

MARCH 2008

What's New

Vietnamese leaders welcome regional team

For the first time in over ten years, Scout leaders in Vietnam are welcoming Scout visitors from the region in two separate visits coinciding at the same time. Regional Scout Committee member Mr Prakorb Mukura and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed arrived in Vietnam on the 1st of March for a three-day visit.

Simultaneously Dr Azrul Azwar who leads the newly created ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) arrived in Ho Chi Minh City for a two-day visit with Dr Amoroso Katamsi of Indonesia and Mr Nasaruddin Shamshuddin of Malaysia.

From 2nd to 4th March, Mr Prakorb and Mr Rasheed met Scout leaders representing various Scout groups currently operating in Ho Chi Minh City. On Sunday, the regional team visited the central Park where over 1,000 Scouts were undertaking various patrol activities. The Than Dan Park was also full of Cub Scouts and older Scouts in uniform coming from ten different Scout districts outside Ho Chi Minh City.

Dr Azrul is visiting Vietnam to introduce the ASARC with the purpose of inviting Vietnam to be a member and to send a delegation to the forthcoming ASEAN Jamboree in October 2008 in Indonesia.

Four resolutions submitted to World Scout Bureau

As an outcome of the exhaustive discussion among the APR Governance Review Task Force and members of the Regional Scout Committee, and after considering feedback from NSOs, four resolutions related to governance were submitted to the World Scout Bureau by the following NSOs proposing those resolutions at the forthcoming Korea Conference:

- Resolution for Greater Decentralization – by Singapore
- Resolution on Voting at World Conference –by Philippines
- Resolution on Composition of WSC – by Hong Kong
- Resolution on the Location of the WSB – by Indonesia

Sri Lanka reviews strategic plan the second time around

After Sri Lanka Scout Association adopted its national strategic plan in 2003, the plan was first reviewed in 2005 yielding constructive results. A second review is on-going this 28 February to 3 March in Colombo, with APR Director S Prassanna facilitating the review process. Sri Lanka is the first country to do a second formal review of their strategic plan with APR support.

The workshop is attended by 22 Scout districts with over 40 participants including staff. Extending support were Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, Chief Commissioner Soma Weerakoon, Chairman of the Scout Council Walter De Silva in addition to the Chief Commissioner and Chairman of the APR Management sub committee Mr C. Batuwangala, who all attended the opening at the scenic city of Galle.

Mt Makiling to welcome 12,000 at 2009 APR Jamboree

The first preparatory meeting on 9-10 February of the Jamboree Organizing Committee (JOC) decided to target 12,000 participants, local and overseas, to the 26th APR Scout Jamboree in 2009. The Jamboree will be held on 28 December 2009 – 3 January 2010 in Mt Makiling.

The legendary Mt Makiling is a 58-hectare terrain that had hosted large international Jamborees, i.e. 10th World Jamboree in 1959, the 1st Asia-Pacific Jamboree in 1975 and the 1st ASEAN Jamboree in 1993.

2008 EVENTS

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop

Sri Lanka
28 February - 4 March

1st Preparatory Meeting for 2009 APR Scout Conference

Malaysia, 24-25 March

6th APR Scout Leaders Summit, Nepal

7-10 April

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop

India, 14-18 April

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop

Nepal, 21-25 May

Cubboree

Brunei Darussalam
10-14 June

APR Gathering of National Training Commissioners

Taiwan, 8-9 June

APR Seminar on Adult Resources Management

Taiwan, 10-13 June

Regional Communication Workshop

Philippines
24-27 June

Basic Management Course, Malaysia

19 June – 2 July

Rovermoot, Indonesia

26 June – 7 July

10th World Scout Youth Forum, Republic of Korea

7-10 July

38th World Scout Conference

14-18 July

JOC is comprised of key leaders of Boy Scouts of the Philippines chaired by National President Jejomar Binay and the regional team includes APR Youth Programme (YP) Sub-Committee Alfian Amura, past YP Chairman Mari Nakano, and APR staff. Regional Scout Committee member Mr. Prakorb Mukura attended the preparatory meeting.

