a momentum to develop young farmers in Indonesia". With Indonesia's goal for food self-sufficiency, this move is to create a cadre of young movers for agricultural development. Participants of this community camp learned about the many aspects of agriculture and new technologies for farming and fishing.

"The seriousness of fostering this special unit in the past has produced many young cadres in agriculture area", he added. The Minister was accompanied by Chief Commissioner of Gerakan Pramuka, Prof.Dr. Azrul Azwar, and Deputy Governor of West Sumatra who is also the Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka in West Sumatera Province.

The other national Scout camp was held at Cibubur Scout Camp, from 30 June to 5 July 2013. More than 600 Scouts with special needs from many provinces in Indonesia participated in the camp. Officially opened by the Chief Commissioner of Gerakan Pramuka, Prof. Dr. Azrul Azwar, the camp attracted many young people with special needs.

Once referred to as "children with disabilities", the term has changed to "children with special needs" to respect their dignity and equality with other children. ****Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent, Gerakan Pramuka, Indonesia*

Book Reading Competition launched

Bangladesh Scouts launched the 'Book Reading Competition' with the theme "Book is the real friend". Different books of renowned Bengali writers including Scout books were handed over to the participants from different units. About 300 Cub, Scout and Rover Scouts from 30 different units participated in this competition. The aim of this competition is to give an opportunity to Scouts to enrich their knowledge and make them more creative. After finishing the books listed, the reading competitors attend evaluation exam. ****Mr Md. Toufiq Ali, Honorary Correspondent, Bangladesh Scouts*

Scouts choose to be Messengers of Peace

Wherever they are, Scouts face the challenge of bringing hope and change to their communities through the Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiative. Scouts seek interventions to improve the lives of children from the crowded streets in Manila to the orphanages in Nepal. Cultures are being united between Mongolians and Kazaks in northeast Asia, among the multi-cultural communities in New Zealand, and the ethnic groups in Fiji. Scouts become the catalysts and facilitators of inter-faith and inter-racial harmony in Singapore.

Know more about the intervention of Scouts through at the Messenger of Peace initiative from the latest issue of the MoP Bulletin, Issue 6. Download the bulletin at http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/asia_pacific/about_scouting/messengers_of_peace/quarterly_bulletin

What's On-going

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

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

Who: Young people

When: 3-4 August

Where: To be hosted by The Bharat Scouts & Guides/India

What's Upcoming

APR Workshop on Branding and Image Management

Who: Volunteers and full time staff in charge of Communications/PR/Marketing in their National Scout Organizations, with special invitation to Honorary Correspondents, Young Correspondents and Young Spokespersons.

When: 25-28 September 2013

Where: Siem Reap Province, Cambodia

World Scout Committee Meeting

Who: World Scout Committee members

When: 20-22 September 2013

Where: Argentina

Be Prepared

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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