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What's New

Cambodia event seeks to synch programme and training

The National Association of Cambodian Scouts (NACS), a young Scout Association, endeavors to make a steady progress for a well-balanced national team of volunteers to synchronize their work in programme and training. To achieve this, NACS successfully hosted the Youth Programme and Training Commissioners' Forum, their first regional event since becoming a member of WOSM in 2008. The gathering of 40 participants from 13 countries was held from 7th to 10th July 2009 at the historic Siem Reap.

His Excellency Chey Chap, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and Chief Commissioner of NACS, said in his remarks, "the forum will strengthen the collaborative relationship between the youth developers and adult trainers...an essential move towards delivering an effective youth programme to the young people and to create a network of support to all concerned commissioners".

NACS Secretary General LAK Sam Ath, who was the Forum Director, shared the same view seeing it as an important ingredient in building the foundation of an NSO and creating productive partnerships among NSOs in the region. NACS Secretary General Sok Seng Yan coordinated the forum with a team of Rovers and young adults.

Major points covered at the forum were to better understand the holistic approach and the complimentary nature between the youth programme and adult resources, making it easier for them to recognize the relevant issues and the solutions that are useful for NSOs.

At the last day of the event, the forum recommended that all NSOs should review policy and structure on programme and training so as to achieve close working relationship and organizational effectiveness. A need is seen to allocate resources to develop regional "networking" as a platform to share information relating to programme and training. The forum also recommended to organize a gathering of programme and training commissioners during regional conferences.

Overseas training team members were Paul Parkinson of Australia; Dr Evelyn Vicencio of the Philippines and Alex Choo of Singapore. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Youth Programme Director Syd Castillo from the regional office were the other resource persons supporting the forum coordination.

In their educational tour, participants were taken to Angkor Wat, the world's largest single religious monument, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2009 EVENTS

5th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

1-2 August
The Singapore Scout Association (host)

APR Workshop on PR & Marketing

1-4 August
Maldives

International Scout Seminar on Intellectual Property

1-4 September
Thailand

APR Course for Leader Trainers

19-25 October
Malaysia

6th APR Scout Youth Forum

22-25 October
Malaysia

23rd APR Scout Conference

27 October -1 November
Malaysia

APR Disaster Management Workshop

16-19 November
Indonesia

7th SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering

21 November
India

7th South Asia Friendship Camp

20-26 November
India

Scouts Australia launches remote Scout groups

Scouts Australia officially launched one of its most remote Scout Groups in a simple ceremony on 8th May 2009 in the Kimberley region of western Australia.

The Djarindjin/Lombadina Sea Scout Group is the most recent successful project under the National Indigenous Scouts Program, aiming to improve life opportunities for young people living in remote indigenous communities by encouraging community ownership and operation and addressing the critical areas of community capacity building.

The Djarindjin/Lombadina group consists of 25 young people, three leaders and five adults. On its opening ceremony, the local language is used with the raising of the Scouts Australia national flag, alongside with the Australian flag, the Aboriginal flag, and a flag featuring Goolil (the sea turtle), a sacred food source to the Bardi people.

National Project Commissioner Partnerships Graeme Fordham attended the launch and said it is significant to know that the National Scouts Australia Program reflects the culture of the local communities in which Scout Groups operate.

The National Indigenous Scouts Program in far north Queensland and the Northern Territory was piloted in 2003 and has since expanded to South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia.

-- *Shanna Hanson, APR Correspondent, Scouts Australia*

Scouts of China holds first World Jamboree for Ethnic Chinese Scouts

Over 4,000 Scouts gathered at the scenic Wusanto Reservoir in Tainan City, south of Taiwan for the first World Jamboree for Ethnic Chinese Scouts hosted by the Scouts of China on 4th-9th July 2009.

The beautiful display of fireworks and aboriginal dance was combined with a good performance of the Cub Scouts choir as they performed at the inauguration of the event.

With over 400 overseas Scouts from 11 countries, the Jamboree was organized to further strengthen unity among Chinese Scouts. The largest overseas contingent was from the Philippines with boy Scouts and girl Scouts from Chiang Kai Shek College.

As July is a summer season in this country, Scouts enjoyed immensely their stay at the camp which provided them to experience new adventures. A wide range of activities was prepared divided into four key programme areas: culture activities, Scouting skills, sports and environmental protection.

