

SCOUTING IN ASIA-PACIFIC



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WORLD



WHAT's NEW

The Scout Association of Timor-Leste joins WOSM

In September 2003, a delegation from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the Asia-Pacific Region (APR) visited Timor-Leste for the first time and began to coordinate the establishment of União Nacional dos Escuteiros de Timor-Leste (UNE-TL).

Following the drafting of the Constitution and By-Laws, with the help of the APR office, the first General Assembly was organised in Timor-Leste. Subsequently, the new Constitution and By-Laws were

adopted, officers elected and the National Scout Organization was formed.

After a three-year absence, Scouting was relaunched in the country after the Timor-Leste government signed a declaration on 20 April 2009, recognising UNE-TL or the Scout Association of Timor Leste.

In 2010, the APR office requested Scouts Australia to assist with the growth and development of Scouting in Timor-Leste, and to prepare the association for WOSM membership. Its application for membership on 22 March 2017 was endorsed by the World Scout Committee and approved on 22 June 2017.



SCOUTS
Creating a Better World

Pope Francis presides over MoU signing ceremony between WOSM and SCHOLAS

Representatives from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and Pontificia Scholas Occurrentes (SCHOLAS*) signed on 9 June 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance environmental awareness among young people and, to improve education and achieve education inclusion in low-income communities.

The MoU is based on Pope Francis' encyclical let-

ter (*Laudato Si*), subtitled "On care for our common home", which mainly calls on the Catholic Church and the world to acknowledge and seek ways to address current environmental challenges.

It was signed by World Scout Committee Chairperson, João Armando Gonçalves, and SCHOLAS President-Global Director, José María del Corral, in the presence of Pope Francis.



List of Candidates Nominated for Youth Advisors to the 2017-2020 World Scout Committee

World Scout Bureau shares the list of 16 candidates up for election at the 13th World Scout Youth Forum in August 2017, in Gabala, Azerbaijan, as a result of the call for nominations for Youth Advisors to the 2017-2020 World Scout Committee.

The candidates are:

- Mr Latame Komla Adoli (Togo)
- Mr Ram Prasad Bhattarai (Nepal)
- Mr Mouath Bin Nujayfan (Saudi Arabia)
- Ms Diana Carrillo Tiburcio (Mexico)
- Mr Mori Chi-kin Cheng (Hong Kong)
- Mr Hamza El Hammoumi (Morocco)
- Mr Turgut Gambarov (Azerbaijan)
- Mr Andriy Kolobov (Ukraine)
- Mr Julius Kramer (Sweden)
- Mr Tiago Lacerda Queiroz Carvalho (Brazil)
- Mr Edgar Marumbu (Kenya)
- Mr Martin Meier (Liechtenstein)
- Mr Mohammad Odettallah (Jordan)
- Ms Amal Ridene (Tunisia)
- Ms Narumi Sakata (Japan)
- Mr Rafael Simões (Portugal)



APR Management meeting goes paperless

This year's two-day management meeting of key volunteers and professionals of WOSM Asia-Pacific Region goes paperless to help reduce carbon footprint. With this initiative of using e-paper and based on Carbon Foot Print calculator, approximately 11 kg of paper, 72 kg of CO2 emission (greenhouse gases), 300 gallons of water and 25 kg of solid waste are saved. This sim-

ple initiative is seen as a benchmark for meetings or events at different levels of Scouting.

Regional Scout Committee Chairman Paul Parkinson presided the meeting on operational matters and challenges affecting the region, with the attendance of former Regional Chairman Jejomar C Binay.



NSOT new leadership

The National Scout Organization of Thailand appointed Mr Prasert Boonruang as Secretary General of NSOT at the National Executive Board on 15th May 2017.

Mr Pansak Ransibrahmanakul was appointed on 9th June 2017 as the new International Commissioner. Mr Pansak is also the Chairman of the International Sub-Committee of the National Scout Executive Board.



