



## DECEMBER 2008

### What's New

#### Season's Greetings!

The Asia-Pacific Regional office brings good cheer to Scouts around the region and the world!

#### Scout training for children in difficult circumstances

The on-going Ticket to Life programme for children in difficult circumstances was evaluated for the second time on 13-16 November at the Kakani International Training Centre in Nepal. Since the project was launched in 2006, the Scouting programme has benefited 927 children in pilot centers in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Beneficiaries are girls and boys ages 11 to 16 years old who are orphans or with single parents. They are not gainfully employed and not protected by any other institution.

At the evaluation workshop, project officers and unit leaders from the participating countries assessed the impact of the programme on the children. From their sharing, different countries have different situations and the work is not easy. They agreed that dealing with a unique group of children, who themselves are coping with many "firsts", needs greater commitment and sensitivity. Over a period of time, unit leaders observed some behavioral changes in the children as they joined more Scouting activities and learned new skills. Changes are seen mostly in how they show more cooperation and discipline, better hygiene, and a sense of belonging to the troop. Scout leaders concluded that the programme should continue and be sustained.

World Scout Bureau staff – Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, Programme Director Syd Castillo and TV Srinath of Geneva office – coordinated and facilitated the workshop.

#### Nepal to host APR Scout Leaders Summit in 2009

All is set for the 6<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit on 1-4 March 2009 at Hotel de l' Annapurna in Kathmandu. Before the summit, all sub-committees will meet on 27-28 February, to be followed by the Regional Scout Committee meeting. APR office has circulated the general information for fees, visa, accommodation, weather, and others.

Participants of the Summit are the key three leaders of National Scout Organizations: President/Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, and Chief Scout Executive/Secretary General. The four-day summit will focus on the regional strategic plan, constitutional matters, membership growth and focus areas for 2009-2012.

#### CNV Schedule for 2009

The Committee NSO Visit (CNV) has been well received by National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and the Regional Scout Committee finds it as a good means to build relationships, understand strengths and challenges, and identify areas for improvement. Overall it promotes goodwill between NSOs and the region. On its first year this 2008, the Regional Committee has completed six visits. And for 2009, the committee will visit Philippines on 15-17 January, Papua New Guinea on 27-29 March, Maldives on 10-12 May, Japan on 1-3 June and Mongolia on 17-19 June.

### 2009 EVENTS

**Committee NSO Visit**  
15-17 January  
Philippines

**Foundation Fund-raising Event**  
16 January  
Philippines

**3<sup>rd</sup> Preparatory meeting/26<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree**  
31 January –  
1 February 2009  
Philippines

**APR Workshop on Learning Organization**  
6-9 February  
Philippines

**All Sub-Committee meetings**  
27-28 February  
Nepal

**Regional Scout Committee Meeting**  
28 February - 1 March  
Nepal

**6<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit**  
1-4 March, Nepal

**Committee NSO Visit**  
27-29 March  
Papua New Guinea

**Advanced Unit Leader Training Course**  
23-29 March  
Cambodia

**National Strategic Planning Workshop**  
9-13 April  
Macau

**4<sup>th</sup> APR Unit Leaders Roundtable**  
22-25 April  
Sri Lanka

### **Indonesia pursues quality in leader training**

For the first time in over twenty years, Gerakan Pramuka organized a Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) on 13-19 November at the National Scout Training Center in Cibubur, Jakarta. The purpose is to upgrade their standard of training for leaders. They invited 28 adult leaders from 21 provinces of Indonesia including a participant from Maldives. Gerakan Pramuka puts adult training a priority and an important channel in bringing the educational programme of Scouting to its millions of young members.

For the adult leaders, the course created a supportive learning environment that makes Scouting more attractive and enjoyable for volunteers. The entire course consisted of five modules: Scouting knowledge, training skills, adult learning skills, leadership and personal development skills.

Resource speakers were Dr Effendy B Rajab (Singapore), Dr Evelyn Vicencio (Philippines), Dr Cyrus Wadia (India), Dr Endy Atmasulistya and Sri Saprapto of Indonesia and Thian Hiong Boon of APR office. Mr Joko Mursitho of Indonesia directed the course.

