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What's New

World Scout Committee candidates

Three prominent Scout leaders in the Asia Pacific Region are standing for election at the forthcoming World Scout Conference in Korea – Mr Eric Khoo of Malaysia, Mr Simon Rhee of Korea, and Mr Sutham Phanthusak of Thailand. They are among the twelve candidates vying for a seat in the World Scout Committee.

As of 26th May, only 14 National Scout Organizations in the Asia Pacific Region are presently registered for the World Scout Conference with 278 participants. Total participation at world level, including the six regions, is 879.

Regional Chairman leads mission to Pakistan

The second of the series of Committee NSO Visits (CNV) was in Pakistan from 15th to 17th May, led by Chairman Jejomar Binay along with committee member Prakorb Mukura. Other members of the team were Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Prassanna of the regional office.

The Chief Commissioner of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association (PBSA), Lt Gen Javed Ashraf, welcomed the visiting team. He is the former Federal Minister of Education of the Government of Pakistan and with his powerful and dynamic leadership, the three-day discussions recommended far-reaching and substantive measures to put Scouting on track. The visiting team cited their efforts in resources development, enhancement of Rovering and membership growth.

Ideas emerging from the informal forum with young people in Islamabad re-inforced the need to sustain attractive activities for young people, better headquarters premises and greater visibility. What really amazed the visiting team – and the most educating of all – were the opinions expressed by non-Scouts in the college and post graduate students about their thoughts on the Scout Movement. A TV show series featured these young adults talking about Scouting and their perception of what Scouts and Guides do in Pakistan and around the world.

Senior deputy chief commissioner of PBSA Syed Pervez Ali Shah Jillani, a member of the Regional Scout Committee, took part in the meeting together with International commissioner Ghazanfar Mashkoo, National Secretary Col. Hashmat, and the Principal of Batarasi Scout Cadet College, Lt Gen Sajid Syed.

The series of CNV missions was endorsed at the last Regional Scout Conference, as an on-going activity of Regional Scout Committee members to visit every member country in the region at least once in three years. The purpose of the visit is to have a meaningful dialogue with key leaders of Scout associations for the development of Scouting.

WOSM-funded school in far flung Kashmir inaugurated

After the devastating earthquake in October 2005 in the Kashmir region, Scouts utilized the Tsunami Scout Aid Fund (TSAF) for the re-construction of two schools and a training centre in the far flung mountain areas of Uri, Kashmir. The schools were almost completely destroyed. The school in Trikanjan village was inaugurated in August 2007, now having 450 students coming from a 10-mile belt area of 7 villages. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed recently inaugurated the second school in Bimyar with over 300 high school students and over 100 Scouts and Guides. Previously there was no Scouting in the district of Uri. Today Scouting has spread to almost all schools in the villages, getting tremendous support from elders, parents and teachers.

2008 EVENTS

**CNV Mission
Scouts of China**
5-7 June

**APR Gathering of
National Training
Commissioners**
Taiwan, 8-9 June

**APR Seminar on Adult
Resources
Management**
Taiwan, 10-13 June

CNV Mission
Malaysia, 16-18 June

Cubboree
Brunei Darussalam
15-19 June

**Regional
Communication
Workshop**
Philippines
24-27 June

National Rovermoot,
Indonesia
26 June – 7 July

**10th World Scout Youth
Forum,** Republic of Korea
7-10 July

**38th World Scout
Conference**
14-18 July

CSPSA Meeting
French Polynesia
27 July – 01 August

10th Nippon Agoonoree
Japan, 31 July – 5 August

**Persekutuan Pengakap
Malaysia Centenary
Jamboree**
01 August

**Basic Management
Course,** Indonesia
August

**APR Air Internet
Jamboree**
02-03 August

Scouts in Srinagar, Kashmir rebuilt the schools in record-breaking time considering that these are remote mountain areas that could be reached only on foot. Construction materials were delivered by trucks only up to a distance and then hand-carried to the building site.

The Regional Director together with the State Chief Commissioner Mr. N A Khan visited the Trikanjan schools and the site for the reconstruction of a community center intended for youth and Scouts.

Regional Director attends South Asia Foundation annual council meeting

At the invitation of Mr Madanjeet Singh, chairperson and founder of South Asia Foundation (SAF), Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed addressed a high level delegation of SAF at their annual council meeting in Kashmir, India from 25-27 May 2008.

