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What's New

Typhoon brings miseries; Scouts help victims

It was Saturday, the 26th day of September, when super typhoon "Ondoy" hit many parts of the country, especially the Metro Manila and surrounding areas, causing massive rainfall and devastation.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) officials report that Scouts are now assisting in evacuation centers to distribute relief goods and clean up debris and wastes. At the BSP national office, 25 Scouts who are finalists for the BSP Outstanding Scouts Award, repacked food, clothing and toiletries for immediate relief to victims. In a nearby province, Laguna, Scouts came with shovels and rake to push thick mud from the public market and the streets.

"We too have been greatly affected", said BSP Secretary General JR Pangilinan. The BSP national office was not spared from the waist-deep water at the ground floor and Scout shop, submerging million pesos worth of Scout uniforms and supplies. APR office donated some cash to support Scouts in their relief work.

India President presents APR Award for Distinguished Service

In a prestigious ceremony at the presidential palace, the President of India, H.E. Prathiba Patil, presented the APR Distinguished Service Award to Rameshwar Thakur, President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Mr Thakur, also the Governor of Karnataka, was honoured for his exemplary dedication to Scouting.

First International Seminar on Intellectual Property organized in Thailand

The seminar, hosted by the National Scout Organization of Thailand, had the core purpose of bringing greater awareness on the importance of the legal protection of intellectual properties for Scouting. This is an effort to solve cases of infringements, counterfeiting and illegal manufacture, sale and distribution of various Scouting merchandise.

A total of 45 participants from ten National Scout Organizations (NSOs) in the Asia-Pacific Region and from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) gathered at the Vajiravudh Scout Camp, Chonburi Province, Thailand on 1-4 September 2009.

Regional Scout Committee member Prakorb Mukura, who was the guest of honour at the opening, highlighted the importance of protecting intellectual properties now that some NSOs are facing some problems in this area. World Scout Committee member Georges El-Ghorayeb from Lebanon together with Director Abdullah Rasheed joined the seminar.

The seminar was guided by resource people Danielle Doureiry from Lebanon and Charles Revkin from Geneva central office under the direction of Dr Prapatpong Senarith and assisted by Prassanna Shrivastava from

2009 EVENTS

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

26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

28 December -
3 January
Philippines

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APR Office. In conclusion, participants had a 4-point recommendation, first of which is for the World Scout Bureau, Inc., the Regional Scout Committees and National Scout Organizations to conduct a massive and wider dissemination of all information related to ensuring adequate legal protection to all WOSM and NSOs intellectual property.

APR Air-Internet Jamboree

Singapore Scout Association (SSA) hosted the 5th APR Air-Internet Jamboree on 1-2 August 2009. An organizing committee headed by Alex Choo, IT Commissioner of SSA, put together the Air-Internet Jamboree and made use of two virtual servers. Participants were from 32 countries, many from the Asia-Pacific Region with Bhutan joining for the first time. Others were from USA, Canada, Netherlands, France, Ukraine, UAE, Sweden, Portugal and the Russian Federation. Participation numbers were extracted from server statistics. In Singapore, four units volunteered to host the air-internet Jamboree to encourage more participation.

A Jamboree badge incorporated an iconised Lion called the "Singa" Lion who is Singapore's National Mascot for the Singapore Kindness Movement. A "Singa Scout" was created with special permission and made use of the Air-Internet Jamboree to share the message of kindness, friendship and one good deed a day.

In Maldives, participants of the APR Workshop on PR and Marketing, spared an hour or two to join the Jamboree.

Winners of "What is Great about Scouts"?

The competition, introduced late last year as a joint project of the Young Adult Members Group and Youth Programme Sub-Committee, aims at reaching out to young people and drawing ideas from them on how to attract more young people especially adolescents to Scouting. Out of 41 entries for all four categories, four are declared winners:

- Written – Udomkichdecha Sarun, Singapore Scouts Association
- Media – Angelina Chang, Persekutan Pengakap Malaysia
- Blog – Md Harun Or Rashid, Bangladesh Scouts
- Poster – Md Harun Or Rashid, Bangladesh Scouts

Awards will be presented at the APR Scout Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

World Scout Committee Meeting

APR Chairman Jejomar C Binay attended several meetings in Geneva, including a meeting with Derek Pollard, Chairman of Constitutions Committee, on issues concerning NSO constitution and by-laws. This was followed by a meeting with the budget committee and the Regional Support Coordination Committee where the chairman gave an update of relevant matters in the region. At the World Scout Committee meeting, many important conclusions were made, however, due to the national calamity in the Philippines, Binay had to arrange for the earliest flight back home and could not complete the meeting. For the first time, two Regional Directors were invited to the WSC meeting – Mr Abdullah Rasheed of APR and Dr Atif of Arab Region.