Scouts to set camp in Angkor Wat

Angkor Wat in Siem Reap will be the main attraction of Cambodia's first National Scout Jamboree to be held last week of December 2008 and first week of January 2009. At the first preparatory meeting in February, the Host Organizing Committee and the regional team decided to call it a 'World Heritage Jamboree' to underscore its unique location – the east side of Angkor Wat, a world heritage site.

Targeting the attendance of 5,000 from all over the country and from other countries, the eco-tourism Jamboree will be a learning opportunity for Cambodian Scouts. A three-day off site program will include, among others, temple hiking with orienteering and visit to a cultural village. On-site activities will include environmental education, elephant rides, and arts and crafts. The visiting regional team were APR Sub-Committee members Eduardo Delgado (Philippines), Dr Prapatpong Senarith (Thailand) and Syd Castillo of the APR office.

Regional Director Inspects building donated by Tsunami Scout Aid Fund to Sri Lanka

Together with the Chief Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Mr Rasheed inspected the two-storey centre for handicapped children donated by the Tsunami Scout Aid Fund to the district of Galle. Foundation stone was laid last December and the building was completed in two-and-a-half months. It was officially handed over to the centre on Founder's Day, 22 February. A similar community hall was built in Hambantota district and later donated to the tsunami-affected community.

In both these districts, the tsunami completely destroyed the Scout shops, which were rebuilt with the tsunami fund. In total over US\$90,000 were donated to Sri Lanka for various tsunami recovery projects undertaken by Scouts.

APR Foundation sets new target

At the APR Foundation Management Committee meeting held last weekend in Makati City, the APR Foundation sets a goal of US\$400,000 by 2009 to raise the Foundation's total fund to two million US dollars. Since the foundation started in 1991, it has funded a range of Scout projects in many developing countries in the form of grant or loan.

The Management Committee, with Mr Eric Khoo as President, proposes to the Regional Scout Committee (RSC) to consider incorporating the Foundation as a separate legal entity. The By-Laws of Incorporation will be prepared and submitted to the RSC meeting in April. Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay hosted the meeting and was attended by Foundation Vice President Zainal Abidin, members Simon Rhee and John Hui with RSC Vice Chairman Mohammad A. Khalid, Mr Horace Ho and Mr Enrique Lagdameo from Finance sub committee, in addition to the APR staff.

Update on Scout Leaders Summit in Nepal

A good number of sub-committee members will attend the two-day sub-committee meetings in Nepal on 5-6 April. Confirmation were received from the following sub-committees:

Programme Sub-Committee	5 members
Adult Resources Sub-Committee	8 members
Management Sub-Committee	7 members
Finance Sub-Committee	7 members
Scouting Profile Sub-Committee	9 members

All Sub-Committee Chairmen will report the outcome of their discussions at the Regional Scout Committee meeting on 6th April. They are also expected to give direction during the whole summit sessions and in particular to the breakout groups on the regional focus for 2009-2012.

Regional Scout Committee members are expected to arrive in Kathmandu on 5 April, but sub-committee advisers should arrive earlier on 4 April for the sub-committee meetings on the 5th and 6th. Focus of the Summit will be on the challenges faced by Scouting at world, regional

CSPSA Meeting

French Polynesia
27 July – 01 August

10th Nippon Agoonoree

Japan, 31 July – 5 August

Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia Centenary Jamboree

01 August

APR Air Internet Jamboree

02-03 August

12th National Scout Jamboree

Republic of Korea
6-11 August

2nd Preparatory/Youth Forum Planning Meeting

Malaysia, August

National Strategic Plan Workshop, Cambodia

September

51st World Scout JOTA/JOTI

18-19 October

6th SAF Scout Camp

Bangladesh
10-18 October

Southeast Asian Scout Jamboree, Indonesia

19-29 October

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and national levels; governance issues and the agenda of the forthcoming World Scout Conference in Korea. Participants of Summit are the three key NSO leaders, together Regional Scout Committee and chairmen of the five regional sub-committees.

