



JUNE 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Re-enforcing the core business of Scouting -- educational methods

Enhancing the synergy of youth programme and Adults In Scouting (AIS) is what the 62 key leaders from 10 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) aimed to achieve as they gathered at the National Office of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) in Manila, Philippines. This 4-day APR Seminar-Workshop on Needs and Challenges of Young People and Adults in Scouting was held on 2-5 June 2015.

Participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand were given the opportunity to share their best practices in the implementation of world policies for youth program delivery and management of adults.

The Seminar-Workshop Director was Dr. Leonides Son, BSP National Training Commissioner. Resource persons include Rajalingam Ramasamy, Chairman of Adult Support Sub-Committee, YAMG Chairman Sornsawan Ho, Jose Figueira (WSB Kuala Lumpur office), Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Khan (Bangladesh), Ng Ah-ming (Hong-Kong), Yasser Sarona (BSP), Thian Hiong-Boon and Syd Castillo (WSB/APR).

The regional event was hosted by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and supported by APR Adult Support Sub-Committee. BSP Acting Secretary General Wendel Avisado and APR Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan were also present at the seminar-workshop.

Prior to the seminar-workshop, the APR Adult Support Sub-Committee meeting was held in Camiguin in southern Philippines, hosted by Mr Leo Lasacar, member of Adult Support Sub Committee.

Leaders forum tackles greater cooperation in South Pacific

Governor General Michael Ogio, Chief Scout of Papua New Guinea, welcomed the participants of the Council of South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA) Forum and workshop on 25-28 May 2015 in Port Moresby. He said that Scouting greatly contributes to the education of young people

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2015 events

(2nd to 4th Quarter)

APR Seminar-Workshop on Needs & Challenges of Young People and Adults in Scouting
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 July, Mongolia

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

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting
3-6 September
Australia

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

in PNG, citing his own experiences as a Scout which largely influenced what he is today and what he has achieved in life.

With 22 key leaders from Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, the gathering mainly discussed the development of Scouting in the South Pacific and how they can cooperate and support each other.

World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan reiterated the need to strengthen their capacity as Scout organizations to provide better services to their members using the 4-C's – Communication, Coordination, Cooperation and Complementation as key factors for growth.

He acknowledged Scouts Australia and The Scout Association (UK) for supporting the event, and the Scout Association of PNG for hosting their South Pacific neighbors.

The CSPSA Forum elected Mr Joe Billy Oge, Chief Commissioner (The Scout Association of Solomon Island Branch) as Chairman, and Ms Susana Taafaki (Tuvalu Scout Association) as the Vice Chairman for the period 2015 – 2017.

The 3-day workshop focused on providing knowledge and skills in strengthening NSO structures and organization, human resource, resources development, and a discussion on APR Sea Scouting, disaster reduction management and Messenger of Peace.

Scouts say yes to quality education, no to child labour

Over a hundred Scouts joined thousands of others in a free concert saying no to child labour and yes to quality education. The International Labour Organization (ILO) Philippines organized the concert at the Rizal Park in Manila, Philippines on 12 June 2015. Scouts represented the World Organization of the Scout Movement to support its ongoing partnership with ILO.

Music became the educational and creative expression of local artists and rock bands to convey the theme "Batang Malaya (Children Living in Freedom): A Gathering to Fight Child Labour". The concert commemorated the World Day Against Child Labour and marked the 117th Philippine Independence Day.

Scout John Anthony Ruiz, under the Ticket to Life troop in Manila, celebrated his 20th birthday at the park.

"I chose to celebrate my birthday here because I want to understand what child labour is. I believe that children must be allowed to play and enjoy their childhood. They should be attending school and not found working", Ruiz said.

At the concert, singer Ebe Dancel asked the Scouts to sing with him before the crowd.

"Let's guide the children and not let them suffer. Let's take care of them and protect their rights to be children. Let us allow them to freely know themselves and their world. They won't be able to do that if at a young

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

14-18 September
Pakistan

APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance

17-20 September
Philippines

5th Preparatory for 25th APR Scout Conference

22-23 September
Korea

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

age they are given responsibilities they are not prepared for”, said Dancel.

In the Philippines, there are 2.1 million child labourers aged 5-17 years old, mostly in hazardous work (95 per cent) according to the Philippine Statistics Authority. Children work on farms and plantations, in dangerous mines, in streets, in factories, and in private homes as child domestic workers. Agriculture remains to be the sector where most child labourers can be found at 58 per cent.

“Child labour is a complex issue rooted in poverty and the lack of access to decent work and social protection for adults. A few pesos these children may earn while putting their health at risk or their lives in danger cannot change their future the way access to education can change their lives. Education opens doors to greater opportunities,” said Lawrence Jeff Johnson, Director of ILO Philippines.

Also on 12 June in Geneva, ILO launched its World Report on Child Labour presenting empirical evidence of how child labour combined with limited education can lead to increased youth vulnerability and greater difficulties in transitioning to good jobs.

