

**OCTOBER 2008**

## What's New

### Techniques and methods: what's best for Scouting

The Asia Pacific four-day workshop on training methods and techniques was held at the Vajiravudh Scout Camp at Sriracha in Thailand.

The workshop received overwhelming interest from many National Scout Organizations. A total of 51 participants from 13 countries gathered on 22-25 September to review various training techniques and methods that could reinforce the quality of training.

Participants enjoyed learning from a well-experienced training team, namely, Paul Parkinson of Scouts Australia; Saad Zian of World Scout Bureau/Geneva; Reiko Suzuki, Chairperson of APR Adult Resources Sub-Committee, Thian Hiong-Boon of APR office, Dr Amnat Changrien of Thailand, and other resource persons from the host organization.

At the opening day, World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed encouraged the participants to re-echo the importance of quality training in their own countries.

National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT) Secretary General Mr. Boonrat Wongyai supported the workshop, together with Regional Scout Committee member Prakorb Mukura and NSOT International Commissioner Sutham Phanthusak. Dr. Prapatpong Senarith, member APR Management sub committee, directed the workshop with the support of Mr Panet Sangchan, member of APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee.

### Thailand welcomes Regional Committee

Thailand was the fifth country to be visited under the on-going Committee NSO Visit (CNV) ever since the program started early this year. Members of the National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT) welcomed the regional team on 27-29 September, comprised of Chairman Jejomar Binay, Vice Chairman M.A. Khalid, and Mr Oh Sang Gyoon.

The meeting was held in Pattaya. NSOT Secretary General Boonrat Wongyai, Mr Sutham Phanthusak, RSC member Prakorb Mukura, and key Scout leaders of NSOT took part in the three-day discussions. It was an opportunity to understand better the working set up of NSOT and the major activities being undertaken.

It was noted that the recent Scout Act which came into effect on 5 March 2008 has given NSOT a broader mandate and more independence to manage their own resources, especially campsites and many other assets. The new youth programme which will be implemented in 2009 was discussed at length including the need to reinforce the King Scout Award.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Syd Castillo of APR office assisted the CNV, while Mr Sommart Sungkapun was the coordinator.

During the closing ceremony, Chairman Binay presented Dr Amnat the regional Certificate of Good Service Award.

### New Zealand joins Clean Up the World on Conservation Week

To support the "Clean Up the World" project of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, Scouts New Zealand has recently undertaken a specific project for the planting of native trees in an area where a mountain bike park is being established in what was formerly an open ground.

## 2008 EVENTS

**51<sup>st</sup> World Scout JOTA/  
JOTI**  
18-19 October

**6<sup>th</sup> SAF Scout Camp**  
Bangladesh  
12-18 October

**Regional Scout  
Committee Meeting**  
Macau  
18-19 October

**CNV Macau**  
19-21 October

**Southeast Asian Scout  
Jamboree**  
18-26 October  
Indonesia

**Course for Leader  
Trainers**  
Indonesia  
13-19 November

## For details of events

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The Zone undertook this effort over the weekend of 6-7 September which marked the start of Conservation Week in New Zealand. It was earlier than the dates for "Clean Up the World" but because Conservation Week which has a national goal was the earlier week, it was agreed that this activity should link to the wider project. The Scout Zone (Lower Hutt Zone) has registered with "Clean Up the World" to make them aware of their involvement in this project.

Over 200 members of the Lower Hutt Zone turned up in beautiful weather for the Zone Good Turn for 2008. Now in its second year, the project this time round was putting in over 500 native flaxes and trees into a wetlands area at the bottom of the developing mountain bike park. The plants put in over a 4-hour period are all essential to the creation of a boundary area and wetlands expansion which will eventually link a car park, skills area, facilities and the park proper.

### **Scouts Australia to stage "escape"**

Scouts Australia is staging an adventure based residential event for Venturers to be known as "escape", or the 14th Australian Venture. This triennial event will run from Sunday 4th January 2009 to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Almost 1000 people have already registered to attend.

The program is split into two basic sections. The first is a major expedition where the Venture Units move off site in small groups to separate locations to undertake a fun activity of extended duration that will encourage skill acquisition and development, team work and the opportunity to mix with people from a range of backgrounds and geographical origins. This will be for five days and four nights. Some planned expeditions include sailing on a tall ship, hiking on the Bibbulmun track, learning to SCUBA dive, etc.

The second section of the program is an "on-site" component where participants will be based at a standing camp at Fairbridge Village just south of Perth. From this base, participants will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities – both at Fairbridge Village, and at local iconic locations in and around Perth and Fremantle.

