



NOVEMBER 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

25th APR Scout Conference, Korea

Participation. The 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference held on 3-8 November 2015 in Gwangju City, Republic of Korea, was a milestone for Korea and regional Scouting. This was the second time that Korea hosted a Regional Conference. The first was 47 years ago, in 1968.

The regional conference involved over 500 people including participants, delegates, observers, guests and accompanying persons. This includes representatives from 24 National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region, associate members Macau and French Polynesia, guests from potential countries (Timor Leste, Vietnam, Myanmar), and from other regions: USA, Iceland, UK, Sweden, Finland, and Poland.

To mark this historic event, Ms Kim Hui Jeong, Minister of Gender Equality and Family; Dr. Hahm Jong Han, KSA President; João Armando Gonçalves, Chairperson, World Scout Committee; and Scott Teare, WOSM Secretary General were present at the Conference.

Dr John C. H. Nam delivered the keynote speech. He said, "growth not only in quantity, but also quality. This is because without quality, no amount of quantity can be guaranteed".

He encouraged that the Region continue to nurture talented young leaders, accumulate financial resources by creating the world's best ideas, and increase the speed and rate of innovation that match the changing needs of customers.

Other organizations were also present namely ISGF-APR, Habitat for Humanity, World Scout Shop, WWF, ICCS and WAGGGS.

New Regional Scout Committee. The conference elected five new members of the Regional Scout Committee for 2015-2021. Elected members are Mr Ahmad Rusdi (Indonesia), Mr Bhaidas Ishwar Nagarale (India), Mr Chay Hong Leng (Singapore), Mr Ie-Bin Lian (Scouts of China), and Mr Ahmed Ali Maniku (Maldives). Mr Pattaroj Kamonrojsiri will serve from 2015-2018 after replacing Mr Md Abul Kalam Azad who resigned from the post. In addition, Mr. Mori Cheng Chi-Kin (Hong Kong), chairman of the Young Adult Members Group, is a full-fledged member of the Regional Committee.

Continuing their work for another three years are Mr Janaprith Fernando

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2016 events

**MoP Training –
Maharashtra,**
02-06 January, India

**National Strategic
Planning Workshop**
24-29 January, Myanmar

**Global Support Assess-
ment Tool**
30-31 January,
New Zealand

**RSC members’
orientation**
08 April, Indonesia

RSC meeting
09-10 April, Indonesia

**APR Sub-Committees
Orientation**
11 April, Indonesia

**APR Sub-Committees
meeting**
12 April, Indonesia

**APR Staff summer
outing**
01-03 May

**World Scout Seminar
on Environment
Education**
18-21 May, Czech
Republic

(Sri Lanka) and Mr Paul Parkinson (Australia) who was elected Chairman, with Mr Wendel Avisado and Ms Reiko Suzuki as 1st Vice Chairman and 2nd Vice Chairman, respectively.

APR Sub-Committees. The new Regional Scout Committee appointed the Chairmen and members of the five APR Sub-Committees with Devraj Ghimire (Nepal) as Youth Program Sub-Committee Chairman; Dale Corvera (Philippines) for Adult Support; Dr Somboon Bunyasiri (Thailand) for Management; David Wynne Jones for Finance; and Brata Tryana Hardjosubroto (Indonesia) for Scouting Profile.

Appreciation was given to outgoing Sub-Committee chairmen who served from 2012-2015: Mr Lian Ie-Bin (Programme); Rajalingam Ramasamy (Adult Support), Malcolm Tan (Management); Joseph Lau (Financial Resources); Richard Miller (Scouting Profile); Mohammad Habibul Alam (APR Task Force for Global Issues); Simon Rhee (APR Scout Foundation Management Committee President), and Alexander Wong (Awards Committee).

APR Plan 2015-2018 adopted. After a review of the draft APR Plan 2015-2018 by the conference breakout group, some changes were made on the proposed plan, which were later adopted at the conference plenary. The final plan will be distributed to all NSOs and regional members in January 2016.

Awardees. The recognition ceremony at the end of the conference gave tribute to leaders for their outstanding services to the Scout Movement. Tan Cheng Kiong, Chief Commissioner of The Singapore Scout Association was conferred the APR Award for Distinguished Service. The Medal for Meritorious Contribution to Scouting was awarded to Ghous Ali Shah (Pakistan), Dick and Pip Smith (Australia), and Chung Ui Hwa (RO Korea). A number of outstanding leaders received the Chairman's Award: Malcolm Tan Ban Hoe (Singapore), Dr Jeffrey Ho Kai Kwong, (Singapore), Danny Hong Seung-Soo (Republic of Korea), Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani (Malaysia), Joseph Lau Yee-Leung (Hong Kong), Richard Joseph Miller (Australia), Ian Langford-Brown (Australia), Dr Prapatpong Senarith (Thailand), Ho Yan-man Hubert (Hong Kong), and Syd Castillo (APR).