Updates APR Youth Forum and CLT Updates

From 15th September, APR office issues a fortnightly update on the APR Conference and its ancillary events. As the events are drawing nearer, registration for participation continues to increase. By the end of September, the APR youth Forum has 115 participants from 26 countries and the Course for Leader Trainers has 43 participants from 13 countries.

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First Board meeting of the Suncheon Scout Centre held

The first Board meeting of the Suncheon Asia Pacific Scout Centre was held at the city hall of Suncheon on 5th September in the presence of the Regional Scout Committee member Prakorb Mukura, who is representing the Committee at the Board for next 3 years, and chaired by the International Commissioner of Korea Scout Association Simon Rhee.

The Board meeting reviewed the work of the centre for the last eight months, its management, process and methods of recruiting volunteers, while looking forward to future programmes and ways to enhance the image of the centre as a true Asia Pacific centre. The meeting was attended by Board members including the President and Vice President of the Jeonnam Scout Council, representative of the Mayor of Suncheon city, members from KSA and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

A memorandum of agreement for the tri-party collaboration was signed on 16th December 2008, between Suncheon City Government, KSA, and the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to establish the centre and to offer activities and staff opportunities from within Asia and beyond. Since then, 7 Scout volunteers from 7 countries have served the centre and two are currently completing their term. The seven volunteers were from Nepal, Philippines, Mongolia, Maldives, India, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. The next batch are expected to arrive in time for the next round of activities starting December.

The Centre will also be the venue of the next APR jamboree which will be held early August 2010 and many further development facilities are planned before the Jamboree.

Parliamentary Associations in NSOs

APR office requested NSOs to provide information on their National Scout Parliamentary Associations (NSPA) and feedback are now being received. The World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) comprised of NSPAs, has been established several years ago. In fact, one world assembly for WSPU was hosted in the Philippines in 1997. Since there has been no WSPU world assembly for sometime, there is a plan to organize the next WSPU assembly in Korea on 1-3 November 2010. In preparation for this gathering, Korea Scout Parliamentary Association (KSPA), led by President Hon. Eui Hwa Chung, who is an incumbent assemblyman, is keen to revitalize NSPAs in APR. He has proposed a meeting of NSPA members who will be present at the conference in Kuala Lumpur. The Korea Parliamentary Scout Association will sponsor two delegates per country for the WSPU assembly in Korea.

Singapore builds up Scouts of the World Discovery

Since the Scouts of the World Discovery started in 2006, the Singapore base has since successfully completed four Discovery workshops and two Voluntary Service projects: i) Project Sirius – Rovering with Rhinos and most recently, ii) Project Orion – Rovering with Turtles. Seven Rovers have been awarded thus far, and with that Singapore became the second country in Asia-Pacific Region to be presented this prestigious International Award.

The Scouts of the World Award is an initiative programme to provide young people with more opportunities to face the challenges of the future as identified by the Millennium Declaration unanimously adopted by 189 member Countries of the United Nations in 2000. It is open to both Scouts

and non-Scouts.

The Discovery Workshop aims to expose young people to the global issues that the earth and countries are facing – to Explore, Respond and Take Action. Besides raising awareness of rich natural heritage and fragile environment, the workshop also seeks to equip the youth with development, facilitation and planning skills in preparation for the next phase - the Voluntary Service project to be held on 17th to 19th October 2009 at the National Community Leadership in Singapore.

Singapore to launch centenary celebrations

The year 2010 marks the anniversary of 100 years of Scouting in Singapore. To commemorate this significant occasion, The Singapore Scout Association is planning a series of events in year of 2010.

To start off the celebration, SSA is organizing a 100th Anniversary Dinner to be held at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre on 27 February 2010. Guest of Honour will be Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong. SSA hopes to gather past and present Scouts around the Asia Pacific Region and friends of Scouting, to rekindle their Scouting days and to take this opportunity to develop and strengthen networking ties.

What's Ongoing

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 – 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

What's Upcoming

APR Disaster Management Workshop

16-19 November
Cibubur Scout Camp
Jakarta, Indonesia

Be Prepared

26th APR Scout Jamboree

Who	Around 12,000 registered Scout members ages 12-18 years and ISTs
When	28 December 2009 – 3 January 2010
Where	Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

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