



## NOVEMBER 2009

### What's New

#### 6<sup>th</sup> APR Youth Forum, Malaysia

Youth members aged 18-26 years old gathered at the 6<sup>th</sup> APR Youth Forum on 22-25 October at the International Youth Center (IYC) in Kuala Lumpur. There were 109 participating youth members from 27 NSOs.

Manabu Hiratsuka, Chairman of the Youth Forum (YF), reported that a steering committee comprised of young people from Malaysia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Japan and Macau facilitated the Forum's discussions on youth involvement in decision-making, Scouting's impact to society, retention and promotion of Scouting, and the future of Scouting. The steering committee drafted the YF recommendations emerging from the four-day discussions that were later presented to the plenary for adoption.

Manabu thanked the Youth Forum Director, Mohd Azlan Abdul Jalil of Malaysia and the staff members, as well as the outgoing Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) who completed their two-year term. Then he introduced the seven newly elected YAMG members for 2009-2012:

1. Dicky Lam Kwok Hei, Hong Kong
2. Ari Wijanarko Adipratomo, Indonesia
3. Seo Ji Eun, Korea
4. Mohd Hafiz Bin Ariffin, Malaysia
5. Maeed Mohamed Zahir, Maldives
6. Oliver Lim Zi Kai, Singapore
7. Kritee Tantivisitul, Thailand

The YAMG elected Maeed Mohamed Zahir of Maldives as Chairman who will be their representative to the Regional Scout Committee. The Regional Scout Committee later appointed the six other members to the different regional sub-committees.

Consistent with the World Scout Conference Resolution on "YAMG Induction", the new YAMG, immediately after their election, were given a briefing by the region's key leaders and the outgoing YAMG on their role and responsibilities for the next three years. Ms Karin Ahlback, Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee, joined the Youth Forum as well as the induction.

#### APR Course for Leader Trainers (CLT), Malaysia

Tradition goes on at the APR Course for Leader Trainers, this time with a wider international pool of training team – Paul Parkinson (Australia), Andrew Hill (UK), Warren Edis (Canada), Saad Zian (WSB/Central Office), Reiko Suzuki (Japan), Noor Hashim Bin Ismail (Malaysia), Lau Looi Lin (Malaysia), Amir Hamzah Aman (Malaysia), and the WSB/APR staff.

The training course, which is the highest level of training for leader trainers, was held on 19-25 October at the International Youth Centre in Kuala Lumpur with 40 participants from 12 countries.

### 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

**APR Disaster Management Workshop**  
16-19 November  
Indonesia

**7th SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering**  
21 November  
India

**7th SAF Scout Friendship Camp**  
20-26 November  
India

**26<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree**  
28 December –  
3 January  
Philippines

### New! EVENTS FOR 2010

**Committee NSO Visit**  
17-19 January  
Sri Lanka

**Ticket to Life Evaluation and Planning Workshop**  
28-31 January  
Bangladesh

**Basic Management Course**  
02-16 February  
Bangladesh

**Committee NSO Visit**  
February  
Malaysia

**Advanced Management Course**  
05-11 March  
India

**Committee NSO Visit**  
11-13 March  
Korea

Course Leader Haji Rahmat Bin Jaafar, in his report, said "participants were exposed to various types of delivery methods and techniques by applying the patrol system, small group discussions, games and giving feedback. Many found this approach very enriching as it allowed them to view issues from multiple perspectives."

### **First Chief Scout Executives Meet**

On 25 October, Scout executives of 12 NSOs met for the first time to discuss their essential role as chief executives, the challenges they face, and how they could strengthen volunteer-professional relationship. They also shared ways of building exchange programs amongst full-time people in different NSOs.

Resource speaker Dr Peter Chee, CEO of Institute of Training and Development Malaysia, who also works with the world's best selling authors, gave a very heartwarming talk on personal excellence and success principles and how these could be applied to one's life and work as a Scout professional. The two-hour talk highlighted taking 100% responsibility for one's life, clarity of purpose, visualization and affirmation, action planning followed by massive action, asking and responding to feedback, perseverance, reaping the rewards and an "attitude of gratitude". It was on this note of *gratitude* that Chairman Jejomar Binay thanked Dr Chee, a Scout since he was 10 years old, for the great inspiration he offered to everyone.