Rovers work with villagers on rescue and relief

Around 50 Rovers and Scouters of Khagrachori and Rangamati worked with district disaster teams on rescue and relief operations on a shift basis, after a series of landslides hit three districts of Bangladesh.

In another location at Kaptai, Sea Rovers and Scouters are also clearing roads and distributing relief goods.

-- S. M. Shahriar, National Commissioner PR & Marketing, Bangladesh Scouts.



Sri Lankan Scouts distribute relief goods after devastating floods

More than 600,000 people were internally displaced and one-fourth of that number lost their belongings and some of them their homes. The worst flood in more than a decade killed over 200 people.

Scouts in Sri Lanka come forward to do relief work. District Commissioners in the affected areas organized the collection of dry goods, drinking water, medicine, sanitary napkins and other necessities. Scouts also setup camps at relocation and resettlement sites.

Ahmad Alhendawi WOSM Secretary-General talked via Skype with the Sri Lankan Scout Association relief team to support their great efforts and express solidarity with Sri Lankan Scouts.

"You are not alone, you have the all the Scouts standing with you" said Ahmad Alhendawi during the call.

To support the efforts of the Sri Lankan Scouts, financial support was released through the Messengers of Peace emergency fund.



Scouts go Solar Team Philippines



Congratulations to the Scouts go Solar Team Philippines for a successful road show and solar exhibit on 12 June 2017, coinciding with the country's Independence Day. Scouts took the opportunity to educate and encourage communities to use solar energy. -- Photo credit: Bernardo De Leon, Boy Scouts of the Philippines

Scouts join UN Wall campaign

Scouts from Balochistan in Pakistan painted their views on peace and solidarity at the art walls of their schools as they took part in the United Nations Wall Campaign on peace.



Bharat Scouts & Guides spearhead nationwide MoP actions

The Bharat Scouts and Guides organized a State Messengers of Peace (MoP) Coordinators Gathering on 5-9 June 2017 in Himachal Pradesh, India. This gathering of leaders has been instrumental in promoting MoP; serving as platform in receiving feedback on success stories and strengthening knowledge and skills in implementing the program including Better World Format.

Celebrating the World Environment Day, participants together with the students planted 20 ashoka tree saplings highlighting the importance of environment protection and the role of young people especially the Scouts in this area.

Part of session was sharing success stories on innovative projects that could be duplicated in other parts of the country. Activities such as providing water service at the railway station during summer; home hospitality for the blind; health and hygiene and literacy program were some of the examples which were presented.

A total of 24 Coordinators from 20 states across India are participating, supported by Project Leader Madhusudan Avala, Assistant Director BSG Aroop Sarkar, MoP Coordinator for Himachal Pradesh Pankaj Gupta and Joint SOC Spriha Kanwar. WSB/APR Director of Development Support S. Prassanna Shrivastava directed the gathering.



700 Scouts serve at Nepal's major festival

700 Scouts from different parts of Lalitpur served in the final day of the Rato Machhindranath festival where thousands of pilgrims participated. Hindu and the Buddhist communities in Nepal celebrate the festival by towing a 32-feet high chariot called bhoto jatra of Rato Machhendranath, the God of rain and good harvest, and is towed to various places.

Scouts helped in arranging the long queues, providing water to the pilgrims and manning Lost and Found centers.

The beautiful part of the festival was seeing Scouts from different religious beliefs working together at the festival.

Nepal President I Bidhya Devi Bhandari, with Vice-president Nanda Bahadur Pun, Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal and other government leaders attended the festival and thanked Scouts for their service. -- *Dev Raj Ghimire, Nepal Scouts*



WHAT's UP

APR Workshop on Membership Growth

The Asia-Pacific Regional Support Centre is undertaking a membership study in APR NSOs in line with the WOSM Vision on how the region can contribute towards engaging 100 million young people by 2023.

Asia-Pacific Region will explore the roadmap to growth at the upcoming the APR Workshop on Membership Growth.