Since 2002, SAF has been providing a generous grant to the SAF Scout Friendship camp every year enabling young people from south Asian countries to camp together.

The Union Minister of the Government of India Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar chaired the council meeting. Among those present were the SAF chairperson of Sri Lanka Chapter and former President of Sri Lanka Mrs. Chandrika B. Kumaratunga; Chairperson of Bhutan Chapter and former prime minister of Bhutan Lyonpo Sanjay Ngedup; Minister for Women's Affairs of Afghanistan Dr. Mrs. H. B. Ghazanfar; Afghan Ambassador to India and former Minister of Culture for Afghanistan Dr. Sayed M. Raheen; Vice Chancellors of Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan. Among the delegates were professors, artists and writers from south Asian countries. Delegates also witnessed the inauguration of the Institute of Kashmir Studies at the University of Kashmir by the President of India Her Excellency Shrimati Pratibha Patil. SAF funded the institute.

Ticket to Life progresses in seven countries

The ticket to life project is currently underway in seven countries, namely Nepal, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and the Philippines where there are nearly 500 street children under this project. These children are doing Scouting while they remain in their normal day-to-day life in the streets. The project is partly funded by the APR Scout Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, and the Queen Sylvia Fund.

The project started in January 2007 and had the first formal evaluation workshop in July 2007 in India. The second formal evaluation workshop is planned for October this year in Nepal where all coordinators are expected to present the progress of their work.

The Regional Director, in his recent visit to [India](#), met the coordinators Mr Rakesh Sharma and Mr Shrivastava who reported that in Uttar Pradesh there are currently three troops with 96 members, 41 of them have been invested as Scouts and have completed their training, while 16 are still working on their advancement.

In [Nepal](#), the Regional Director together with the Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichhane visited the second project site, which has not been visited before. The troop is in a populated area of Kathmandu and they meet at the centre of a busy market. Coordinator Hari Bahadur Shrestha reports that the troop started in July 2007 and has 32 boys. When the children were asked what they like about being Scouts, it's all about the joy of being together – playing, singing, helping each other, and learning new skills.

There are three troops in Nepal with a total of 74 members of whom 15 are girls. The second troop in Bogdol had been visited earlier. Having experienced the joy of learning and sharing their skills, the children now want to do more Scouting.

In [Pakistan](#), coordinator Mr Abuzar Manzoor has been running four troops with 128 boys in the Rawalpindi since October 2007. The investiture ceremony of all 128 boys was held in late December and a camp is planned for June 2008 at Jungle Mungal Batarasi in Islamabad.

In [Sri Lanka](#), the project has 37 Scout members in Kandy. Most of these children live with their families in slum areas where their parents work as laborers, lorry drivers or vendors. There is a possibility to form Scout groups in Awissawella with 20 street children, and in other protected environments such as children in churches and orphanages.

CNV Mission

Brunei Darussalam
5-6 August

12th National Scout Jamboree

Republic of Korea
6-11 August

2nd Preparatory/Youth Forum Planning Meeting

Malaysia, 16-17 August

Third IUMS Peace Jamboree

18-24 August
Malaysia

National Strategic Plan Workshop, Cambodia September

CNV Mission

29 September –
1 October
Thailand

51st World Scout JOTA/JOTI

18-19 October

6th SAF Scout Camp

Bangladesh
12-18 October

Southeast Asian Scout Jamboree, Indonesia

19-29 October

For details of events

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Scout camps for tsunami victims

The National Scout Organization of Thailand held three Scouting camps for the victims of 2004 tsunami called "recovering through Scouting camp" under the WOSM-led Tsunami Scout Aid Fund. The camps were held one after the other in three locations: Krabi, Ranong and Pangnga. NSOT Secretary General Mr Boonrat Wongyai and International Commissioner Sutham Phanthusak organized the camp

There were more than 100 participants from each camp, both girls and boys, aged 9 to 15 years old. Activities were camp life, pioneering, night compassing, beach activities and art craft. At the campfire, they displayed their performing skills and their favourite is beach activities where they apply their skills in water.