Joining the chief executives for the entire time were WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod and World Scout Committee Vice-Chairman Simon Rhee. Among the facilitators were Ms Mari Nakano (Japan), Berthold Sinaulan (Indonesia), Ms Emma Barker (Australia), Radzwan Bin Hussain (Malaysia) and the APR staff.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> APR Scout Conference, Malaysia**

#### **Participation**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> APR Scout Conference puts on record the most impressive attendance of Scout leaders representing Scouting around the world. Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM) hosted the conference from 27 October to 1 November at Hilton Kuala Lumpur.

A total of 440 delegates, observers, guests, staff and accompanying persons came from 22 member-countries of Asia-Pacific Region (APR), two associate members of APR and one potential member.

Also in attendance were several World Scout Committee members led by Chairman Rick Cronk; WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod; Regional Chairmen of Africa, Arab, Eurasia and Inter-america. Also represented were Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, and the USA. Partner organizations were also there – World Scout Foundation, ISGF, IUMS, WAGGGS, ICCS, Kandersteg Scout Centre, International Award Association, and UNEP.

Scout leaders who served world/regional Scouting in prominent capacities were also acknowledged: Francisco Roman (past WSC and RSC Chairman); Anthony Thng (past RSC Chairman); Toby Suzuki (past WSC member); Ross McKenzie (past RSC Vice-Chairman); Mr John Hui (past RSC Vice-Chairman).

**Regional Scout Committee Meeting**  
13-14 March  
Korea

**Extended WOSM Directors Team Meeting**  
12-18 April  
Geneva

**Executive Director's Meeting**  
14-17 April  
Geneva

**Committee NSO Visit**  
10-12 June  
Fiji

**CSPSA Gathering**  
14-19 June  
Tonga

**7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit**  
27-30 June  
Bangalore, India

**APR Management Meeting**  
July, Philippines

**World Rover Moot**  
27 July – 07 August  
Kenya

**Suncheon Board Meeting**  
03 August  
Suncheon, Korea

**27<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree 04-09 August**  
Suncheon, Korea

**APR Air/Internet Jamboree**  
07-08 August

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### **Opening and Closing Ceremonies**

At the opening ceremony, the Honourable Dato Ahmad Shabery bin Cheek, Minister of Youth and Sports, addressed the conference on behalf of the Prime Minister of Malaysia and officially opened the conference with Honourable Sato Seri Dr Shafie bin Haji Mohammad Salleh, Chief Scout of PP Malaysia; and Dato Kaharuddin bin Momin, National Chief Commissioner of Malaysia.

At the closing ceremony, The Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato Seri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Minister for Higher Education represented the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia to convey their appreciation to all overseas participants and to the host association. Chairman of Host Organizing Committee, Tuan Haji Zakran bin Abdul Manan, also expressed his words of thanks to all.

### **Reports and Presentations**

The conference presented reports and updates on latest policies, performance and achievements. At the regional level, **Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay** underscored the consultative and advisory function of the Regional Scout Committee by visiting NSOs through the CNV program, adopting policies and guidelines, and in ensuring the committee's conduit and middle role between the world level and NSOs. This was supported by a quantitative and comprehensive report by **Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed**, citing the many projects and events of the region in the past two years. In a lighthearted manner, Regional Treasurer Renato Paras shared the region's financial situation.

**Regional Vice-Chairman Mohd Ali Khalid** gave an overview of APR Plan 2007-2009, what has been achieved and what needs to be carried forward to the next plan. **Vice-Chairman Tan Cheng Kiong** ran through the next plan for 2009-2012 which was later brought to the breakout group for discussion. The conference plenary adopted the plan by acclamation.

At the world level, World Scout Committee (**WSC**) **Chairman William "Rick" Cronk** explained the new management approach of the WSC and the philosophy behind the *upside down pyramid* which emphasizes who is the most significant in world Scouting. He suggested to focus on three drivers of change – support the NSOs, tell the story, support the regions – and cited the support structures, processes and strategies that would lead to rebuilding confidence at all levels. Finally, he invited everyone to become "Leaders of Innovation" – the theme of the next world conference. (Rick Cronk also recognized this e-newsletter, the INBOX, as a useful tool in reflecting a dynamic and upbeat Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region!)

**WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod** spoke largely on the evolution of World Scout Bureau contributions to world Scouting, including the discrepancies in systems, and its persistent desire to transform and create the conditions for change with one objective: be able to respond to NSOs' requests at the nearest level with the best expertise available. He explained his objectives as Secretary General until the Brazil conference, beginning with a customer focused mentality in the WSB staff to better serve NSOs and better collaboration with volunteers and regional structures. He concluded with his dream that every actor in Scouting becomes a giver and a receiver, a contributor and a beneficiary. Subsequently, he also presented a paper on World Registration Fee System.

World Scout Committee **Vice-Chairmen Mario Diaz** and **Simon Rhee** gave a long-range picture of WOSM's direction from Korea to Brazil and beyond. They made an overview of the work of the Governance Review Task Force and relevant issues to be addressed. They elaborated on the major

components of the Triennial Plan 2008-2011, the "Drivers of Change" priorities (Young People, the Regions, Tell the Story) and the institutional strengthening to support the priorities (Governance, Management, Finances).

**National Scout Organizations** shared their best practices through the Action-Time Presentations: *Value-based Scouting* by the Bharat Scouts & Guides/India; *Reaching out to Conflict-affected Children* by Sri Lanka Scout Association; *Fundraising* by Bangladesh Scouts; *Disasters and the Role of Scouts* by Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia; *Caring for the Earth* by the National Scout Organization of Thailand; and *Image-Building* by Korea Scout Association.

#### **New Regional Committee and Sub-Committees**

The conference elected five new members of the Regional Scout Committee who will serve for six years, from 2009 to 2015. Elected members were Dr Azrul Azwar (Indonesia), Dr Chao Shou-Po (Scouts of China), Shree Ram Lamichhane (Nepal), Sang-ho Shim (Korea), and Nicholas Tang Ning (Singapore).

The newly reconstituted committee elected the steering committee for the next three years, and the Hon. Jejomar C Binay was given a fresh mandate as chairman for the remainder of his term. This is the composition of the new committee:

Chairman	Jejomar C Binay
Vice-Chairman	Prakorb Mukura
Vice-Chairman	Dr Mukhyuddin Bin Sarwani
Members	M Fazlur Rahman
	Syed Parvez Ali Shah Jillani
	Nicholas Tang Ning
	Dr Azrul Azwar
	Dr Chao, Shou-Po
	Shree Ram Lamichhane
	Sang-Ho Shim
Chairman, YAMG	Maeed Mohamed Zahir
Dr Renato L Paras	Treasurer

Subsequently, the Regional Scout Committee appointed the chairmen, vice-chairmen and members of six sub-committees and task forces. The sub-committee chairmen are:

Programme Sub-Committee	Jose Eduardo C Delgado, Philippines
Adult Resources Sub-Committee	Dr Mak Wai-ming, Hong Kong
Management Sub-Committee	Janaprith Fernando, Sri Lanka
Financial Resources Sub-Committee	Seung Su Sonny Kim, Korea
Scouting Profile Sub-Committee	Mizuta Shinya, Japan
Membership Growth Sub-Committee	Emma Barker, Australia
Awards Committee	Mohammed Ali Khalid, India
Regional Governance Review Task Force	Alexander Wong, Hong Kong

All sub-committees met on 1 November 2009 during lunch for introduction and a briefing on their terms of reference and appraisal system. Copies of their oath of office, terms of reference, and the APR Plan 2009-2012 will be sent to all sub-committees in a few day's time.

## Conference Resolutions

The hard working Resolutions Committee facilitated the entire tedious process of collecting proposed resolutions, redrafting the proposals, consulting with proponents, moderating the debates in plenary and finally facilitating the adoption of conference resolutions that cover these areas:

- Constitutional Review on Exit Management of Regional Scout Committee members
- Youth Empowerment
- Terminology of "Street Children" to be reconsidered
- Bidding and Hosting of Regional Events
- Strengthening Networks
- Gathering of Training Team and Program leaders at future Asia Pacific Region Conferences
- Change of Terminology: Adults in Scouting or Adult Support, rather than Adult Resources
- Voting Rights for Associate Members/Accredited NSOs
- Request to WOSM for Constitutional Review of the Term of Service of World Scout Committee Members
- Radio Scouting
- Omnibus Resolution: Focus for the Future (Membership Growth, national strategic plan implementation, Synergy between Programme and Training, Community Based and School Based Scouting.

