



## SEPTEMBER 2009

### What's New

#### Update on the 23<sup>rd</sup> APR Scout Conference ancillary events

*Participation.* As of 31 August actual registration from 20 NSOs totals almost 300 and this number is expected to rise as the conference draws nearer. The APR Youth Forum has now 107 young participants from 20 countries and the Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) with 33 participants from 7 countries. Application is still open for those interested in the CLT.

*Chief Executives Meet.* For the first time the region will gather Chief Executives/Secretary General of NSOs on 25 October just before the conference opens. As of now, twelve top executives have confirmed their participation.

*Young Adult Members Group (YAMG).* In response to the call for nominations of young persons for the YAMG, eleven nominations have been received: Jade Elliot of Australia, Md. Harun Or Rashid of Bangladesh, Lam Kwok Hei Dicky of Hong Kong, Ari Adipratomo of Indonesia, Jieun Seo of Rep of Korea, Mohd Hafiz Ariffin of Malaysia, Zahir Maeedh Mohamed of Maldives, Craig Gardner of New Zealand, Marygold Zulueta of the Philippines, Oliver Zikai Lim of Singapore and Krittee Tantivisikul of Thailand.

*Action-Time Presentations (ATP).* Selected topics are now lined-up for NSOs that signified interest to take part in the ATP:

- The Bharat Scouts & Guides for *Value-based Scouting*
- Sri Lanka Scout Association for *reaching out to children affected by conflict*
- Bangladesh Scouts for *fundraising*
- Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia for *disasters and role of Scouts*
- National Scout Organization of Thailand for *caring for the earth*
- Korea Scout Association for *image-building*

*Preparatory Meeting.* The fifth and final preparatory meeting of the Host Organizing Committee and APR team will take place on 10 September in Kuala Lumpur for a final assessment of preparations and to firm up the odds and ends of all events.

*Conference News.* As in previous conferences, a regular fortnightly update will be issued starting 15 September for conference participants to keep track of the latest news and development.

#### Scouts called upon to focus on global warming and drug abuse awareness

Maldives Vice President Dr Mohamed Waheed Hassan Manik called upon Scouts to be keen on climate change and drug abuse as the major challenges to today's youth. He made his remarks at the opening of the *APR Workshop on Public Relations and Marketing* held in Aarah, Maldives, also called the presidential island. The invigorating island was set aside for over 50 workshop participants from 16 countries all across Asia-Pacific.

### 2009 EVENTS

#### International Scout Seminar on Intellectual Property

1-4 September  
Thailand

#### APR Course for Leader Trainers

19-25 October  
Malaysia

#### 6<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth Forum

22-25 October  
Malaysia

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> APR Scout Conference

27 October –1 November  
Malaysia

#### APR Disaster Management Workshop

16-19 November  
Indonesia

#### 7<sup>th</sup> SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering

21 November  
India

#### 7<sup>th</sup> South Asia Friendship Camp

20-26 November  
India

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

28 December –  
3 January  
Philippines

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The workshop which ran from 1-4 August 2009 was attended by the Minister of Education Dr. Musthafa Luthufee and council members of The Scout Association of Maldives (TSAM). Chief Commissioner Ahmed Ali Maniku and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed welcomed the participants and Shree Ram Lamichhane, Chairman of the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee, outlined the workshop program. Mr Mohamed Asim of TSAM directed the workshop.

The workshop focused on developing PR and marketing strategies for the growth of the movement. A precise topic on managing changes from the PR and marketing perspectives set the tone of the workshop, and effectively reinforced by sessions on recruiting and retaining youth and adult members, external partnerships, reaching out to non-Scout horizons and research-based PR planning. All sessions led to in-depth group discussions on action planning for growth. Resource people include Mohamed Maleeh Jamal, a marketing professional in Maldives, and by the Scouting Profile Sub-Committee: Vice-Chairman Richard Miller, Australia; Brata Hardjosubroto with Silih Agung Wasesa, Indonesia; and Allan Zulueta, Philippines. Participants wrapped up the four-day workshop with group action plans facilitated by Luz Taray of APR office.

Participants spent time for the 5th APR Air and Internet Jamboree simultaneously running from 1st to 2nd August, co-ordinated by the Singapore Scout Association. Individual messages and group greetings were sent from special booths set up for the internet jamboree.