The Vice-Minister of Education, in his remarks at the inauguration ceremony, encouraged the Scouts to enjoy the fun of learning while making new friends. Chairman and Chief Commissioner Dr Chao, Shou-Po stressed on the focus on environment protection and preservation.

Seen at the event were World Scout Committee member Eric Khoo, Regional Scout Committee member Prakorb Mukura, former World Scout

26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

28 December –
3 January
Philippines

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Committee member Dr Kao, Anthony Chan and Alexander Wong from Hong Kong and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

Asia-Pacific Regional Gathering for Scouts and Guides

To strengthen the bond between former Scouts and Guides, the Malaysia (Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides) FOFSG, organized the International Scouts and Guides Fellowship (ISGF) Asia-Pacific Regional Gathering on 17th to 20th July 2009 in Pahang, Malaysia.

The special gathering focused on networking that helped ISGF members blossom into a greater cooperation on different areas specifically in assisting projects for young Scouts and Guides in the region.

Over 110 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, India, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan and Tunisia, including Malaysia with 56 Scouts and Guides participated. ISGF World Committee Chairman Brett D Grant of Australia, who was the guest of honor at the opening ceremony, said that the participation of overseas Scouts and Guides brought richness of opinions and a good blend of experiences.

He believed that this regional gathering, which was held after a 10-year lapse, with the participation of WAGGGS and WOSM, will make the ISGF become more stronger and durable. Also present at the opening ceremony were World Scout Committee member Eric Khoo, Scout Association of Malaysia Chief Commissioner Ybhg Dato Haji Kaharudin bin Momin, Girl Guides Association of Malaysia Chief Commissioner Datin Hj Zahidah Mohd Taib, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

As the Asia-Pacific Region is the biggest in size and membership of young Scouts and Guides, FOFSG Malaysia President Sdr. Tajinder Singh Sohanpal believed that the gathering will be a catalyst to produce a stronger regional membership.

The ISGF was created in 1953 with 18 countries. Today, there are more than 50 National Fellowships in five continents with 50,000 members. In the Asia-Pacific Region, member organizations are Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Indonesian Scouts hold cultural camp

As an opportunity to learn more about their own arts and culture by becoming tour guides to their families and friends, Gerakan Pramuka (GP) national headquarters and the Indonesian Culture and Tourism Department organized a cultural camp 21st to 25th June 2009 at the Pancer Door, a beach resort in Pacitan, east of Java.

Over 1,000 Scouts from 24 provinces in Indonesia participated in the cultural camp which was attended by Minister of Culture and Tourism Jero Wacik, accompanied by Vice Governor of East Java Province, Syaifulloh Yusuf and GP Chief Commissioner, Azrul Azwar.

In their remarks, both the minister and the chief commissioner shared the views that at the camp, Scouts do not only learn more about the Indonesian culture but also have the opportunity to meet other people from other provinces and that Scouting events always create an atmosphere of peace and friendship. -- *Berthold Sinaulan*

APR Correspondent, Gerakan Pramuka/ Indonesia

Nepal Scouts celebrates 57th anniversary

Scouts from different districts of Nepal gathered at the national headquarters in Kathmandu on 3rd July 2009 celebrating Nepal Scouts' 57th anniversary.

Participating Scouts were from the mid-western region from the district of Kalikot, Jajarkot, Dolpa, Dang, Dailekha, Pyuthan, Bardiya, Baitadi, Mugu, Rukum, Salyan and Surkhet. Nepal Prime Minister and Patron Mr Madav Kumar, as the guest of honour, handed over service awards to Scout leaders and presented prizes and certificates to the winners of different competitions. Other activities organized were cultural programs, drama, march pass, camp craft and campfire.

A couple of days before the celebration, the prime minister took the oath of Scout Promise and Law as the new Patron of Nepal Scouts in a special function organized at his official residence in Kathmandu.

Chief Commissioner Mr Shree Ram Lamichhane presented the scarf to Nepal Scouts' new Patron, the Prime Minister of the country.

Staff Development for APR office

All 14 regional staff underwent the "5s Workplace Organization Methodology" on 24-26 July 2009 in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

Resource persons were Emmanuel Salvacion, Rogelio dela Cruz Jr., and Joseph Oliver Tacorda who effectively facilitated the workshop which promotes safety, work efficiency, improves productivity and motivates not only externally but also internally using the 5S principle. The 5S stands for sorting, straightening, sweeping, standardizing and self-discipline. As a whole, the workshop stressed that a well-organized workplace is a reflection of a sound and healthy mind and heart.