Malcolm BH Tan of Singapore chaired the Resolutions Committee with members Julie F Creed (Australia), Ahmad Rasif Ramli (Malaysia), Ross J McKenzie (New Zealand), Janaprith S Fernando (Sri Lanka) with advice and technical support by Ms Kirsty Brown and the APR staff.

The conference resolutions will be formally issued as a circular in a couple of days.

## APR Scout Foundation

Outgoing Foundation Management Committee President Zainal Abidin reported that the fund reached the total fund of US\$1.73 million and has given the challenge to the upcoming committee to meet the target of US\$2 million.

For the first time, a new set of Foundation Management Committee was elected by foundation members, and not appointed as previously practiced, and now comprised of:

President	Mr Simon Rhee, Korea
Vice-President	Dr William Wells, Australia
Promotion Coordinator	Mohammed Ali Khalid, India
Treasurer	Paul Ho, Hong Kong
Member	Mohd Habibul Alam, Bangladesh
Member	Yasuhiko Paul Miki, Japan
Member	Alexander Wong, Hong Kong
Chairman, Finance Sub-Committee	Seung Su Sonny Kim, Korea
Secretary	Abdullah Rasheed, WSB/APR

Indeed, the new committee accepted the challenge seriously, and through the efforts of incoming President Simon Rhee, a considerable amount was raised at the conference:

• New members (paid and pledges)	US\$17,000
• Fundraising dinner (tickets and auction)	\$15,605
Less (dinner expenses)	\$ 6,900
Total Funds Raised	<b>US\$25,705</b>

### **Breakout Groups, Special Projects and Partners**

Other conference sessions that caught much interest were [breakout groups](#) broken down into five topics: Membership Growth, National Strategic Plan Implementation, Synergy between Youth Programme and Training, Community-based/School-based Scouting, and APR Plan 2009-2012. All breakout groups were well attended with nearly 50 participants in each group.

[Scouting partners](#) from within and beyond the region shared their best practices, i.e. Mongolia Book Bridge Project; Rotary and Youth Programme; Initiate-Singapore; European Scout Region; and Inter-america Scout Region. John Geoghegan, Director of World Scout Foundation gave a brief but powerful speech – thanking the Asia Pacific Region and recognizing major donor NSOs for their great support to the Foundation.

Dr Evelina Vicencio presented the results of [Image Study 2009](#) to revalidate the Image Study made earlier in 2001.

### **Congratulations to Winners...**

[Outstanding Scouts](#). The most prestigious *APR Award for Outstanding Scouts* went to three winners: Jade Elliot of Australia, Dicky Lam Kowk-hei of Hong Kong, and Chathura Deshpriya Mataraarachchi of Sri Lanka. The runners-up are Maeed Mohamed Zahir of Maldives and Harrison Erivera Bautista of the Philippines. Thanks to the panelists who did the individual interview of candidates: Brata Hardjosubroto (Indonesia), Makoto Nakano (Japan), Rajalingam Ramasamy (Malaysia), Jeffrey Ho (Singapore), and Zoliana Royte (India).

[What is Great About Scouts](#). The prizes for the competition “What is Great About Scouts” go to Angelina Chang of Malaysia on media; Udomkichdech Sarun of Singapore on written/essay; and Harun-Or-Rashid of Bangladesh on poster and blog.

[Host of Next Conference](#). After a much contested campaign to host the 24<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Conference, Bangladesh Scouts finally won the bid to host the conference in 2012.

### **Awards and Recognition**

Recognition of outstanding contribution and appreciation of good service were the highlights towards the end of the conference.

The awardees are:

[APR Award for Distinguished Service](#) – John Hui (Hong Kong), Rameshwar Thakur (India), Eric Khoo (Malaysia), Ross McKenzie (New Zealand), Sumon Samasarn (Thailand).