### **APR Foundation taps potential donors**

APR Chairman Jejomar Binay will host a fundraising event on 16 January 2009 for the APR Scout Foundation at the Shangrila Hotel in Makati City. He appealed to major corporations in the Philippines citing that the foundation has supported many Scout projects in wildlife conservation, resources expansion, peace campaigns, among others. The foundation has 618 individual and corporate members in 32 countries.

### **Staff Development for APR office**

In the yearly staff development workshop of the Asia-Pacific Regional office, all 14 regional staff underwent the "APR Workshop on Effective Feedback and Relationship" over the weekend of 7-9 November in Palawan, Philippines.

The resource person, Mr Earnest Tan, is a writer and counselor. He effectively facilitated the exercises for the staff to reflect and understand their own behavior styles and how these could impact those they work or deal with.

### **APR Calendar and Posters**

A new edition of the APR wall calendar and posters will come out soon featuring the winning photos of the 6th APR Scout Photo Contest 2008. Winning photos were selected from hundreds of entries from 13 countries.

### **7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Photo Contest 2009**

Scouts and leaders of National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region are invited to participate in the 7th APR Scout Photo Contest 2009.

The theme is "Scouts reaching out" aiming to increase the awareness and the visibility of Scouting in non-Scout horizons, i.e. indigenous and ethnic groups, children in difficult circumstances, refugees, young delinquents, special needs group, cultural exchanges, etc. Deadline of submission is on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009. For more information, visit [www.scout.org/asia\\_pacific](http://www.scout.org/asia_pacific).

### **Philippine government agencies to support 2009 APR Jamboree**

The Philippines will host the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree from 28 December 2009 to 3 January 2010 in Mt Makiling. This will be the first time after 35 years ever since the country hosted the first regional Jamboree in 1973.

To prepare for this large event, the Host Organizing Committee of Boy Scouts of the Philippines convened various departments of the Philippine government for a Jamboree briefing and to engage their support. Departments present at the meeting were foreign affairs, tourism, local government, immigration, public works and highways, environment, national food authority, science and technology, customs, armed forces and coast guard, national police, transportation and communications – among others.

**3rd Preparatory meeting/ 23<sup>rd</sup> APR Scout Conference**  
24 April, Malaysia

**APR Disaster Management Workshop**  
1-4 May  
Indonesia

**Regional Scout Committee meeting**  
25-26 April, Malaysia

**Committee NSO Visit**  
10-12 May, Maldives

**APR Advanced Management Course for Professional Scout Executives**  
15-21 May  
India

**Course for Assistant Leader Trainers**  
15-21 May  
Sri Lanka

**APR Management Meeting, 26-28 May**  
Philippines

**Committee NSO Visit**  
1-3 June, Japan

**Program Review Workshop –**  
12-15 June  
Mongolia

**Committee NSO Visit**  
17-19 June  
Mongolia

**APR Forum for National Program & Training Commissioners**  
7-10 July, Cambodia

**Committee NSO Visit**  
17-19 July  
Malaysia

**APR Workshop on PR & Marketing**  
1-4 August, Maldives

**6th APR Scout Youth Forum**  
22-25 October  
Malaysia

## What's Ongoing

### Signing of Sunchun Asia Pacific Scout Center

Who Regional Scout Committee Chairman and Korea Scout Association  
When 16 December 2008  
Where Sunchun, Korea

## What's Upcoming

### APR Foundation Fundraising Event

Who Corporations in Makati City, Philippines  
When 16 January 2009  
Where Philippines

## Be Prepared

### Sub-Committee Meetings

Who All members of Youth Programme Sub-Committee, Adult Resources Sub-Committee, Management Sub-Committee, Finance Sub-Committee, Scouting Profile Sub Committee, APR Foundation Management Committee, APR Awards Committee (28 February only)  
When 27-28 February 2009  
Where Nepal  
Fee US\$95

### 6th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who Regional and Sub-Committee Members, key leaders of National Scout Organizations  
When 1-4 March 2009  
Where Nepal  
Fee US\$300

### 23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference

27 October -1 November  
Malaysia

### 7th SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering

21 November  
India

### 7th South Asia Friendship Camp

20-26 November  
India

### 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

28<sup>th</sup> December -  
3 January  
Philippines

### For details of events

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