Outstanding Scouts. After an extensive pre-selection process both at national and regional level, candidates for the APR Outstanding Scouts Award were finally selected through an individual interviews by a panel at the conference. Winners are Jayvy R. Gamboa (Philippines), Chow Yik-man Edwin (Hong Kong), and Angus Boxall (Australia), with Lee Seung Seok (Korea) as runner-up.

Youth Forum elects new YAMG Officers

The highlight of the 8th APR Scout Youth Forum was the election of new batch of Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) for the period of 2015-2018.

Youth forum participants elected six representatives of the YAMG: Mr. Mori CHENG Chi-Kin (Hong Kong), (Chair), Ms Nur Sharifah Nurul Atik Binti Baharuddin (Malaysia), Mr Jeong Eui-Jae (Korea), Mr Sonimeth Tan (Cambodia); Mr Javvy Gamboa (Philippines); and Ms Belinda WANG Ling-Yu (Scouts of China).

The inclusion of YAMG in the region's operational framework demonstrates the Regional Committee's confidence in the capability of young people to take responsibilities at regional level and provides young people with experience

Senior Management Team meeting

29 May - 04 June, Hawaii

APR Management meeting

15-17 June

APR Staff Development Workshop

18-20 June

RSC Meeting

October

World Scout Education Congress

18-20 November

in operating with regional level structures, in decision-making bodies such as the RSC, and all its sub-committees.

YAMG members have been appointed to the following committee/sub-committees: Mori Cheng Chi-Kin to the Regional Scout Committee; Nur Sharifah Nurul Atik Binti Baharuddin to Programme; Jeong Eui-Jae to Adult Support; Sonimeth Tan to Management; Jayvy Gamboa to Finance; and Belinda WANG Ling-Yu to Scouting Profile.

APR Course for Leader Trainers

The Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leader Trainers 2015 took place at the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre in Suncheon, Korea. There were 13 NSOs with 33 participants (including 9 female members) and 13 training team members from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

The purpose of a regional CLT is to have a regional standard of adult training of trainers, and it is a rare occasion for aspiring and potential Leader Trainers to attend the only Course for Leader Trainers with regional status, and provide opportunity for course participants to attend the conference after the course. It also provides opportunity for small NSOs, which lack qualified trainers, to build capacity in quality adult training and development.

The seven-day course covered five modules - Scout Knowledge, Training Skills, Adult Learning Skills, Leadership Skills, and Personal Development Skills.

The course was hosted by Korea Scout Association, supported by the Adult Support Sub-Committee and managed by a team of full pledged regional trainers from the APR Specialists Panel.

Course Leader was Mr Shim Sang-Ho, who is also an APR Scout Committee member; Director of KSA National Training Centre Mr Hong Teok Jong. Among those present include Dr Lee Bok-Yie, Chairman of 25th APR Scout Conference Host Committee; Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy, Chairman of Adult Support Sub-Committee; Ms Opal Ho, YAMG Chairperson; Mr Peter Blatch, World Scout Committee member; Mr Paul Parkinson, APR Scout Committee member; Anas Alabbadi of KAICIID; Cynthia Marquez Cardoza of Global Support Office; Mr Syd Castillo, Director of Youth Programme; Thian Hiong-Boon, Director of Adult Resources and Administration.

King of Sweden revisits Typhoon Haiyan Rehabilitation

Nearly two years after his first visit to Tacloban City to personally see the devastation caused by super Typhoon Haiyan, His Majesty The King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf revisited the place on 21 November 2015, and was impressed by the improvements he saw during his six-hour stay in the city.

After the plane landed, His Majesty held a press conference and proceeded to the construction site of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Leyte Council Scout Office, which was destroyed by the storm surge. His Majesty wanted to see for himself the progress of the construction of a two-story BSP-Leyte Council building, funded by the World Scout Foundation, whom he is the Honorary Chairman.

His Majesty also met the parents of the Scouts who are beneficiaries of a livelihood project that he sponsored providing the families with motorised banca, carabaos, and funds to rebuild their houses.

