



DECEMBER 2013

What's New

Response to rebuild and give hope to typhoon survivors

Following the appeal from the Asia-Pacific Regional Office to help the survivors of super typhoon Haiyan that devastated the Visayas and partly in Luzon on 8 November, some groups and individuals have promptly responded with their generous contributions, namely:

- World Scout Foundation through MoP – US\$10,000
- Bangladesh Scouts – US\$2,000
- Mr Ie Bin Lian and the Taiwan Scout Taichung Unit 30/Dragon Scout Group – US\$500
- APR staff and Regional Treasurer Paul Ho – US\$500
- Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed of Bangladesh – US\$100

Regional Director JR C Pangilinan said, "This financial assistance will be used in the rebuilding process especially for the infrastructure in the local Scout councils that have been flattened and totally destroyed."

Our appreciation also goes to organizations and individuals who have given their financial and material support directly to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Hundreds of Scouts in different parts of the country have helped in collecting, repacking and even delivering relief good to affected communities. Last weekend, a big number of Scouts from Metro Manila turned up for the last repacking of goods in coordination with the government's Social Welfare Department. Their next stop: distribution of goods this weekend at the Villamor Air Base for survivors who flew out from the hard hit areas and seeking refuge in Manila.

1st WSEC, the Scouting event of the year!

The Participants. The 1st World Scout Education Congress is a highlight for World Scouting in 2013! As of 25 October, 449 participants, including keynote speakers, external organization representatives, facilitators, rapporteurs and Scout guests from 115 National Scout Organizations and National Scout Associations registered for the Congress.

The Place. The WSEC site said it well, the "WSEC is a reflection of Hong Kong hospitality, culture and food, making it a perfect setting for ideas and thoughts". The Scout Association of Hong Kong offered its place, the B-P International, and mobilized a huge number of volunteers to take care of participants' needs, from arrival to departure. Very well done. The energy was high and Scout spirit was soaring during the congress!

The Program. It started with the theme "Scouting: Education for Life", focusing on three sub-themes for each day. *Society* for day 1, *Education* for day 2, and *Impact of Scouting* for day 3. Each day had the basic elements of keynote address, discussions and live streaming. Participants had the option to choose discussion groups from a wide variety of topics.

Much is yet to be said about the Congress, and a full documentation is expected to be released in due time. To get a glimpse of the WSEC outcomes, please visit <http://www.worldscouteducationcongress.org/en>

REMAINING EVENTS 2013

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree
27 Nov – 4 December
Thailand

4th National Jamboree
3-8 December
Brunei Darussalam

Ticket to Life Workshop 6-9 December
Pakistan

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree
28 December –
6 January 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

Consultancy Visit
11-14 January
Sri Lanka

BSP/SLR Invitational Scout Jamboree
26-31 January
Laguna, Philippines

ISGF Committee Meeting
1-2 February
Philippines

World Scout Committee Meeting
21-23 March
Geneva

2nd Preparatory Meeting for the 25th APR Scout Conference
28-29 March
Korea

8th APR Scout Leaders Summit
26-29 April
Sri Lanka

4th International Patrol Jamboree
4-9 August
Korea

Jamboree for Southeast Asia and Beyond

It is much more than an ASEAN Scout Jamboree with the participation of National Scout Organizations from 16 countries including the host – Thailand. Over 5,000 Scouts took part in the Jamboree at the Vajiravudh Scout Camp in Chonburi Province.

Participating countries were Bangladesh, Cambodia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Thailand. Around 18 Scouts and leaders from Myanmar attended the Jamboree, the first time in five decades.

The Jamboree was held from 28 November to 3 December with National Scout Organization of Thailand as host in cooperation with the ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) and in conjunction with the 86th birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Main activities were Messengers of Peace, Community Development, ASEAN Development Village, ASEAN Peace Circle, ASEAN Tournament and Hiking. Several special and free time activities were offered. Ms Sornsawan Ho, Chairman of Young Adults Members Group (YAMG) composed the Jamboree song entitled "Gathering for Peace."

There were two parts of the opening program. First part was the ceremonial opening where Mr Chaturon Chaisang, Minister of Education and Chairman of the NSOT Executive Board was the Guest of Honor and Speaker. Second part was the official camp opening by APR Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po and Dr Shahrum, ASARC Chairman.

