



MAY 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Registration for 25th APR Scout Conference

Six months to go before the opening of the APR Regional Conference in Korea on 3-8 November 2015, online registration is now open until 30th September 2015.

Registration details are available at www.apsc2015.org. Please SIGN IN to access the information and to register online; OR download the forms, fill it up, and send it to the apsc2015 secretariat <apsc2015cs@scout.or.kr> with copy to APR Office <chit@scout.org>.

Please note that those registering online must first get endorsement from their respective NSOs.

If the NSO has not endorsed the participation and later do not confirm, the individual's registration will be cancelled and the fee that has been deposited may not be refunded.

Hotel booking will be first-come first-served basis based on availability of rooms at the preferred hotel.

Candidates for Regional Scout Committee 2015-2021

As a result of the call for nominations for Regional Scout Committee membership for 2015-2021, nine candidates have been nominated by the deadline of 30 April 2015. Candidates are listed below in order of the dates their nominations were received by the regional office.

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| 1. Mr. Chay Hong Leng | The Singapore Scout Association |
| 2. Mr. Ahmad Rusdi | Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia |
| 3. Mr. Pattaroj Kamonrojsiri | National Scout Organization of Thailand |
| 4. Mr. Joseph Lau Yee-Leung | Scout Association of Hong Kong |
| 5. Mr. Rajalingam Ramasamy | Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia |
| 6. Mr. Ahmed Ali Maniku | The Scout Association of Maldives |
| 7. Shri Baidas Ishwar Nagarale | Bharat Scouts and Guides |
| 8. Mr. Simon Hang-Bock Rhee | Korea Scout Association |
| 9. Dr. Ie-Bin Lian | Scouts of China |

Among the nine candidates, five will be elected to the Regional Scout Committee for a term of six years.

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2015 events

(2nd to 4th Quarter)

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

Regional Scout Committee visits the 25th Conference venue

The Regional Scout Committee (RSC) visited Kimdaejung Convention Center, the venue of the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference, in Gwangju, South Korea.

The RSC had its meeting the same day at Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre, where important decisions were made regarding the region's activities, including the regional conference, youth forum, and course for leader trainers to be organized in November this year.

World Scout Committee considers Macau application for WOSM Membership

World Scout Bureau KL office released a circular announcing that it has received the application from The Scout Association of Macau for recognition, as a Member Organization, by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). This application is in line with Resolution 3/14 of the Slovenia Conference. In accordance with the requirements of the WOSM Constitution, the World Scout Committee considered this application and recommends that it be accepted.

Under the terms of Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution, "if within three months the recommendation is unopposed or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Organizations," The Scout Association of Macau will be declared a Member, as the National Scout Organization of Macau, of the World Organization of the Scout Movement as from 25 July 2015.

The Scout Association of Macau has been an Associate Member of WOSM within the Asia-Pacific Scout Region since 1983.

Search for APR Outstanding Scouts 2015

The Asia-Pacific Region is in the process of searching for candidates for the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts. Ever since the contest started at the Regional Scout Conference in Delhi in 2001, it has become a regular feature of every regional conference and has maintained the standard of awarding the best among the best of our Scouts.

The competition calls for the nomination and selection of outstanding Scouts in member-countries in the Asia-Pacific Region with the main purpose of enhancing the image and visibility of Scouting as an educational movement and to emphasize its effectiveness in the development of young people at home, in school, and in communities.

Awards criteria with nomination form has been released through a circular. Nominations should be received by the APR office not later than **30 June 2015**, in time for the short-listing on the second week of July. The five short-listed candidates will be expected to attend the Regional Conference in Korea for the final selection and awarding.

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

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

Training Scouts for emergency and disaster response continues across the Philippines

As an initiative under the Messengers of Peace project, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines continues to equip Scouts in different parts of the country, training them on what to do in times of emergency and disaster.

Two recent trainings were conducted. One was held at the coastal part of Lingayen, Pangasinan from 5-9 May 2015 with 40 participants, closely followed by another training in Tacloban City, Leyte on 7-11 May 2015 with 49 participants.

Highlight of the exercise were simulation related to disaster and emergency from simple to complex scenarios such as collapse structure search and rescue, vehicle extrication, sweep water rescue, basic life support, incident command system through the mass casualty incident scenario.

The series of training started on October 2014 and will continue in different cities and provinces across the Philippines. The project was funded by the World Scout Foundation, which was made possible during King Carl Gustaf visit in Manila in 2014. - *By Mar A. Cruz and Thian Hiong-Boon, Asia-Pacific Office*

Winners of 13th APR Scout Photo Contest

Following the theme "Impact of Scouting", the photo entry of Ms Hung, Pin-Lan from Scouts of China was chosen as the Gold Prize winner in this year's 13th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Photo Contest.