At his personal request, The King also met with the Scouts of Ticket to Life Project in Malate, Manila where he was very happy to see old faces from his last visit. He met the new batch of Scouts, which was inspired by his advise to start with younger Scouts. Scout Jerwin returned the favor when he offered the Ticket to Life Scarf to His Majesty.

BSP National President Hon. Jejomar C. Binay came at the royal send-off in the evening of 21st November.

SG50 Singapore International Jamboree

"Scout is synonymous with a good deed a day. And we hope that when we go out there we can inspire people around us. All our fellow Singaporeans will continue to do so", shared by Desmond Chong, Camp Chief of the SG50 Singapore International Jamboree, when interviewed by Channel News Asia.

Singapore Scout Association organised the international jamboree to celebrate Singapore's 50th birthday and to provide a platform to Scouts and Scout leaders from different countries where they can enjoy the exciting and empowering programmes and establishing the Scouting ties.

The five-day jamboree ran from 18-22 November 2015 at the Sarimbun Scout Camp in Lim Chu Kang, where close to 2,500 scouts from 18 countries have gathered including France and United States.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam, Chief Scout of the Singapore Scout Association hosted a tea reception for delegation leaders and youth representatives on 19 November.

Deputy Prime Minister was at the opening and spoke about how Scouting encourages youth development because of its emphasis on helping other people.

Moreover, acting Education Minister (Schools) Ng Chee Meng also announced the launch of the "One Million Good Deeds" Campaign for 2016.

"This is a manifold increase from the 'One Thousand Good Acts' launched last year," he said. "I am impressed with the ambition and courage of SSA to use their influence for the good of the community. Nothing is too hard for all of us if we put our collective minds to it and go about getting it done."

Highlight of the closing ceremony was the items Scouting for Boys book and badges were placed into a time capsule, which will be buried at the Singapore Scouts' headquarters until 2045.

Gone Home: KIM KYU YOUNG

WOSM Secretary General Scott Teare expressed, on behalf of the World Scouting family, a message for the passing away of former Regional Director Kim Kyu Young:

"The World Organization of the Scout Movement mourns the demise of a dear friend and Scout, Kim Kyu Young, former Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Region.

A Bronze Wolf holder, Kim dedicated two decades of his life as a driving force in the growth and development of the Movement, serving as the Secretary General of the Korea Scout Association (1982-1991), and thereafter as the Asia-Pacific Regional Director (1990-2002).

"He will be fondly remembered as a passionate, caring and effective leader, always ready to guide and lend a helping hand, and having a great compassion for young people," said WOSM Secretary General, Scott Teare.

To the special people in his life, our sincerest condolences and prayers.

May our dear brother Scout rest in peace."

INVITATION

9th National Scout Jamboree 2016

Sri Lanka Scout Association with a history of 103 years will be holding the 9th National Scout Jamboree in Jaffna from 20-26 February 2016, which also coincides with the centenary of Scouting in Jaffna. Chief Commissioner Prof. Nimal de Silva said that this is the first time a National Scout Jamboree is being held in the Northern Province and requested the support of everyone to make it successful.

The Jamboree expects to welcome an estimated 10,000 Scouts, both local and overseas. The Jamboree site is in the Jaffna Peninsula where the historical fort located. The palmyrah tree signifies the Northern Province with abundant palmyrah products. It is located 400 kilometers from Colombo and is accessible by road, rail and air.

2016 Australian Jamboree (AJ2016)

The 2016 Australian Jamboree is the 24th Australian Jamboree, where over 12,000 Scouts will converge on a location somewhere around Australia to camp for 2 glorious weeks of fun, fantastic adventure and friendship. For more details, visit <http://www.aj2016.com.au/>

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
- 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
- Circular 20-2015:** 18th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange
- Circular 21-2015:** Nomination for APR Scout Foundation Management Committee (2015-2018)
- Circular 22-2015:** Cancellation of the APR Air/Internet Jamboree
- Circular 23-2015:** Displays and Scouting Mall for National Scout Organizations and External Partner Organizations
- Circular 24-2015:** 8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum Documents
- Circular 25-2015:** Candidates for the Young Adult Members Group: 2015-2018
- Circular 26-2015:** APR Scout Foundation Fund Raising Dinner
- Circular 27-2015:** 16th National Scout Jamboree - Philippines
- Circular 28-2015:** APR Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) - Change of Course Venue
- Circular 29-2015:** Understanding Youth Member Needs and Attitudes to Scout Uniform
- Circular 30-2015:** Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee 2015-2021 and Asia-Pacific Regional Sub-Committees 2015-2018

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