APR Seminar on Life-Skills for the 21st Century

Thirty one key leaders from nine NSOs have gathered on 22-25 June in the beautiful Khangku Resort in Paro, Bhutan for the APR Seminar on Life Skills for the 21st Century.

The opening ceremony was graced by the honorable Secretary of Education Ms Sangay Zam. In her speech, she stressed the importance of developing life skills for the young scouts for them to catch up with rapid changes of life. Young people must have the values to share, care and learn to live in harmony. She is also looking forward to a better scouting in Bhutan.

This four-day workshop aims to develop innovative youth-oriented educational programme that contributes to acquiring life skills relevant to 21st century. It will use Bernie Trilling’s 7Cs and the Renewed Approach to Programme (RAP) as framework to identify strategies and integrate it into Scouting.

Seminar director Mr. Karma Tenzin, facilitator Mr. Eric Lam, and Syd Castillo of WSB-APR formally opened the seminar.

WOSM INITIATIVE

Coming up soon – the 23rd World Scout Jamboree

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The Jamboree will gather 32,300 Scouts from all over the world. It is estimated to be staffed by 7,700 volunteers.

Draft Concept Paper on Scouting's Social Impact

The Reaching Out to All (ROTA) work stream of the World Scout Committee has worked over the past months to produce a basis for a structured discussion about the social impact of Scouting: What does Social Impact mean for Scouting? How do we as Scouts measure our social impact?

Social Impact is one of our six strategic priorities for the current and next two triennia, as outlined by Vision 2023.

We kindly invite National Scout Organizations to involve their members with experience in social impact and evaluation in providing their input on the concept paper attached, no later than August 20, 2015, to Hana Pasic, Project Manager, Impact Assessment, World Scout Bureau: hpasic@scout.org.

WOSM's Participation in COP21/CMP11, Paris, France

"By 2023 we want Scouting to be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values."

As part of this vision, National Scout Organizations are invited to nominate Scouts to represent the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21/CMP11) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (See:<http://www.unfccc.int>).

The event will be held in Paris, France, from 30 November –11 December 2015 which will mark a milestone in the history of global cooperation as the Family of Nations gathers to announce formal action to address climate change.

To see the detailed selection criteria, including the application form to fill in, read Circular N° 12/2015 sent on June 2, 2015.

The NSOs who are in the position to consider participating in this significant event, have to send their applications by 30 June to Ms Marianne Boddèle, Communications Officer, World Scout Bureau, at: mboddele@scout.org.

NSO INITIATIVES

Cubs and leader save woman's life

Don Ramsay didn't think twice when he saw two Cub Scouts disappear beneath the surface of the Waitawheta River in the Karangahake Gorge.

Ramsay, a Cub Scout leader at St Peter's Scout Group in Hamilton, discovered they were trying to pull an adult swimmer to safety and jumped into the river to help. "I looked across and saw two cubs going down," Ramsay, who received a Chief Scouts Commendation this week following the January rescue, said.

Ramsay, known to his cubs as Akela, saved the woman, who turned out to be another cub leader Kashmiri Kambata, and one of the cubs. Another adult on the scene rescued the other cub.

The woman credited to the two cubs for saving her life. "Without the two boys I don't know what would have happened to me."

Just this month, National Scouts Commissioner Kelly Bleakley presented an award to Ramsay recognizing his bravery. Ramsay received a standing ovation when accepting the certificate, first time that it was awarded to a leader from St Peter's Sea Scouts.

"The award is a very rare one to receive. It means a lot for Scouting with values such as being prepared, trained in the outdoors, and willing to help others," Bleakley said.

-- with text from *TE AHUA MAITLAND, Waikato Times*

Scouts are 'better prepared' for the future

SCOUTS New Zealand launched their new 10-year strategy named 'Better Prepared' on 23 May in Wellington, with the leadership team brought together from all over New Zealand.

The strategy will see the Movement preparing to achieve their vision "that in 2025 more than 25,000 youth will enjoy scouting adventures. They will come from every background, with a place for all, shape their own experiences, and make a positive difference for New Zealand".

To achieve this, they will focus on five key priorities identified in the Better Prepared plan – youth at the centre, inclusive growth, quality relevant programmes, prepared volunteers and organisational strength. SCOUTS New Zealand's Adventure Plus Ambassador, Mark Inglis was one of the key facilitators at the 'Better Prepared' launch.

"Being prepared for the future helps, but to be better prepared is the key" says Mark Inglis - mountaineer, Paralympian, acclaimed winemaker, innovator, husband and father-of-three. "Better Prepared acknowledges that we must always strive to improve and adapt, essential in this rapidly changing world. Better Prepared is the framework that will allow SCOUTS New Zealand to engage the youth and to provide that essential element in life, in growth – challenge."

The strategy is a great step forward for an already successful movement that has seen 21% growth since 2006 and is New Zealand's largest mixed youth movement.