A whole lot more information is available on the escape webpage: [www.escape2venture.com](http://www.escape2venture.com). Registration is also via the website.

### **26<sup>th</sup> APR Jamboree organizers meet again**

The second preparatory meeting of the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree was held on 13 September at the national office of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in Manila.

Nine department coordinators of the BSP gave progress reports in the areas of programme, physical arrangements and camp development, ways and means, food and catering, risk and safety, finance and budget, promotion and publicity, logistics support, reception and home hospitality.

The Asia Pacific regional team comprised of Alfian Amura, Chairman of APR Programme Sub-Committee, past Programme Sub-Committee Chairman Mari Nakano, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Syd Castillo of APR office. APR Sub-Committee member Rajalingnam Ramasamy (Malaysia) also attended the meeting.

Target overseas participation has been set to 2,500. All NSOs have been asked to provide a projected number of their contingents. The latest projected number collected from NSOs is 1,354.

The Jamboree will take place on 28 December 2009 to 03 January 2010 in Mt Makiling. One highlight of the Jamboree is a reunion of 10<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree (1959) participants. It would be exactly 50 years since the World Jamboree was held for the first time in the Philippines.

The Jamboree Bulletin No. 1 containing the details of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree Reunion as well as information for IST application will be issued soon. The Jamboree website is up and running at <http://aprjamboree2009.com>.

### **Scouts explore ways to build financial capacities**

The first National Workshop on Building Financial Capabilities hosted by the Bharat Scouts & Guides (BSG) of India gathered 28 participants from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka at the national headquarters in New Delhi, on 19-22 September.

BSG Vice-President Shri K. P. Mishra opened the workshop. He stressed, "this workshop is an opportunity to understand recent trends and explore avenues to build and manage resources". At the closing, BSG National Commissioner Shri L M Jain, made an appeal to maximize the returns from their assets.

This four-day workshop presented topics on financial management covering the current financial market scenario and looked deeper into the Bharat Scouts and Guides' own resources and financial management. Topics also touched on registration system, Scout supplies, partnerships and projects, grants and sponsorships.

Mr Vineesh Kochhar, Chief Financial Officer of Dupot, shared his financial management perspectives both from corporate and non-profit sectors. Representing the regional office was Director S Prassanna Shrivastava who coordinated the event and facilitated the workshop.

## **What's On-Going**

### **National Strategic Plan Workshop - Mongolia**

Who Key leaders and Commissioners of the Scout Association of Mongolia  
When 4-8 October 2008  
Where Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### **Youth Forum Planning/2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Meeting**

Who Host Organizing Committee/YF Planning Committee  
When 9-11 October 2008  
Where Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### **6<sup>th</sup> SAF Scout Camp**

Who Girls and Boys, 16-25 years old, from SAARC nations  
Where Mouchak, Bangladesh  
When 12-18 October 2008

### **Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

Who Regional Scout Committee/Sub-Committee Chairmen, Consultants  
Where Fortaleza de Taipa, Macau  
When 18-19 October 2008

### **Committee NSO Visit - Macau**

Who Regional Scout Committee/Scout Association of Macau  
Where Fortaleza de Taipa, Macau  
When 19-21 October 2008

### **51<sup>st</sup> World Scout JOTA/JOTI**

Who National Scout Organizations  
Where Worldwide  
When 18-19 October 2008

### **Southeast Asian Scout Jamboree**

Who Girls and Boys, 13 to 16 years old, from ASEAN countries  
Where Cibubur Scout Camp, Jakarta, Indonesia  
When 18-26 October 2008  
Camp Fee US\$150

### **Board of Director's Meeting**

Who WSB Executives and Regional Directors  
Where Geneva  
When 27-31 October 2008

## What's Up-Coming

### Course for Leader Trainers, Indonesia

Who Assistant Leader Trainers  
Where Cibubur Scout Camp, Jakarta, Indonesia  
When 13-19 November 2008  
Fee USD 100 covers inland transfer, food, accommodation, course requisites and documents

### Course for Leader Trainers, Singapore

Who Assistant Leader Trainers  
Where Sands Training Institute of Singapore  
When 26-30 November 2008  
Fee SGD400 covers inland transfer, food, accommodation, course requisites and documents

## Be Prepared

### 14th Australian Venture

Who Venture aged Scout member (born between 4 January 1991 to 3 January 1995)  
Where Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra, Western Australia  
When 4-15 January 2009  
Fee Venturer: \$790 + contingent fee + expedition fee  
Line Leader: \$575 + contingent fee + expedition fee  
Service Leader: \$475 + contingent fee

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