Winners were selected from the 56 entries submitted by seven National Scout Organizations: Bhutan, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand.

Silver prizes went to Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia (Ashari Muhammad Hisbulloh) and Boy Scouts of the Philippines (Arthur de Borja) and three bronze prizes to Scouts of China, Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia and National Scout Organization of Thailand.

Mr Takeyoshi Tanuma, President of the Japan Professional Photographers Society, who devoted himself as the chief judge of the contest for many years, headed the panel during the final screening. Top Filipino photographers Richel Mascarinas, Ramon Ching and Edwin Tuyay conducted the pre-screening of the photos held on February 2015.

Winning entries will be used in the Region's major publications and presentation of awards will be at the 25th APR Scout Conference in Korea, November this year.

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

CALT participants commit to produce more quality Unit Leaders

Cambodia Scouts (CS) created another milestone as 30 Scout Leaders were trained in the first Assistant Leader Trainers ever to be held in Cambodia. The course ran from 27 April to 3 May 2015 in Siem Reap. In addition to local participants, there were four from Hong Kong, three from Malaysia and one from Philippines.

The Secretary of State of Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts Mr. Chuch Phoeurn was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony. He is also Vice-President of Cambodia Scouts. He said that Scouting started in Cambodia in 1934 but interrupted a few times until it was reintroduced in 1999.

"I am glad to announce the 15% growth in membership. In this case, Cambodia Scouts needs to train more adult leaders, mostly school teachers to conduct Scouting activities. More importantly, we need to build stronger capacity of Wood Badge holders to gain three beads and run Basic Unit Leaders Training Courses", Phoeurn said.

Others present at the opening ceremony were Mr. Mao Vuthy, Vice-Governor of Siem Reap Province and also President of Cambodia Scouts, Siem Reap Province; Chief Commissioner, Mr Tuon Siphann; Mr Kong Uok, Vice-President; Mr Hong Ongpol Vanna, Dy Director, Department of Education, Youth & Sports; and Mr Lak Sam Ath, Secretary General.

Course Leader was Leonides Son, National Training Commissioner of Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Overseas trainers were Ivan Tam (Hong Kong); Lay Hooi-Lin, Ekbert Yong and Khoo HK (Malaysia); Bernard de Leon (Philippines) and Thian Hiong Boon from the Asia-Pacific Regional Office.

The participants were expected to implement their plan of action to produce more qualify adults who, in turn, will support the advancement of young Scout members into higher ranks and sections.

The Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Mr Im Koeh officiated the closing ceremony. Participants donated fund to the Nepal Scouts earthquake rehabilitation project.

Job opening for BOOKBRIDGE

To support the team in Mongolia and Cambodia in developing the organization's vision for 2020, BOOKBRIDGE is looking for a COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER for Asia. The person will also take the lead to bring BOOKBRIDGE to Sri Lanka as its third country.

BOOKBRIDGE is a social enterprise that sets up learning centers as social businesses in rural communities in Mongolia and Cambodia. It has been a partner of World Organization of the Scout Movement since 2009.

Submission of applications is until June 30, 2015.

To know more of details of the post and to complete the online application form, visit the website below: <http://bookbridge.poll daddy.com/s/applynow>

In case of any further questions, please contact Carsten at carsten@bookbridge.org.

Help Scouts to help others

The Scouting community expresses deep concern for the people of Nepal especially those affected by the massive earthquake.

Our fellow Scouts in Nepal need our help to fast track their relief and rehabilitation efforts. Whether short, medium or long-term assistance, it will give Nepal Scouts something to mobilize and reach out to affected communities.

It may take years to rebuild but a little help from each of us may bring a huge difference to them.

To extend help, please contact:

Nepal Scouts
info@nepalscouts.org.np

World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office
asia-pacific@scout.org

Heroes in scarf assist in #NepalEarthquake rescue efforts

There is a hero in every Scout. It was once again proven when the devastating 7.9 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal 11 days ago, on 25 April.

Here we share the firsthand experience of Rover Scout, Satindra Singh Maharjan who was with six other Rover Scouts and Rangers in a mini bus to the district of Lainchaur, when the disaster happened.

"It was like any other normal day. As we were passing the Harasiddhi School, our bus jolted to a halt. It shook violently, and I heard intense emotional screaming. Only then did I realise that we were in the midst of an earthquake.

We stayed on the bus until the tremor stopped. It seemed like forever; I saw buildings collapsed, and people running and screaming chaotically. We then alighted from the bus as quickly as we could, and went to the nearest safe zone.

Our sense of relief was shortlived. Terrified villagers in the area were running towards us, scared and confused. We were also scared but we thought we should do something to help. We told the people not to panic, to stay in the safe zone, to watch out for falling debris.