[APR Chairman’s Award](#) – Berthold Sinaulan (Indonesia), Lee Young-Ku (Korea), Radzwan Hussain (Malaysia), Geoffrey Teo (Malaysia), Dr Evelina Vicencio (Philippines), Daniel Edirisinghe (Sri Lanka), Boonrat Wongyai (Thailand), Khan Mohammad Rafiqul Islam (Bangladesh), Maximino J Edralin Jr (Philippines), Ng Soo Chye (Malaysia)

[APR Certificate of Good Service Award](#) – Ian Langford-Brown (Australia), Emma Barker (Australia), Julie Creed (Australia), Richard Miller (Australia), Badar bin Haji Ali (Brunei Darussalam), Mak Wai-Ming (Hong Kong), Patrick Yip (Hong Kong), Ronald Mak (Hong Kong), Laxmi Singh Verma (India), H.P. Chettri (India), Prijo Judiono (Indonesia), Susi Yuliati (Indonesia), Adyatma Sucamto (Indonesia), Alfian Amura (Indonesia), Brata Hardjosubroto

(Indonesia), Dicky Surjadi Hidajat (Indonesia), Tuan Haji Ishak Joned (Malaysia), Alan Zulueta (Philippines), Jeffrey Ho (Singapore), and Gingpayom Bussabong (Thailand).

### **Chairman's Challenge**

Chairman Jejomar C Binay, giving his challenge the second time around, referred to key points emerging from conference discussions and issues as the critical areas to be addressed. He said, with firmness, "the foundations have been established and therefore, now is the time to critically execute and implement the plans for the future of this movement".

### **Melaka State declared as "Scout State"**

Malaysian hospitality was at its peak when the Melaka State Government officiated by Yab Datuk Seri Hj. Mohd. Bin Mohd Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka, welcomed the conference participants and declared the State of Melaka as the State of Scouts. WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod affirmed this when he said "Melaka is a state *of* and *for* Scouts".

At the same event, the Chief Minister launched the Melaka World Scout Camp, an 80-acre piece of land granted by the state government to be developed for the use of Scouts.

### **Other Gatherings at the Conference**

*Association of Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS)* – Membership Director Alex Wong breaks the news that ATAS signed in 55 new members from UK, USA, Colombia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Thailand and Japan. Close to 300 members met and gathered at Hotel Sentral on 31 October.

*Asia Pacific Evergreen Scouts (APES)* – Twenty six members attended the gathering held on 29 October in Kuala Lumpur. Four new members were recruited. Dr Chao Shou-Po of Scouts of China is the new President of the APES Management Committee with Mr Arthur Chen, also of Scouts of China, as Vice-President.

### **Conference Materials**

APR office took the opportunity at the conference to distribute the most recent publications and tools:

- APR Biennial Report 2007-2009
- APR Foundation Biennial Report 2007-2009
- Image of Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region
- APR Training Package
- Scouting in the Asia Pacific Region (DVD)
- NSO badges and stamps on the Centenary of Scouting (poster)
- Insights Revisited (CD)
- Ticket to Life (brochure)
- Stickers

If any NSO and/or individuals are interested in any of the above, kindly contact the APR office. Limited stock is still available.

### **Conference Evaluation**

Evaluation forms were received from a significant number of conference participants. In exchange, a pair of stickers was given to all who turned in their forms. The analysis of result and feedback will be shared with NSOs as soon as possible.

### **Important Reminder: 26<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree**

The 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree is only a month and three weeks away. The Host Organizing Committee of Boy Scouts of the Philippines strongly requests that participating NSOs submit their electronic registration forms (Contingent Support Team and Troop Members) on or before 15 November 2009. This is very important for the host to arrange airport reception and transport from airport to Jamboree site and back.

Airport reception will start on 25 December 2009 from four international airports: NAIA 1, NAIA2, NAIA3 and Clark Air Base.

*Starting this 15 November, all INBOX recipients will receive fortnightly updates on the Jamboree preparations.*

## **What's Ongoing**

### **APR Disaster Management Workshop**

16-19 November  
Cibubur Scout Camp  
Jakarta, Indonesia

## **What's Upcoming**

### **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