

AUGUST 2012

What's New

First Wood Badge Course launched for South Pacific Scout Associations

Nine Scout associations in the South Pacific took part in the very 1st Wood Badge Course at the Jean Murray National Training Center of Fiji Scout Association in Suva. Twenty-one unit leaders represented Fiji, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The Asia-Pacific Region Office organized the course under the funding of the Messengers of Peace (MoP) for the purpose of spreading Scouting across the Pacific. The training venue – JM Scout Centre – was recently renovated with the generous support of Boy Scouts of America.

The Minister of Youth and Sports, Viliame Naupoto, inaugurated the course on 22nd July. He said in his address that he was not able to enjoy Scouting in his childhood but is happy that his son is now a Scout who benefits from the Scouting program. He assured the support of the Ministry of Youth for the largest youth organization in Fiji and urged the participants to give 100% to what they are doing. He also toured the JM Scout Centre to see the upgraded facilities and find out the other needs of the centre.

Other prominent personalities were present, namely the Permanent Secretary for Youth and Sports Mr Joseva Sania, Permanent Secretary for Education Dr. Brij Lal who is also the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Deputy Chief Scout Chandra Shekar, President of Fiji Scout Association Abhay Nand and several other dignitaries and Scouts. Among the key Scout leaders present were the new Chairman of CSPSA Mr Sere Kala of Papua New Guinea and CSPSA Vice Chairman Mr Joe Billy Oge of Solomon Islands, Chief Commissioner of Kiribati Scout Association Mr. Kantera and National Secretary of Tuvalu Scout Association Ms. Sue.

Asia-Pacific Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed said that the Wood Badge course is a breakthrough in the history of CSPSA, a significant step in bringing quality to Scout training. He also explained the purpose of MoP and urged all participants to be messengers of peace.

A strong training team is supporting the course comprised of Vice Chairman of APR Adult Support Sub- Committee and National Training Commissioner Scouts Australia, Paul Parkinson, Alex Warriner who is the Director Training of Scouting New Zealand, and Prassanna Shrivastava of the Asia-Pacific Regional office. From the local side, Fiji Scouts National Training Commissioner Mahendra Prasad is leading the course.

Fiji Scouts has made steady progress in recent years to spread Scouting across the islands and is preparing to celebrate in a remarkable way Fiji's 100 years Scouting in 2014. Main highlight would be the National Scout Jamboree. With enormous effort, Scout membership has soared to over 5,000 in recent years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Inter-religious Symposium

1-5 August
Korea

13th Korea National Jamboree

2-8 August
Korea

8th APR Air/ Internet Jamboree

4-5 August
Korea

Suncheon Board Meeting

5 August
Korea

World Scout Committee Meeting

28 September – 1
October, Geneva

BP Scout Peak Climb 2012

5-17 September
Nepal

APR Workshop on Membership Growth Review 2012

7-10 September
Macau

SAARC Scout Camp

17-21 October
Islamabad, Pakistan

JOTA/JOTI

20-21 October
Worldwide

APR Course for Leader Trainers

15-21 November
Bangladesh

CSPSA leaders meet to strengthen Scouting in the South Pacific

The Council of South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA) held its 7th Forum at a very impressive plenary hall of the South Pacific Commission Secretariat in Noumea. The Scouts and Guides New Caledonia hosted the forum on 16 July 2012.

Twenty two delegates comprising of Chief Commissioners and key leaders from ten countries in the Pacific attended the event, that includes Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. This was the largest CSPSA gathering since it began its regular bi-annual meeting in 2004. Another ten observers from partner NSOs were in attendance including Scouts Australia, Scouts de France, Scouting New Zealand, and The Scout Association (UK).

Current Chairman and Chief Commissioner of Scouts and Guides of New Caledonia Mr. Roger Colot chaired the forum and welcomed at the opening the Honorable Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Briault Gaby and several government representatives.