National Youth Forum in Thailand and Sri Lanka

At the youth forum in [Thailand](#), Scouts came from different provinces and some participants from Singapore. The forum was held on 6 – 9 May 2008 at Vajjavudh Scout Camp with 49 participants, ages between 17 to 25 years old. They discussed many issues and came up with recommendations for developing relations with young people in other NSOs, promoting Scout membership, disaster relief, service in their own communities and efficiency badges. Dr Prapatpong Senarith, member of APR Youth Program Sub-Committee and Syd Castillo gave guidance to the forum.

In Mirigama, [Sri Lanka](#), thirty-four young people including representatives from the Guides, focused their discussions on communication skills, peace skills through conflict resolution, world Scouting and youth involvement. Being the first national youth forum in Sri Lanka, they exchanged ideas on making the Rover programme more relevant and having youth representatives from districts to national level. They also focused on maintaining proper standards for the training of Scout leaders.

Go Green, Philippines

Dubbed as "Go Green! Go for the Real Thing," the Boy scout of the Philippines (BSP), in partnership with the local government and private organizations launched a massive tree planting project as their contribution to the effort of saving the environment.

Though it appears as just one of the tree planting projects, its unique feature is that, it involves Scouts not just in planting the trees but in nurturing them, ensuring that the trees will grow to maturity before they could be left to grow on their own. Another unique feature is that the BSP will produce the seedlings and saplings from the nurseries that will be constructed in selected BSP camps.

At the launch, more than a hundred Scouts called Green Patrols demonstrated the proper planting process from seed propagation to actual planting of the seedlings.

As a reward to Scouts who will complete the work, they will be given a merit badge created by BSP only for this project. Working in partnership with BSP in this project is Coca-Cola Export Corp., which selected the project as its own outreach project in the Philippines.

Fifty Leaders trained in Cambodia

This was the second Basic Unit Leaders Training Course organized in Cambodia from 19-25 May, almost the same time and location where the first course was held, and adding 50 newly trained trainers to boost Scouting in Cambodia.

The course was an effective combination of residential and camp courses. Modules covered Scouting knowledge, Scouting skills, youth programme, leadership and Scouting, and organizational environment. For the first five days, they had their training at the National Olympic Stadium in Phnom Penh and the two remaining days in Phnomtamao Zoological Garden & Wildlife Rescue Centre. The closing ceremony was held at Tamao Zoo compound with the Chief Commissioner as chief guest.

Sharing their expertise as an international team were trainers from well established NSOs: Vinod Kumar Basal from India, Joshua Yeo and Khrishnansamy Kuppamah from Singapore, Imelda Samson from the Philippines, and Thian Hiong-Boon from APR office as course leader.

Nepal Scouts review strategic plan

The National Strategic Planning Workshop was held at the national headquarters of Nepal Scouts in Kathmandu from 21 to 25 May 2008 with 36 participants from 30 districts. Two WAGGGS members joined as facilitators.

In the major review of the strategic plan, participants envisioned for 2020 a Scout Movement that is well managed and self reliant with a membership of 60,000 in Nepal. To achieve this, six major priorities were identified: youth involvement, volunteers In Scouting, organization of the 21st century, finance, scouting profile and membership growth.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Sports Mr Shankar Prasad Pandey opened workshop. Mr Shree Ram Lamichhane, Chief Commissioner of Nepal Scouts, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, Normala Binti Bahaudin, member of WAGGGS AP Committee addressed the participants. Workshop Director was Mr CL Kaushik, Joint Chief Commissioner, with Mr S. Prassanna from the regional office as facilitator. Dr. Nighat Arshad, Vice-Chairman of WAGGGS AP Committee, was a resource person.

10th World Jamboree participants invited to Golden Reunion

Reunion. Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) which will host the 26th APR Scout Jamboree on 28 December 2009 – 3 January 2010, will hold a reunion of the 10th World Jamboree participants.

Exactly 50 years after the 10th World Jamboree in 1959, the BSP is inviting former participants from all over the world for a "homecoming" to Mt Makiling where 12,000 Scouts from 44 countries participated in 1959. The reunion will be one of the interesting highlights of the 2009 APR Jamboree.

IST. BSP extends invitation to Scout leaders in other countries to join the Jamboree as part of the International Service Team (IST).