Handbook on Financial Resources

A new resource for the financial management of a National Scout Organization (NSO) is now on print. It provides principles that enable NSOs to develop their own strategies and procedures for the effective management of their financial resources. The need for a guidebook on financial resources has been essential based on feedback from Scout leaders who attended various workshops on resources development beginning from the first International seminar on Financial Resources management held in Indonesia in 2003. Given that many National Scout Organizations are endowed with resources, there is an apparent call to develop, enhance and strengthen what they own, and consequently, bring a significant impact on the development and growth of Scouting.

What's Ongoing

APR Management Meeting, Philippines

Joining the World Scout Bureau APR executives in their annual management meeting will be Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay, APR Finance Sub-Committee Horace Ho and Management Sub-Committee Chairman Chandrasena Batungawala. The meeting on 10-11 March in Makati City will review the support of WSB to NSOs and future directions towards supporting NSOs, apart from looking into the operational aspects of the regional office in terms of management and finance.

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers, Hong Kong

More overseas participants are joining their Hong Kong counterparts for the Course for Assistant Leader Trainers to be held at the Hong Kong Scout Centre on 20-26 March. Twenty-two are from Hong Kong, three from Sri Lanka, six from Scouts of China, and seven from the Philippines. Course staff will come from Sri Lanka, India, Japan and APR office.

1st Preparatory Meeting for 2009 APR Scout Conference, Malaysia

For the first preparatory meeting of the 23rd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference in 2009 to be held in Malaysia, APR office gave the results of the evaluation of the recent Tokyo conference and the APR Youth Forum to the next host, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia. Key leaders of the host country and World Scout Bureau APR will meet on 24-25 March in Kuala Lumpur.

What's Upcoming

First CNV mission to Gerakan Pramuka

Who Regional Scout Committee
When 17-19 March 2008
Where Jakarta

6th APR Scout Leaders Summit, Nepal

Who Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, Chief Scout Executive or equivalent, together with members of the Regional Scout Committee
Where Hotel Annapurna, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal
When 7-10 April 2008
Fee US\$150

APR Sub-Committee Meetings, Nepal

Who Members of APR Programme Sub-Committee, APR Adult Resources Sub-Committee, Management Sub-Committee, Finance Sub-Committee, Scouting Profile Sub-Committee
Where Hotel Annapurna, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal
When 5-6 April 2008
Fee US\$75 for 2 nights stay and US\$112 for 3 nights stay

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop

Who Key leaders at national and sub-national level (both WOSM and WAGGGS)
When 14-18 April
Where National Headquarters, New Delhi, India

Be Prepared

APR Gathering of National Training Commissioners

Who National Training Commissioners, Adult Resources Commissioners, Adult Resources Chairmen
Where Yangmingshan Scout Camp, Taipei, Taiwan
When 8-9 June
Fee No additional fee for participants attending the APR Seminar on Adult Resources Management

APR Seminar in Adult Resources Management

Who National Training Commissioners, Adult Resources Commissioners, Adult Resources Chairmen
Where Yangmingshan Scout Camp, Taipei, Taiwan
When 10-13 June
Fee US\$150 for accommodation, food, inland transportation, seminar materials and educational tour

Regional Communications Workshop

Who People responsible for Communications, Marketing, Public Relations
Where Makati City, Philippines
When 24-27 June 2008
Fee US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, inland transportation, workshop materials and half-day tour.

38th World Scout Conference, Korea

Who Delegates - participate actively in the Conference and have voting rights

Observers - may attend all sessions in a designated observer area and do not have the right to vote.

Accompanying Persons' Programme - those who are accompanying a delegate or observer and wish to discover Jeju Island and Korean culture.

Where Jeju Island, Korea
When 14 - 18 July 2008
Fee Fee varies from Euros 435 and Euros 670
Euros 400 and Euros 605 (For participants below 26 years old attending both Forum and Conference)

10th World Scout Youth Forum

Who Participants must be between their 18th and 26th birthdays in the year of the Forum (2008) and may attend as either a Delegate or an Observer
Where Jeju Island, Korea
When 7 July - 10 July 2008
Fee Between 190 Euros and 360 Euros, depending on category of the country according to its GNI per capita

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