Wayne Philip, APR Correspondent, Scouts New Zealand

Bangladesh sends 5-member disaster team to Nepal

In the aftermath of 7.9-magnitude earthquake that shook and claimed thousands of lives on 25th April 2015 in Kathmandu and other districts of Nepal, Bangladesh Scouts was one of the first to send an emergency disaster team to help in the massive work ahead.

The emergency disaster team, led by Bangladesh Scouts National Commissioner S.M. Shahriar, arrived on 3 May in Kathmandu and met with Nepal Scouts Chief Scout Honorable Minister for Youth and Sports Mr Purushottam Paudel and Chief Commissioner Mr Rabin Dahal; and turned over relief materials like medicine, blankets, biscuit, noodles, water purifying tab, horlicks, mat, plastic sheets, tent protectors and rechargeable light.

For the next twelve days, they worked with local Scouts in Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Nuwakot districts which endured major damage from the earthquake. They helped in recovering furniture and ornaments, set up temporary shelters and distributed relief materials.

Hundreds of Scouts and Scouters lost their homes and properties but Nepal Scouts is still determining the extent of damage on Scout families. As of today, Chief Commissioner Mr Rabin Dahal and his team set up three coordinating offices in different locations monitoring 19 critical places.

President of Sri Lanka inducted as Chief Scout

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, was inducted as the Chief Scout of Sri Lanka Scout Association in a special ceremony on 20 May 2015 at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo.

Chief Commissioner Prof. Nimal de Silva officiated the ceremony together with the Sri Lanka Scout Council officials and senior Scout Commissioners: Chairman Mr Ransiri Perera, Secretary Mr Sadik Ameen, Deputy Chief Commissioner Mr Shiraz Salih, National Training Commissioner Mr Sarath Godakandarachchi, National Programme Commissioner Mr Rohan Wirasekera, International Commissioner Mr Janaprith Fernando and other commissioners.

-- WOSM/APR Correspondent M.F.S. Muheed

Friendship Festival highlights Singapore Scout Collectors Club

Scout memorabilia collectors in Singapore welcomed the establishment of the Singapore Scout Collectors Club (SSCC) on 6 June 2015, at the national headquarters, with full support of the Singapore Scout Association (SSA).

In a special ceremony held at SSA National Headquarters, Guest of Honour Mr. Seng Han Thong, member of the Parliament and a well-known collector, assisted by Chief Commissioner, Mr. Tan Cheng Kiong, handed over the SSCC flag to the founder and chairman Mr. Michael CH Poh. In his remarks, he said "we can learn many things from the collections we have. We can meet another collector that can build a friendship." As his support to the SSA, Mr Tan donated some of his collections to exhibit at the Scout Gallery.

International Commissioner Chay Hong Leng said "with the development of information technology, we can easily meet people via internet and social media. But interaction between people is still important. With this event, we can meet, talk and have better understanding."

The ceremony was one of the activities of Singapore International Friendship Festival (SIFF), a gathering of local and international Scout memorabilia collectors around the world, and its now in its second year.

Aside from SSA and members from Girl Guide Singapore, other participating Scout collectors were from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Taiwan (Scouts of China), Philippines, and the United Kingdom. An impressive display of Scouting memorabilia were showcased at the Scout Gallery.

Today SSCC has more than 1,000 members from different countries around the world. As Singapore will celebrate its Golden Jubilee as a country, SSA is preparing for an international jamboree in November 2015 where members of SSCC are preparing activities related to the Scout memorabilia.

-- Berthold Sinaulan, APR & WOSM Correspondent

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), invites National Scout Organization to send Scouts and leaders to participate in the APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of Multimedia (New and Traditional Channels) to share tactics for communications and external relations using conventional (traditional) and new media to tell Scouting's story and to explore ways of defining and communicating Scouting's positive impact on society and communities.

Date: 7-10 September 2015

Venue: Brunei Darussalam Scout Headquarters Jalan Gadong, Brunei Darussalam

Fee: The workshop fee of \$150 per participant will cover the following:

- inland transportation
- food (from 6th September-dinner to 11th September-breakfast)
- accommodation for 5 nights, twin sharing rooms and workshop materials and educational tour

Educational tour: Water Village and Royal Regalia

Roverway 2016 in France

Roverway 2016 welcomes in France an estimate of more than 5,000 people from over 50 countries in Europe and worldwide on 3rd to 14th August 2016.

This 5th Roverway will be a unique opportunity for these young participants to experience, during the first six days of the event, the thrills of working together with a local partner in projects designed to change the local reality near the Mediterranean Sea, up in the Alps, the North or someplace else in France.

After 6 days, all paths will assemble near Paris to participate in the 5-day Roverway gathering and experience innovative educational programmes, games and debates. The opportunity to build a Viking village, renovate roads accessing the famous Mount St Michel, make sheep cheese in the Alpine pastures, organise a partnership with Emmaus (a solidarity organisation), and many others depending on their interest and commitment.

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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

Circular 18-2015: 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference: Breakout Groups

Circular 19-2015: Final Conference Agenda

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