Date: 15-20 July 2017

Venue: Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC)
Suncheon, Korea

Objectives:

- To describe essential factors for quantitative growth in Scouting

- To identify the scope for membership growth
- To draft membership growth strategy at national and local level
- To develop action plan for year 2017-2018, on growth strategy

Participants: Key leaders of NSO's i.e., Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner and Secretary General, decision making positions in NSOs mainly responsible for Membership Growth. The person must have a good understanding of membership trends, demographic spread of Scouting membership, challenges faced in recruiting and retention of young people in Scouting, etc.

Fee: USD \$100.00 to cover administration and other workshop costs.

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

The World Organization of the Scout Movement/Asia-Pacific Region in collaboration with Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA) is organizing the APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting on 29th Sep to 3rd Oct 2017.

The date proposed is special as it will include the celebration of World River Day (last Sunday of September) and World Habitat Day (first Monday of October). This workshop will address three levels: for promotion of the World Scout Environment Program to the NSOs in APR, the development and review of educational program in the NSO, and the unit level where Scouts can implement the program at their local communities.

Date

29 Sept - 3 Oct 2017

Venue

Sri Lanka

Theme

"Greener Planet is our Children's Tomorrow" which means that the key to greener planet starts now.

Aim of the Workshop

Bring the Scout leaders together to exchange ideas on environmental education and foster new working knowl-

edge for the implementation of the World Scout Environmental Program.

Objectives

- Building the capacity of NSOs on environmental education program through implementing the World Scout Environmental Program
- Gaining variety of experiences and share understanding of the environment education activities undertaken by NSOs
- Define the Better World concept and its link with Environment Education in Scouting

Fee

USD150.00 will cover local transportation, food, accommodation for five nights, workshop documents, souvenirs and educational tour.

Eligibility

National WSEP Coordinators and key leaders at national level from NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region, SCENES & WSEP Network Members and Environment Partners are eligible for the workshop. Full time executives responsible for Community Scouting and environmental program are welcome.

2017

EVENTS

Senior Management Meeting

12-16 June

National Strategic Planning Review Workshop

18-22 June, India

APR Management Meeting

27-28 June, Philippines

Nepal MoP Workshop

8-11 July, Nepal

APR Membership Growth Workshop

15-20 July, Korea

MoP Evaluation

21-23 July, Mongolia

15th World Scout Moot

25 July - 2 August, Iceland

31st APR Scout Jamboree

27 July - 2 August, Mongolia

13th World Scout Youth Forum

7-10 August, Azerbaijan

41st World Scout Conference

13-18 August, Azerbaijan

MoP Training Bhutan

1-5 September

APR Staff Development Workshop

11-15 September, Philippines

APR Adult Support Sub-Committee Meeting

20 September, Hong Kong

APR Workshop on Adult Support to Youth Programme

21-24 September, Hong Kong

APRSF Fundraising Dinner

23 September, Hong Kong

APR Environment Education Workshop

29 Sept - 3 Oct, Sri Lanka

JOTA-JOTI

20-22 October

Global Support Staff Meeting

8-10 November

GSAT Bangladesh

24-25 November

6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

27 Nov-2 December, Philippines

CSPSA Forum

7-10 December

APR Staff Year-End Get Together

16 December

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Room for Single or Double Occupancy

Valid on

		Scout Members*	Scout Members' Referral Bookings
		(net per room per night)	
June 2017	1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29	HK\$ 500	HK\$ 550
	2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30	HK\$ 600	HK\$ 650
July 2017	1, 7-8	HK\$ 700	HK\$ 750
	2-6, 9-12	HK\$ 550	HK\$ 600
	13-16, 21-22, 28-29	HK\$ 750	HK\$ 800
	17-20, 23-27, 30-31	HK\$ 600	HK\$ 650

* Scout Members are requested to present Scout Identity Card upon check-in.

Additional Benefits Extended to Guests

Buffet Breakfast	HK\$ 70 nett per person per day
Airport Shuttle Bus	HK\$ 120 nett per person per trip (Advance reservation is required)

Remarks:

- The above rates are only valid on specific date.
- The above rates are inclusive of 10% service charge per room per night.
- The above rates are subject to change without prior notice.



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