#### **Five Scouts selected for APR Outstanding Scout Award**

After a thorough screening of nine nominations for the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts, five candidates with exemplary achievements were picked for the final selection at the forthcoming Regional Scout Conference in Kuala Lumpur. The award aims to enhance quality Scouting and to emphasize that Scouts could be role models in their homes, schools, and communities.

Finalists for the award are Jade Elliott, Australia; Dicky Lam Kwok-Hei, Hong Kong; Maeed Mohamed Zahir, Maldives; Harrison Erivera Bautista, Philippines; and Chathura Deshpriya Mataraachchi, Sri Lanka.

The panel, comprised of three members from the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee and APR Programme Sub-Committee, met in Maldives to review the nominations based on a criteria that includes major accomplishments in Scouting, key positions held, academic performance, community involvement and major awards received.

The award started eight years ago at the 2001 regional conference and is now a significant part of every regional conference. It is steadily gaining popularity among member-countries and has maintained its aim to showcase the highest possible standards a young person could enjoy, achieve and become by being a Scout.

#### **Scouts help in relief work after deadly typhoon**

Scouts of China is mobilizing Scouts all over Taiwan for a nationwide relief work after the deadly typhoon Morakot struck Hsiao-lin, a village in the mountains of southern Taiwan, on 9 August 2009. The typhoon claimed hundreds of lives, leaving hundreds of people missing and feared to be buried in mudslide.

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Many National Scout Organizations (NSOs) in the region offered assistance and contributions largely from the closest neighbor, the Scout Association of Hong Kong. The World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office expressed grief for the devastating loss and made a token contribution to assist in mobilizing the Scouts.

Scouts are now vastly engaged in clearing up buildings, transporting and distributing relief items to the worst-affected areas.

Reports said the typhoon was the most devastating in the country for the last half-century and has caused \$1.5 billion in damages and left 7,000 people homeless.

#### **Hong Kong Scouts help earthquake victims in China**

The Scout Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) and the Youth Federation of Sichuan signed two agreements on 27 July 2009, related to assistance for the reconstruction of two youth facilities in the cities of Mianyang and Deyang and multi-year support for a training program targeting young people living in areas heavily affected by the massive May 2008 Sichuan earthquake claiming 69,000 lives, another 18,000 people missing and leaving 4.8 million people homeless.

The two projects are supported by the Hong Kong Government Sichuan reconstruction trust fund including the subsidized training program projected to reach an estimated 133,000 young people in earthquake-damaged towns and nearby places were approved upon the applications for funding submitted by the SAHK. The smaller Deyang project was approved in December 2008 and the larger Mianyang project was approved in June 2009. It was significant to note that among the numerous non-government organizations in Hong Kong that expressed interest in Sichuan reconstruction, the SAHK received the largest total funding allocations in the two rounds of applications.

Before the fall of 2011, Deyang and the Mianyang youth activities center and the youth and children's places are expected to be completed. In the meantime, the SAHK has already launched an active program of short-term exchange, service and training visits, targeting young people currently residing in temporary housing estates in the heavily quake-affected areas. Two such trips were organized in February and April 2009. More visits will take place towards the latter part of the year and also in the next two years. Learning from these short-term activities will be incorporated into the training program to be offered at the two reconstructed facilities.

#### **Community-based Scouting launched in southern Philippines**

As the city of Davao in southern Philippines celebrated the *Kadayawan* Festival – an annual festival to appreciate the gifts of nature and the wealth of culture – Scouts here marked the renowned festival in a distinct way.

Around 150 girls and boys from five local districts had their Scout orientation as part of the neighborhood program of Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) that would involve out-of-school youth in Scouting activities. This Scout troop is the first community-based troop in Davao City Council following the BSP decision at its last Annual Council Meeting to have one community troop for every council. There are 111 councils in the country with a largely school-based Scout population of over 1.6 million.

At the investiture ceremony, 35 children who are living in the streets were invested under the Ticket to Life project of World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region. These children are working mostly as vendors and parking attendants. Now members of a Scout troop, they attend troop meetings every Saturday in a nearby school organized by Davao city troop leader Mary Jane A. Donesa. The investiture ceremony was attended by Regional chairman of Eastern Mindanao Wendel E. Avisado, BSP Secretary General JR Pangilinan, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Ticket to Life coordinator Sophie Castillo.

