



# APRIL 2015

## REGIONAL INITIATIVES

### Call for Nominations to the Young Adult Members Group 2015-2018

The 8th APR Scout Youth Forum will elect the fifth batch of the Young Adult Members Group for 2015-2018. This youth event will take place from 29 October to 1 November 2015 at the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre, Republic of Korea.

Six young adults who were elected at the 7th APR Scout Youth Forum will complete their term at the forthcoming Regional Scout Conference, namely:

Mr. Pangkaj Sutradhar (Bangladesh)  
Ms. Tam Man Ying Shirley (Hong Kong)  
Mr. Muhamad Nizarul Idhafi Bin Omar (Malaysia)  
Mr. Mohamed Firuzul Abdullah Khaleel (Maldives)  
Mr. Eugene Lester Lin (Philippines)  
Ms. Sornsawan Ho (Thailand) – Chairman of the Group

For the next triennium, five of the elected young adults will serve as members of the five regional sub-committees and the elected Chairman will be a member of the Regional Scout Committee.

National Scout Organizations are invited to endorse one candidate. Nomination form must reach the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office by 15 July 2015. Names of candidates will be announced on 31 July 2015.

### More Filipino Scouts trained in Disaster Risk Reduction

*Palayan City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines.* The serene and picturesque mountain view from this northern province of the archipelago, specifically the BSP Camp, was the home for the 43 Senior and Rover Scouts ages 13 to 24 years old who participated in the 5th leg of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training Course organized from 9-13 April 2015.

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### 2015 events

(2nd to 4th Quarter)

#### Course for Assistant Leader Trainers

4-8 April, Macau

#### Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course

9-13 April Pangasinan, Philippines

#### 4th Preparatory Meeting for 25th APR Scout Conference

22-23 April, Korea

#### Awards Committee Meeting

24 April, Korea

#### Regional Scout Committee Meeting

25-26 April, Korea

#### Course for Assistant Leader Trainers

27 April-3 May, Cambodia

This endeavor is the Boy Scouts of the Philippines' (BSP) response to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) 2011-2028 with the end in view to address the need to make the most number of citizens better equipped in dealing with disaster, calamities and emergencies by imparting to them the necessary knowledge and skills on how to mitigate, reduce and manage its risks.

The five-day training course were both theoretical and practical in nature. Written exams were given to gauge the learners' conceptual aptitude abilities while simulation exercises in relation to disaster and emergency were done from simple to complex scenarios like Basic Life Support, Vehicle Extrication, Sweep Water Rescue, Collapse Structure Search/Rescue and Incident Command System through the Mass Casualty Incident scenario as the culminating activity with 15 victims.

This project was made possible through the support of the World Scout Foundation (WSF) and His Majesty King Carl Gustaf of Sweden during his visit to the Philippines in early 2014. The project implementation was a collaborative effort between the BSP headed by Mr. Cedric Train, BSP National Program Commissioner and Mr. Syd Castillo, Director for Youth Program, Asia-Pacific Regional Office. They were ably assisted by Mr. Broderick Train, a Professional Disaster Management expert and a good number of trained volunteers in the field. --- *Mar A. Cruz, Project Officer, Asia-Pacific Regional Office*

## Young adult leaders trained in Macau

Ten years after the Scout Association of Macau (SAM) organized the first Course for Assistant Leader Trainers (CALT) in 2005, a new batch of leaders were trained from 4 to 8 April 2015 at the national headquarters in Taipa. There were 37 participants comprised of 27 local and 10 overseas from Hong Kong and Malaysia. The course was conducted in Chinese language and Cantonese.

Course Director was Linda Chou, Deputy Chief Commissioner of SAM, supported by Francisco Chan, Training Commissioner, and Ronald Leng, Assistant Training Commissioner. Overseas trainers were Dr Mak Wai Meng (Hong Kong), Peter Lee (Hong Kong), Dr Leonides Son (Philippines) and Thian Hong Boon (APR office).

**Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course**  
7-11 May, Tacloban, Philippines

**Staff Development Workshop**  
13-15 May, Philippines

**CPSA Forum Workshop**  
25-28 May, Papua New Guinea

**Adult Support Sub Committee Meeting**  
30 May, Philippines

**APR Seminar-Workshop on Needs & Challenges of Young People and Adults**  
2-5 June, Philippines

**APR Seminar on Life Skills for the 21st Century**  
22-25 June, Bhutan

**APR Management Meeting**  
2-4 July, Philippines

**National Risk Management Workshop**  
6-9 July, Mongolia

**31st APR Jamboree Preparatory Meeting**  
10-11 July, Mongolia

**23rd World Scout Jamboree**  
28 July-8 August, Japan

**APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting**  
2-6 September, Australia

## WOSM INITIATIVE

### UNESCO World Heritage and World Scouting

On 3 December 2014, WOSM and UNESCO signed an agreement to promote the World Heritage Education programme that encourages young people to take part in projects related to heritage conservation and protection. Through this agreement, WOSM and UNESCO World Heritage will recognise projects undertaken by young people through the SW Award programme at any of the UNESCO World Heritage locations. This partnership demonstrates WOSM's commitment to heritage conservation and protection worldwide, a commitment that is aligned with our mission of "creating a better world".

NSOs that would like to participate in this phase can view the World Heritage Volunteers 2015 list and short project profiles at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/853/> which provides preliminary information.

The initiative will be officially launched at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan. (*WSB Circular No. 6-2015*)

## World Day Against Child Labour 2015

### NO to child labour, YES to quality education!

Between 2000 and 2012, the number of children in child labour fell by one third. Yet there are still 168 million children in child labour, of whom 85 million are engaged in hazardous work. While significant progress has been made, much remains to be done to eradicate the problem. On World Day Against Child Labour each year, global, national and local partners in the worldwide movement against child labour come together to demand an end to child labour and the realization of children's rights to learn, play and grow in a healthy and safe environment.

For over a decade now, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) of the International Labour Organization (ILO) have been collaborating to raise awareness about issues of social justice and human rights including, in particular, about child labour.

WOSM and ILO-IPEC are once again calling on National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and ILO Country Offices to join forces in activities and events planned on and around the World Day Against Child Labour on 12 June.

The focus of the World Day this year is on free, compulsory, quality education as the means to make the single biggest difference in combating child labour. It has even greater impact when combined with policies promoting better livelihoods, social protection and law enforcement. On this World Day, we call for:

- free, compulsory and quality education for all children at least until the minimum age for work;
- action to reach those presently in child labour;
- further efforts to improve the impact of national policies on child labour;
- policies that ensure children's access to quality education and that enhance investment in the teaching profession.

Within its own initiatives, WOSM can extend its Keeping Scouts Safe From Harm policy, training, procedures and good practices throughout the Movement, especially to vulnerable children engaged in Scout programmes. It can also take advantage of more extensive use of World Scout programmes, especially its flagship initiative, Messengers of Peace, and the Scouts of the World Award, to expand the capacity of Scouts to reach out to children in difficult circumstances through regional, national and local projects around the world.

Visit the "ILO – join the campaign against child labour" page on <http://www.scout.org/user/45293> (WSB Circular No. 7)

#### NSO INITIATIVES

### Scout saves 9-year old boy in Maldives

On 10th April 2015, 9-year old Ahmed Shaiban was saved by Scout Ahmed Azuhad and his friend Mohamed Musrih. The incident happened at Baa Atoll Eydhafushi Island, where Shaiban was reported to have slipped from the jetty while taking a stroll alone.

Scout Azuhad said he saw a boy floating in the sea without any movement, so he jumped in along with his friend Mohamed Musrih. While he pulled the kid onto a nearby boat and administered first aid, his friend went to gather people for help.

**APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of multimedia**  
7-10 September  
Brunei Darussalam

**APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting**  
14-18 September  
Pakistan

**APR Course for Leader Trainers**  
26 Oct-1 Nov Korea

**8th APR Scout Youth Forum**  
29 Oct-1 Nov  
Korea

**Chief Scout Executives Meet**  
1 November, Korea

**Sub-Committee and Regional Scout Committee meetings**  
2 November, Korea

**Regional Scout Committee Meeting with Heads of Delegations**  
3 November, Korea

**25th APR Scout Conference**  
3-8 November, Korea

**Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course**  
19-23 November  
Cebu City, Philippines

**Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Training Course**  
13-17 December  
Davao City, Philippines

Soon the kid was taken to the hospital for treatment with the help of people who gathered at that area. Shaiban was discharged from hospital after treatment the next day.

Azuhad, a 10th grade student of the Baa Atoll Education Centre received a bravery certificate from his school for saving the kid's life. -- *Ashraf Waheed, National Commissioner for Public Relations, Maldives*

## Trees for the World

Scouts of China (Taiwan) has organized countrywide tree planting event in March, involving 2,200 Scouts from 12 Scout councils in Taiwan that planted 20,000 trees. A rover crew also organized their own tree planting event in an offshore island.

Around 100 to 700 Scouts participated from each council -- a 275% growth from last year of 800 Scouts.

The programme is under the World Scout Environment Programme and Messenger of Peace to promote actions of Scouts in taking care of the environment. -- *Eilif Wang, Director of World Scout Environment Programme, Scouts of China (Taiwan)*

## Mobile learning center in Cambodia

From library center to mobile learning center, Cambodia Scouts, in partnership with BOOKBRIDGE delivered more than 400 books and e-book tablets in Tramkork district, Takeo province, Cambodia on 23 March 2015.

The first mobile learning center and e-book tablets was another initiative produced by this partnership. The launching was held on 20 March, presided by HE Tuon Siphann, Cambodia Scouts Chief Commissioner, HE Lak Sam Ath, Secretary General at the Ang Roka Primary School, Takeo Province.

## Lessons on a Scout's Honour

Scouts mourn the loss of Singapore's founding Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew. Mr Lee was a Scout in the 32nd Singapore Scout Troop, which later became the 01 Raffles Scout Group. He was Singapore's first Prime Minister, serving from 1959 to 1990 and continued contributing to Singapore in various official capacities until he passed away on 23 March 2015.

### INVITATION

## APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of Multimedia

The Asia-Pacific Region, in collaboration with Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam (PPNBD), will organize the APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of Multimedia (New and Traditional Channels) on 7-10 September 2015 in Brunei Darussalam.

Objectives of the workshop

- To share tactics for communications and external relations using conventional (traditional) and new media to tell Scouting's story

- To explore ways of defining and communicating Scouting's positive impact on society and communities
- To understand available options, review and make recommendations on improving communication channels from APR and within NSOs

#### **Participants**

National Scout Organizations are invited to send their participants, ideally the volunteers or full-time staff responsible for communications and external relations of their NSO, the appointed NSO Correspondents, Young Correspondents, and Scout journalists.

#### **Fee**

The workshop fee of \$150 per participant will cover: inland transportation, food and accommodation for 5 nights, twin sharing rooms and workshop materials and educational tour.

## CIRCULARS

**Circular 1-2015:** Revised Guidelines for the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum

**Circular 2-2015:** Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws, Rules of Procedure and Submission of New Resolutions

**Circular 3-2015:** Proposed Conference Agenda

**Circular 4-2015:** Nominations for the Regional Scout Committee Membership 2015-2021

**Circular 5-2015:** Call for Proposal to Host the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference – 2018

**Circular 6-2015:** Call For Proposal To Host 32nd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree – 2021

**Circular 7-2015:** APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

**Circular 8-2015:** Youth Involvement

**Circular 9-2015:** APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

**Circular 10-2015:** APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of Multimedia

**Circular 11-2015:** 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts – 2015

**Circular 12-2015:** Call for nominations to the Young Adult Members Group for 2015 - 2018

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