When we were told that there were people trapped inside Jhaykya, a building nearby, together with another Rover Scout, Raj Maharja, we went into the place. Unfortunately, eight people had already died when we reached the place. We saw a child, about 11 years old who was in Harasiddhi school uniform, trapped under the debris. We managed to save him. We wanted to search for more survivors but could not proceed further as the area was hit by an aftershock.

As the tremors continued and collapsed buildings blocked the way, and since we have neither helmets nor safety gears, we decided to assist the growing number of injured victims while waiting for the rescue team. There were many wounded people lying on the ground. We tried to bring as many to the nearest hospital. When the rescue team

arrived, we helped by taking out the dead bodies and continued to search for survivors. We did as much and as best as we could. We are Scouts and we should always be ready to carry out our duty to others.”

It is inspiring as ever to see Scouts in action, giving service to the community and helping other people at all times. A random act of kindness can help create a better world and a simple act of heroism can change someone’s life.

Today, Scouts from different parts of the world have reached out not only through their messages of hope but also by providing rescue and relief assistance to the Nepal Scouts.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG) has dispatched a troop of Rover Scouts to help in the rescue and relief efforts. They have also donated and delivered some Rs50,000 worth of relief goods to earthquake-hit remote villages in Nepal.

Scouts from Bangladesh recently arrived to boost relief efforts, bringing with them the much needed food, shelter and medical supplies. Together with Scouts from every district in Nepal, they are serving and helping the local communities.

These are just a sampling of how Scouts in Nepal and from all over the world are responding to provide the much-needed aid to Nepal – a duty to country, a duty to others, and the aspiration to creating a better world.

For updates on Scouts in action in Nepal, visit scout.org/scoutaid.

You can also check out these Facebook Pages: Nepal Scouts, BSGIndiaRescue.

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NSO INITIATIVES

3rd Macau Scout Youth Forum

Six months before the 8th APR Scout Youth Forum in Korea, the Scout Association of Macau organized its 3rd Macau Scout Youth Forum on 1-2 May 2015 at the Scout Headquarters, in Taipa. Thirteen Venture Scouts joined the group discussions and came up with recommendations.

Organizing committee of this Youth Forum have been participants of the previous World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) or APR Scout Youth Forum (APRSYF): Chairperson Jennie Lin (APR SYF 2012), supported by vice-chairmen Alvin Tou (APR SYF 2012) and Carol Wong (WSYF 2014). Former chairmen Lawrence Kuan (WSYF 2005), Brendan Lee (WSYF 2008) also helped in the forum. International Commissioner Francisca Vong served as the Forum adviser.

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

Targeting to explore ways of implementing the Community-Based Scouting in national Scout Organizations as an effective method in increasing membership bringing Scouting closer to the communities, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, Asia-Pacific Region in collaboration with Scouts Australia, will organise the APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting from 3-6 September 2015, at the Gilwell Park, Melbourne, Australia.

This is follow up to the workshop conducted in Delhi in 2012 that will serve as a gathering of CBS Coordinators to evaluate the current initiatives and develop future plan of actions.

Participants

Primary target of this workshop are the coordinators of community-based Scouting at national level or commissioners who are in-charge of promoting Scouting in the community. Other key National Scout leaders who could be valuable contributors to the seminar are also welcome.

Fee

USD 150.00 will cover local transportation, food, accommodation (twin sharing room) for five nights, workshop documents, souvenirs and a half day educational tour.

APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance

In our continuing effort for NSOs in the region to gradually move towards self-reliance, the APR Financial Resources Sub- Committee has promoted the concept of self-reliance as common ground to further share the knowledge and experiences in building and institutionalizing the internal capacities of the NSOs.

It is on this basis that the "APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance" is being organized and hosted by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Date: 17 - 20 September 2015

Venue: Boy Scouts of the Philippines National Office

Participants

Key leaders responsible for Resources Development, Partnership, Finance, and Fundraising in National Scout Organizations both at the national and sub-national levels, interested in the subject and willing to further share the knowledge back in the NSO as well as to undertake fundraising tasks benefitting the NSO at the national and sub-national levels.

Trade Fair

A trade fair during the event is proposed, where NSOs can share and showcase their success stories in strengthening the existing resources, and innovative means of developing new resources (Scout Shop, Partnerships, Real estate, etc). The details will be communicated in due course.

Methods

Talk, Panel Presentation, Case Presentation and Study, Project Workgroups

Registration Fee

USD \$150.00 covers inland transport, Food and accommodation during the event, workshop materials, souvenirs, and educational tour

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

Circular 13-2015: Appeal to help Nepal earthquake survivors

Circular 14-2015: APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance

Circular 15-2015: Nomination for APR Sub-Committees 2015-2018

Circular 16-2015: Candidates for APR Scout Committee 2015-2021

Circular 17-2015: Draft APR Plan 2015-2018

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