Please email the BSP <phiscout@skynet.net> for details of the 10th WJ Reunion and for IST application.

Brunei Scouts to pursue objectives

The driving force behind the pursuit is Brunei Darussalam Scouts Association Chief Commissioner Hj Badar Hj Ali who addressed the Scout leaders during the review of their national strategic plan. The Chief Commissioner mentioned improvements in the association in restructuring the management, finance, public relations and ICT. He also urged the participants to pinpoint their weaknesses, add more priorities, and reach their membership target of 10,000. Participants represented Scout bodies from all four districts of Brunei Darussalam. The strategic plan was developed in 2006 with the technical guidance of Asia-Pacific Regional office.

APR Center at BSP national conference

At the gathering of some 500 key leaders for the annual national council meeting of Boy Scouts of the Philippines, the regional office took the opportunity to put up an APR Centre in Tagaytay City where the conference was held. APR centre consisted of two parts: a display section featuring the flagship projects of the region and complimentary materials to promote world Scouting. The other area was the Scout shop where various souvenirs and publications were sold.

International Scout Environment Forum in Japan

The Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) is inviting some 100 people from around the world to the International Scout Environment Forum on 20 – 21 July 2008. The forum will be in response to the G8 Summit to be held in the vicinity of Lake Toya in Hokkaido on 7-9 July by heads of delegates of Japan, US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, Russia and the EU president.

A person involved in the summit will give a keynote speech on global warming at the Scout Environment Forum. Representatives from islands in the South Pacific and Indian Ocean, which, it is said, will be submerged in the 21st century, will be asked to explain the current state of affairs, and forum participants will discuss future activities.

Gone Home: Fred Moselen

It is very sad to note the passing away of Fred Moselen on 14 May after a short illness. Fred was appointed National Secretary of Scouting New Zealand in 1987 on the retirement of Alan Crowther, following his serving in a number of administration and programme roles within the National Office since the 1960's. He has served the association very ably and well and was awarded the Silver Tui, the Association's highest award for good service in 1997. He was made a Life Member at the Annual Meeting of the Association earlier this year.

What's On-Going

CNV Mission to Scouts of China

Who Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee Vice-Chairman Tan Cheng Kiong and Member Prakorb Mukura; APR executives; key people of Scouts of China
Where Taipei
When 5-7 June 2008

APR Gathering of National Training Commissioners, Taiwan

Who National Training Commissioners, Adult Resources Commissioners, Adult Resources Chairmen
Where Yangmingshan Scout Camp, Taipei, Taiwan
When 8-9 June 2008
Fee No additional fee for participants attending the APR Seminar on Adult Resources Management

APR Seminar in Adult Resources Management, Taiwan

Who National Training Commissioners, Adult Resources Commissioners, Adult Resources Chairmen
Where Yangmingshan Scout Camp, Taipei, Taiwan
When 10-13 June 2008
Fee US\$150 for accommodation, food, inland transportation, seminar materials and educational tour

1st Brunei Darussalam Cubboree 2008

Who Cub Scouts aged 7-11 years old
Where Scout Training Centre, Gadong, Brunei Darussalam
When 15-19 June 2008
Fee US\$44 per person to cover meals, camp accommodation, transportation, souvenirs and all activities during the event

Regional Communications Workshop, Philippines

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

Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia National Rover Moot 2008

Who Rover Scout, Explorer, Venturer – both male and female – aged 16 to 25 years old
Where Cibubur National Scout Campsite, Jakarta Timur, Indonesia
When 27th June – 7th July 2008
Fee US\$150 to cover food ration for 10 days, transport from airport to Moot site, tents, souvenirs.

Be Prepared

1st Mongolian National Venture

Who Venture Scouts aged 15-17 years and adult leaders
Where Nairamdal International Children's Centre (30 km west of Ulaanbaatar)
When 2-9 July 2008
Fee US\$160 per person to cover food, activities, inland transportation, souvenirs and home hospitality programs.

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 , Korea

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

47th APR Basic Management Course, Indonesia

Who Professional Scout Executives at national and sub-national level. Potential Professional Scouters
Where Cibubur Scout Camp, Jakarta, Indonesia
When 27 August - 10 September 2008
Fee US\$150 to cover inland transportation, food, accommodation, course materials and educational tour.

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