Major items on the agenda were the election of 2012-2014 office bearers with discussion on the achievements and challenges of CSPSA members. Mr. Sere Kala, Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Papua New Guinea was elected chairman of the council and Chief Commissioner of Solomon Islands, Mr. Joe Billy Oge, as vice-chairman. The council reaffirmed the offer of Papua New Guinea to host the next forum in mid 2014 in Port Moresby to be followed by the 2016 forum in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

As an ancillary event, a four-day workshop was set for 17-20 July in Noumea covering membership registration system, resources development, financial management, and NSO Constitution.

Several important events are lined up including a Centenary Jamboree in Fiji in August 2014, Soccer Tournament for Scouts Teams in Tonga in mid 2013, and Tuvalu will welcome the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge William and Kate in September 2012.

The workshop was directed by former Regional Scout Committee member Mr. John Ravenhall and supported by Reg Williams and Neville Tomkins from Scouts Australia, George Fairbairn and Ian Nicholson from Scouting New-Zealand, Nigel Hailey from The Scout Association UK, with Abdullah Rasheed and S. Prassanna Shrivastava from the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region.

Mongolia holds the 1st International Scout Jamboree

After having organized four national Jamborees at regular intervals, the Scout Association of Mongolia (SAM) embarked on a more challenging course – an international Scout Jamboree. It is so far the largest camp gathering of Scouts with around 700 locals from all over Mongolia and some from overseas with the support of local and international ISTs. The Jamboree is being held this 27th July to 3rd August at the Mongolia Scout Campsite located at a beautiful pine-clad valley.

A member of Parliament for Tuv province of Ulaanbaatar, Ms Oyungerel Tsendendamba, was the main guest at the opening ceremony who cited the vital contribution of Scouting to Mongolia's youth. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed congratulated SAM and said that being a relatively young organization, there is so much to discover and learn about the uniqueness of Scouting in Mongolia. SAM Chief Commissioner Ms. Baigalma Lkhagvasuren, expressed her appreciation to all. The Jamboree Director, Adiyabold Namkhair and his team planned six activity bases, each with dozens of activities. High energy was visible among the participants as they performed the bases.

Representative from partner organizations such as UNICEF and the Nairamdal International Children's Centre visited the Jamboree and National Scout Council members are holding a special meeting there.

Fourth World Scout Interreligious symposium opens in Korea

1st August – The fourth Interreligious symposium opens today at the Wonkwang University in Iksan, South Korea organized by the World Scout Interreligious Forum and hosted by Won-Buddhism Scout Council of the Korea Scout Association. Won-Buddhism is a religion that teaches how to use the mind, its manifestations, and how it could become key to happiness and success. There is a variety of programmes that includes presentations and workshops, discussions and cultural activities of all major world religions, and a meditation retreat on 5-7th of August.

7th APR Scout Youth Forum

17-21 November
Bangladesh

Chief Scout Executives Meet

22 November
Bangladesh

APR Sub-Committee Meetings

23 November
Bangladesh

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

23 November
Bangladesh

24th APR Scout Conference

24-29 November
Bangladesh

Executive Director's Meeting

10-14 December
Geneva

There are 84 participants from 20 National Scout Organizations from all six Scouting regions and other observers. A back to back youth event is being organized for over 100 young adults, mostly from Korea. Among the guests are World Scout Committee Chairman Simon Rhee, Committee members Eric Khoo, Mari Nakano, APR Scout Committee Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura, Goran Hagerdal and Abdullah Rasheed from the World Scout Bureau. High level delegations from ICCS, IUMS and other affiliated bodies of WOSM are also in attendance.

The president of the Korea Scout Association Dr. Jong Han Hahm and other key officials of KSA are attending the opening ceremony, while the Governor Wan Ju Kim of the Junbuk Province will host the welcome reception.

The 3rd World Scout Interreligious Symposium was held in Uganda, October 2009; the 2nd World Scout Interreligious Symposium in Taiwan, May 2006 and the first World Scout Interreligious Symposium took place in Valencia, Spain, from 29 November to 2 December 2003.

Ocular visit to the proposed 2015 Asia-Pacific Region Scout Conference venue

Korea Scout Association (KSA) has confirmed its decision to bid for the 25th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference in 2015 and proposes to host the event in Gwangju province, the 4th largest city in South Korea. Gwangju is also the venue for the 2015 World Universiade which will be participated by over 20,000 students, athletes and officials.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and KSA officials had an ocular visit to the proposed site, the Kimdaejung Convention Centre (KDJ Convention Centre). Senior city officials joined the visiting team. The Convention Centre is named after the late Korean President Kim Dae Jung who hails from the same province. Gwangju can be reached by air, bus and train through the international airports in Incheon or Jeju.