APR Jamboree host announces latest progress

The Jamboree Organizing Committee (JOC) of the 26th APR Scout Jamboree held its fourth meeting on 28-29 July 2009 at Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna - the site of the Jamboree. Coordinators of the various Jamboree Services gave progress reports including programme, physical arrangements, health and sanitation, food and catering, among others. This meeting was also an opportunity for an ocular inspection of every sub-camp and facilities to ensure that the 12,000 Scouts and Leaders will have a wonderful time at the Jamboree.

Improvements in the camp are currently being undertaken. In fact, the meeting was held in a newly constructed building which will also host the exhibits of the 10th World Scout Jamboree in connection with the reunion of WSJ participants way back in 1959. Currently over 30 participants have registered for the reunion from five countries, with the largest contingent from Hong Kong.

The meeting was attended mostly by all coordinators from the various departments connected to the Jamboree led by SG Pangilinan of Boy Scouts of the Philippines, and their staff. Ms Mari Nakano, past Programme Sub-Committee Chairman, Mr Rajalingnam Ramasamy, APR Sub-Committee member and Abdullah Rasheed, Regional Director of the Asia-Pacific Region and other Executives from the regional office were present during the meeting.

Participation and IST Update. As of now, 20 countries are listed with participants and ISTs giving a total of over 1,300 from overseas. More than 100 Scout leaders from 19 countries have pre-registered to join the International Service Team.

Operation Pinoy. This is the Filipino version of the solidarity programme being offered to Scouts (who meet the criteria) in all member-countries in the region to benefit from the sponsorship through Operation Pinoy. As of 15 July, replies have been received from ten countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Scouts of China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Singapore and Macau.

Latest on 23rd APR Scout Conference

As of 30 July, 21 NSOs have sent their initial replies for the participation of their delegates, observers, youth participants and accompanying persons with a total of 276.

The host, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia, is pleased to convey that the conference venue, Hilton Hotel in Kuala Lumpur has announced a reduction of rates particularly for the conference, as follows:
USD110++ or MYR400++ room only or with single breakfast, or USD126.50nett or MYR460nett room only or with single breakfast

USD120++ or MYR440++ with double breakfast, or USD138nett or MYR506nett with double breakfast.

The revised rates are applicable for all Scout conference delegates during the event period.

The preparatory meeting between the Host Organizing Committee and APR representatives will be held on 15 August in Kuala Lumpur.

Response to the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts

Now on its 4th season, the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts will take place at the forthcoming regional conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Nine NSOs nominated their outstanding candidates for the award, namely Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Korea, Maldives, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Pre-selection of five finalists will take place in Maldives based on a criteria designed by the Scouting Profile and Programme Sub-Committees. The five finalists will be invited to the regional conference to face a panel of judges, where three will be declared winners and two as runners-up.

What's Ongoing

5th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

Who	Scouts around the world can contact each other by amateur radio and through the internet. It's the excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout at some other place in the world that attracts so many to this event.
When	1-2 August 2009
Host	The Singapore Scouts Association

APR Workshop on PR and Marketing

Who Volunteers and professional Scout leaders responsible for PR, Marketing, and Communications in their national Scout organizations. Those dealing with other operational areas like youth programme, adult resources, management, etc. are most welcome.

When 1-4 August 2009

Where Maldives

What's Upcoming

International Scout Seminar on Intellectual Property

When 1-4 September

Where Thailand

Be Prepared

23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference

Who Delegates: Each member organization is entitled to send a maximum of six delegates.

Observers: NSOs may send adequate number of Scout Leaders and youth members as observers.

Accompanying Persons Spouses/friends are invited as accompanying persons to the delegates or observers

When 27 October – 01 November 2009

Where Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Fee

Delegates and Observers	1,000 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Accompanying persons	850 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Youth Participants	450 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Youth Forum participants	135 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leader Trainers - Malaysia

Who Assistant Leader Trainer (ALT/3 beads holder) for at least 3 years

When 19 x- 25 October 2009

Where International Youth Centre (IYC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Fee Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 500.00 per participant

6th APR Scout Youth Forum – Malaysia

Who Members aged between 18 to 26 years old on date of the forum.

When 22 - 25 October 2009

Where International Youth Centre (IYC) - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Fee Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)350.00 per participant