### **Bhutan mourned death of 7 young people**

Bhutanese Scouts mourned the tragic loss of seven young boys aged 10 to 14 years, including three Scouts, who died when a gush of water from the Wangchu river washed them away on 26 July 2009.

Over 200 Scouts and leaders of Jigme Namgyal Lower Secondary School walked over one kilometer to reach Dema Lhakhang, a temple at the heart of Thimphu city where they turned the prayer wheels thrice, lit butter lamps and prayed for the seven school boys who lost their lives on that ill-fated day.

Reports said that of the eight boys, only one survived, an 18-year-old student who said they walked for about two hours downhill to get to the swimming spot, two kilometers downstream of a hydro project dam site. They swam for a few hours and before they could cross the river, the water started rising and an onrush swept them away. The survivor managed to get a rescue team who made a desperate attempt to pull the boys from a rock where they were huddled together.

In Thimphu, the Prime Minister led the lighting of a thousand butter lamps. The World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Regional office had conveyed its condolences to victims' families and to Bhutan Scouts Association.

### **President of Indonesia asks his cabinet to support Scouts**

Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono met with Scouts on 14 August 2009 at the Cibubur camping ground, east of Jakarta, to celebrate the National Scouts Day. In his speech, the President appealed to every minister, governor and other state officers to help Gerakan Pramuka in its work for Scouting, and to appreciate its role in character formation. Accompanying him was First Lady Ani Yudhoyono, other several government ministers, Malaysian ministers and different country ambassadors to Indonesia.

Also, on this occasion, the President presented the Lencana Melati Award to key people in government and in Scouting. Among the overseas recipients were former Regional Scout Committee Chairman Anthony Thng (Singapore), Regional Scout Committee member Prakorb Mukura (Thailand) and Secretary General JR Pangilinan (Philippines).

A week before the National Scouts Day, Scouts in Jakarta joined a clean-up drive jointly organized by the Department of Seas and Fisheries and the Ministry of Environment at the *Pramuka* Island or "Scout" Island. With the help of scuba divers from the Indonesian Navy, Scouts cleaned up the seashore and planted mangrove trees. A workshop on recycling was organized as part of the clean-up. – by Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent, Gerakan Pramuka

## **WOSM and UNEP share commitment to environment at Korea gathering**

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) hosts its 2009 TUNZA International Youth Conference in Daejeon, Korea from 21 to 26 August 2009, focusing on the theme "Youth and Climate Change, Green Jobs and Sustainable Consumption" which focuses on key environmental issues such as climate change, youth and green jobs, disaster and conflicts and their impact on the environment and sustainable lifestyle.

The Conference will culminate with a statement on climate change to be shared with government leaders and to be presented to the Copenhagen Summit in December 2009. In addition, new members will be elected to the Tunza Youth Advisory Council (TYAC) - a group of 12 youth leaders who advise UNEP on youth and the environment.

As UNEP and World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) share a common commitment to taking care of the environment, WOSM is represented in this youth conference by eight National Scout Organizations, namely, Australia, Maldives, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Hungary, Cote de' Ivore, Ghana and Mexico.

Ms Fathimath Sadhin, from The Scout Association of Maldives was one of the 200 young people from over 100 countries who worked together and voiced their concerns for the environment. Maldives is reportedly one of the 10 countries in the world most affected by climate change.

So far, the biggest UNEP project which Scouts have been actively involved since its inception 17 years ago is the Clean Up the World, which is being held every year. The campaign brings together businesses, community groups, schools, governments and individuals who carry out a range of activities and programs that positively improve local environments.

Previous conferences of TUNZA International Youth Conference have been held in USA, Korea, Denmark, Russia, India and Germany.

### **Gone Home: Fawzi Farghali**

A sad news has just arrived on the passing away of Fawzi Farghali, former Arab Regional Director, at Wady Alneel Hospital in Cairo. Fawzi has been an outstanding colleague, a close brother and friend to many in the Asia-Pacific Region who dedicated the prime of his life for the Scout Movement.

## **What's Ongoing**

### **International Scout Seminar on Intellectual Property**

1-4 September  
Vajiravudh Scout Camp, Thailand

## **What's Upcoming**

### **APR Disaster Management Workshop**

16-19 November  
Cibubur Scout Camp  
Jakarta, Indonesia

### **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

## **Be Prepared**

### **26<sup>th</sup> 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