The 2015 conference venue will be decided by the forthcoming regional scout conference in Dhaka in Bangladesh.

SAJ hosts the first Heads of Contingents Meeting for the 30th APR Jamboree

As host for the next Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree, Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) organized the first Heads of Contingents Meeting held at Yamaguchi, Japan from 28th to 29th July 2012.

The meeting mainly focused on the jamboree briefing and the jamboree site, attended by Australia, Malaysia and also from the World Scout Bureau represented by Executive Director, Strategy and Education Mr Göran Hägerdal and APR Director Syd Castillo. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee Mr. Kenji Horie, accompanied by Ms. Mari Nakano, Chairman of the 23rd Scout Jamboree welcomed the participants and the Department Heads who made their briefing.

Currently, over 350 have already registered in the early registration for the 30th APR Jamboree and the 16th Nippon Jamboree from 1-7 August 2013. Next Heads of Contingents meeting would be in April 2013.

Scouts Australia's digital revolution takes leaders to new heights

Be Prepared for the new adventure as Scouts Australia revolutionises Scouting for leaders around Australia through Scout Central. Following the huge success of e-Learning, Scouts Australia's new digital platform "*Scout Central*" has been created solely to provide the best possible resources for leaders, helping them save time, become more efficient, effective and better informed in delivering Scouting.

Through *Scout Central*, leaders around Australia can finally use a single system log-in. Using their e-Learning credentials, leaders can now access *Scout Central* and catch up with the latest news from national and their branch; read facebook and twitter feeds; update their knowledge about the areas of personal growth; find out everything they need to know about the Award Scheme from Joey Scouts to Rovers; and much more.

Using the brand new Program Finder, Leaders now have access to hundreds of activities, games and complete programs for their section, for nights and camps. To make things even better, each program is linked with the areas of personal growth and the award scheme. Leaders can now rate and provide feedback on the programs listed and even share new, exciting programs they might have with other leaders around Australia.

Through the Online Library, leaders can now download numerous free publications and through the Advertising and Promotions page, find resources helping them to promote Scouting better. Leaders are even able to access e-Learning via *Scout Central*. *Scout Central* is just the first stage of Scouts

Australia's digital revolution in the online and mobile sphere, aimed to make Scouting better, more efficient and more effective for Leaders and youth around Australia.

Find out all about *Scout Central* by watching the *Scout Central* launch video by checking out Scout Central now at <http://central.scouts.com.au>. *By Natasha Omar, APR Honorary Correspondent (Australia)*

Scouts various roles in society

"Scouts play various roles in society. They are not only participants but also service providers, creators, constructors and contributors." This was the statement of the Scout Association of Macau (SAM) Chief Commissioner Mr Leong Sio Pui as he addressed the participants of the first Scout Youth Forum on 23-24 June 2012 at the national headquarters, situated in a well-preserved Portuguese style fortress with a history of more than 150 years.

Chief Commissioner Pui encouraged participants to speak out their views and share their experiences. He said working together with specific passion and dedication are important elements to advance Scouting in Macau. He added that in some ways, Scouting contributes in the sustainable development of one country and its relations to other countries.

Mr Kuan Tin Jeong presided the Forum, assisted by two vice-chairmen Mr Jose C Rodrigues and Mr Brendan C H Lei. Resource speakers were Training Commissioner Mr Francisco Chan, Assistant Commissioner on Community Services Mr Declan Lam, and YMCA Macau representative Ms Emmy Ip. International Commissioner Ms Francisca Vong was the Forum advisor.

WSF Director amazed to see Scouts create many things from bamboo

World Scout Foundation Director John Geoghegan visited one of the Messengers of Peace (MoP) projects at the Mashudi Scout Campsite, West Java, around 150 kilometers from Jakarta, on 11th July 2012. He was welcomed by the Vice Governor of West Java Province, Hon. Dede Yusuf, who is also the Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka West Java Provincial Headquarters.