Asia-Pacific Region was also represented by Regional Director JR Pangilinan, RSC members Janaprith Fernando, Wendel Avisado and Dr Azrul Azwar; Chairman of Adult Resources Rajalingam Ramasamy; Member of Financial Resources Sub-Committee Danilo Asiaten; ASARC Chairman Dr Shahrum Bin Osman; APR Consultant Prakorb Mukura and Chairman of the YAMG Sornsawan Ho.

259 Bangladesh Cubs receive award from Prime Minister

The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina presented the Cub Scout Award to 259 young Scouts at her official office in Dhaka on 3rd November 2013. Called the 'Shapla Cub Award 2012,' it is the highest Cub Award of Bangladesh Scouts.

On this occasion, the Prime Minister addressed a large gathering of Scouts and leaders. She said that the government of Bangladesh is exerting its best efforts to support Scouting. Today, many projects on infrastructure development are being developed and Scouts will surely benefit.

Bangladesh Scouts President Md. Abdul Karim, Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Md. Abul Kalam Azad and National commissioner (programme) Mesbah Uddin were among the leaders who spoke on this occasion. – *contributed by Toufiq Ali, Honorary Correspondent*

Solidarity enhances training standard

Wednesday, 27 November 2013 - The Standard of adult training for 44 Vietnamese Scout Leaders from different groups is enhanced when they flew to Manila, Philippines for the Course for Assistant Leader Trainers at Mt Makiling in Laguna, Philippines.

This Course is designed for Vietnamese Scout Leaders who have completed the three Advanced Unit Leaders Training Courses held in 2010 and 2011 respectively and have completed their Wood Badge, a training sponsored by Bill Philips from Ecuador, an avid supporter of Scouting in Vietnam.

The Training of Trainers Course level one aims to strengthen and capacitate leaders as Trainer and Leaders of Basic Course for Unit Leaders, with view to deliver quality youth programme for more Scouts and young people in Vietnam.

This Course is initiated by WOSM APR in partnership with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines for Scouting Expansion and support to potential NSO. It is headed by Dr. Irma O. Ejanda as Course Leader; Yasser F. Sarona and Bernardo G. De Leon served as Assistant Course Leaders with other trainers Dr. Edith L. Padama; Geronimo D. Tolosa; Baltazar M. Gayem; Dr. Evelina M. Vicencio; Emmanuel E. Itorma; Koo Hong Kiong (Persekutuan

40th World Scout Conference

11-15 August
Slovenia

57th JOTA/ 18th JOTI

18-19 October
Worldwide

Pengakap Malaysia), and Thian Hiong-Boon from APR Office as Course Coordinator.

The oldest participant, Le Ngoc Buu, shared why he wants to join the course despite his age. He said, "I have been in Scouting for 60 years and I still need more knowledge and have a warm heart to serve other people." He has published a book on Vietnamese Scouting from 1930 – 2012 and he is preparing another book to commemorate 85 years of Vietnamese Scouting in 2015. He believes that the Vietnamese government in the near future will recognize Scouting. There are now more than 6,000 Scouting Members in Vietnam.

The Training closes on 3 December 2013 with Action Plan developed by the participants. - *Contributed by Yasser Sarona, Boy Scouts of the Philippines*

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What's Ongoing

4th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

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

When: 27 November – 4 December

Where: Thailand

Ticket to Life Evaluation and Planning Workshop

Who: Ticket to Life Country Coordinators

When: 6-9 December

Where: Pakistan

What's Upcoming

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

Who: Open to all New Zealand Scouts years 6-10 (New Zealand School years) in 2013, or for International Scouts, please refer to your own Scout Association for age requirements up to age 15 as at Day 1 of Jamboree.

When: 28 December 2013 – 6 January 2014

Where: Fielding, New Zealand

Be Prepared

8th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who: Chief Commissioner or equivalent; International Commissioner, and Chief Scout Executive or equivalent

When: 26-29 April 2014

Where: Goldi Sands Hotel, Negombo, Sri Lanka

Colombo District Scout Centenary

Who: Young people both male and female between 12-18 years old. International Service Team (IST) should be above 18 years old and ideally not above 50 years old.

When: 1-7 August 2014

Where: Ygro Campsite, Madampe, Sri Lanka

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