Around the campsite, Scouts planted various species of bamboo seeds which are being chopped and brought to a factory inside the campsite area. Here, Scouts, ranging from 14 to 25 years old, are making bamboo crafts from woggle to different types of home furniture.

Inside the factory, Scouts showed Geoghegan some musical instruments made of bamboo. They also showed a traditional food in Indonesia with bamboo shoots as the major ingredient.

Project leader Fariana Riri Sastradiredja said "With this project, it is not only the Scouts learning and earning but also the people who live nearby." Sastradiredja added that Scouts and the villagers have learned the many benefits of bamboo, how it can be used for many things, and how the products can be sold at a price much higher than selling bamboo poles.

Geoghegan said he was impressed to see Scouts use bamboo creatively while developing their entrepreneurial skills. *By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent (Indonesia)*

MoP creates network of Scouting community projects

Regardless of age, every Scout is a Messenger of Peace (MoP). Over the years, Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia and other National Scout Organizations have been playing this role. Through MoP projects, some completed, others are ongoing, World Scouting is creating a network of all Scouting community projects worldwide.

This was the picture depicted during the two-day Training in Dialogue on 10th to 11th July 2012 at the Cibubur Scout Camp in Jakarta, involving 66 adult leaders from 33 provinces of Indonesia. Through different sessions and group activities, participants learned more about the key elements of MoP – how to be a Messenger of Peace through dialogue; What one benefits from the dialogue; how to be ready for creative dialogue; and application of skills.

Gerakan Pramuka National Headquarters organized the training, in collaboration with the World Scout Bureau, APR Regional Office. GP Secretary General Dr Joedyaningsih supported and opened the dialogue. Leaders from national to world levels who served as resource speakers were MoP Indonesia national coordinator Sri Gusni Febriyanti, APR office representatives Syd Castillo and Farouk Bouraoui and World Scout Foundation Director John Geoghegan. Some members of the National Rovers and Rangers Council also helped as facilitators. *By Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent, Indonesia*

Kiribati Scout Leaders review Scouting progress

The series of Committee NSO visits (CNV) to 26 National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region that started in 2008 concludes its full round with the Kiribati Scout Association (KSA). The visit took place on 10-11 July in Tarawa, the capital.

Over 25 Scout Leaders, including some commissioners and unit leaders of various Scout groups are meeting under the leadership of Chief Commissioner Mr. Kantera Baurerei Tebwebwe. The CNV Team is comprised of former Regional Scout Committee member John Ravenhall, Regional Governance task Force Chairman Alex Wong, with Abdullah Rasheed and S. Prassanna Shrivastava from the Regional office.

On the first day of the visit, local leaders shared the present status of Kiribati Scout Association on eight major indicators: Constitution, Mission and Vision, Management, Youth Program, Adult Resources, Relationships and Communication, Resources Development, Research and Development.

Representatives from the Ministry of Youth and the National Parliament attended the meeting, and expressed to support the KSA in strengthening the Scout Movement. Another meeting with young members of KSA was arranged on 11th July. The team also visited the headquarters of Kiribati Scout Association, still under construction but with the main structure already in place.

Nepal creates platform for young people

Scouting in Nepal advances as Nepal Scouts organized its first National Youth Forum from 29th June to 2nd July 2012, creating a platform where young people can share their views on issues affecting them. Through youth forum, young adults of the National Scout Organizations have the opportunity to discuss and express their views on issues of interest to them, and at the same time developing their skills to strengthen their capacity in decision-making process.

Only 25 kilometers north-west of Kathmandu, the Kakani International Training Centre served as the meeting point of 55 young people, comprised of Rovers, Rangers, Scouts, Scout masters and Unit Leaders from 32 districts of Nepal.

Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichhane inaugurated the event. Young adults discussion evolved on youth involvement, sectional scout programme, organizational structure, and the role of young people and adult leaders in community service, with the assistance of some key leaders serving as resource persons.– *by Sudip Aryal, Honorary Correspondent*

Indian Scouts trek the Himalayas

The Bharat Scouts & Guides organized a couple of national level trekking cum environment awareness programme held simultaneously in the Himalaya region from 1st to 10 June 2012. Over 150 young people and adults. Trekkers covered more than 220 km on foot and stayed in different places, a unique opportunity to interact with the local people. While exploring the northern Himalaya, they were thrilled to cross the glassier under adverse weather condition and snowfall.

On 5th June, they observed the 'World Environment Day' in a forest reservoir. They planted trees and collected huge waste materials from river banks and roads and stopped by a temple for another clean-up. Sri A.K. Mohapatra, S.S. Ray, Ms S. Saxena led Scouts and leaders for the programme. *By S.S. Ray, Honorary Correspondent.*

Scouts in Brunei Darussalam celebrate 79th anniversary with their families

On 30th June, Scouts in Brunei Darussalam observed their 79th anniversary starting with prayers, the *Maghrib* prayer and a thanksgiving prayer or *doa*, followed by the reading of the *Surah Yassin* and *Bertahlil* for the late Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.

Then came the celebration called Scout Family Day. Scout Association (PPNBD) President, Dato Paduka Ar. Awang Haji Idris bin Awang Haji Abas officially opened the ceremony by putting his palm print on a piece of paper placed on a display board, and viewed the various exhibitions showing models and pictures of past scout activities. The celebration was attended by members of the Scout Council, Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the Headquarters and Districts as well as scouts from all over the country. Besides the local scout members, scouts from neighbouring Miri, Malaysia and one from Japan also attended the event.

Several activities were lined up for Cub Scouts as well as Junior, Venture and Rover Scouts. With this year's theme "Scouts and Families Our Hope", family members joined some inspiring activities. Not far from the main arena are challenging activities such as abseiling and flying fox. Other activities included cycling and fun games for the younger Scouts. It appeared that the activities really gave the scouts a very enjoyable experience. They seemed not to let the celebration end. *Sabtu Timbang, Honorary Correspondent (Brunei Darussalam)*

What's On-going

1st International Jamboree/2nd Mongolian National Venture

Who Young people (Boys and Girls) aged 12 - 17 and adult leaders
When 27 July-3 August 2012
Where Scout Adventure Camp, about 65 kilometres Northwest from Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia

Consultancy Visit

Who Regional and national leaders
When 1-5 August 2012
Where Cambodia

4th Inter-religious symposium

Who Young people (Boys and Girls) and adult leaders
When 1-5 August 2012
Where Korea

13th Korea National Jamboree

Who Young people (Boys and Girls) aged 12 - 17 and adult leaders
When 2-8 August 2012
Where Goseong, Gangwon Province (4 hours-247km from Incheon international airport)

8th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

Who Scouts around the world
When 4-5 August 2012
Where World Scout Jamboree Site, Goseong, Gangwon Province, Korea

Consulting Skills Workshop

Who World Scout Bureau executives and volunteers
When 14-17 August 2012
Where Rizal, Philippines

Awards Committee Meeting

Who Awards committee members
When 25 August 2012
Where Singapore

What's Upcoming

BP Scout Peak Climb

Who Scouts and adult leaders, even non-Scout mountain climbing enthusiasts
When 5-17 September 2012
Fee US\$ 850/per person
Where Nepal

APR Workshop on Membership Growth Review

Who Key leaders at national and sub-national level
When 7-10 September 2012
Where Macau
Fee US\$150.00

International Workshop on Youth for Change

Who Volunteers or professional staff working at National or Regional level on Youth for Change related issues
When 14-16 September 2012
Where Thailand
Fee US\$200.00

National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities

Who Volunteers or professional staff working at building management capabilities
When 18-21 September 2012
Where Cambodia

National Youth Programme Development Workshop

Who Scouts and leaders working in Youth Programme
When 20-23 September 2012
Where Sri Lanka

APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting

Who Community-Based Coordinators and key leaders
When 21-24 September 2012
Where India

Be Prepared

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15-21 November 2012
National Scout Training Centre
Mouchak, Gazipur, Bangladesh

7th APR Scout Youth Forum

17-21 November 2012
BRAC CDM, Khagan, Savar, Bangladesh

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