



## APRIL 2010

### What's New

#### Scouts take action for Earth Hour

Scouts in the Asia-Pacific Region have been encouraged to be advocates and actors for the Earth Hour, which was globally observed on 27 March between 8.30 to 9.30 pm. Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007. Last year, Philippines ranked first when 647 towns and cities participated and this year, a wider participation of 1,044 cities and municipalities was expected.

In Manila, we saw on national television how Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines spearheaded the switching off ceremony at the Mall of Asia, the biggest shopping complex in the country. Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesia) Scouts graced newspapers for their prominent participation in Jakarta. We also received photos from Scouts in Karachi, Pakistan on how a Scout troop lighted candles at that momentous hour. If you have beautiful stories and photos to share on the Earth Hour, send them to [asia-pacific@scout.org](mailto:asia-pacific@scout.org).

#### Korea CNV: an opportunity to synergize

The Committee NSO Visit (CNV) has just completed its 15<sup>th</sup> round of visits to National Scout Organizations (NSOs) most recently to Korea Scout Association (KSA). "Each visit to the NSOs brings a new learning and a fresh perspective", said Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

"Preparing for the CNV has been a rare opportunity to synchronize our reports. Weeks before the event, we made a tremendous effort to look at every department. As a result we now have a better view of every angle of our work together as an integral part of the organization", said Hong Seung-Soo, Secretary General of KSA.

Dr Young Joong Kang, President of KSA welcomed the visiting team and encouraged a high level of sharing and transparency for CNV Korea which was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March.

The CNV team, headed by Prakorb Mukura, was clearly impressed with the preparations and delivery of reports. They commended the good management of the organization, particularly its healthy financial situation as they shared practical applications of strategic planning, youth program development, adult support, partnerships and communications, research and development. For KSA, the CNV reinforced their efforts to translate official documents and policies from Korean to English.

One interesting highlight of the visit was the traditional tribute to a female Scout who earned the Tiger Scout Award. A large group of the Scouting community attended the recognition ceremony including parents, Scout leaders, and from the troop where she belongs.

The usual dialogue with the young people was very beneficial to both sides as the young people expressed their opinions related to Scouting.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

#### Executive Directors Team extended meeting

12-18 April  
Kandersteg, Switzerland

#### Executive Directors' Meeting

14-17 April  
Kandersteg, Switzerland

#### Committee NSO Visit

5-7 May  
India

#### APR Workshop on Membership Growth

20-23 May  
Malaysia

#### APR Seminar on Community-based Scouting

27-30 May  
Philippines

#### Committee NSO Visit

10-12 June  
Fiji

#### CSPSA forum

14-19 June  
Tonga

#### Sub-Committee/ Regional Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 June  
India

#### 7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit

24-27 June  
Bangalore, India

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Mongolia Scout Jamboree

2-7 July  
Mongolia

#### Europe Regional Conference

17-21 July  
Belgium

#### Committee NSO Visit

23-25 July  
Hong Kong

To conclude the visit, team members signed the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting. Signatories from the KSA were Simon Hang Bock Rhee, Vice President; Bock Hyun Jung, Chief Commissioner; Dr Eugene Gui Kim, International Commissioner; Danny Hong Seung Soo, Secretary General. From the Regional Committee were Prakorb Mukura, Vice-Chairman; Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin, Vice-Chairman; Nicholas Tang, member; Sang Ho Shim, member; and Abdullah Rasheed, Regional Director.

### Scouts Leaders learn how to be successful managers

It was a historic occasion to inaugurate the newly-built Rajasthan State Scout Training Centre in Jagatpura with the hosting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Region Advanced Management Course (AMC) which was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The Scout building, situated at the outskirts of Jaipur which is popularly known as the Pink City, blends well with the city with its pink palace-like façade.

Bharat Scouts & Guides National Commissioner L. M. Jain, together with Chief Commissioner Atul Kumar Garg and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, opened the course. The Chief Commissioner explained how management has become a household word and how it is practiced by everyone in all spheres. He said "to get trained in the art of management is a continuous process and effort – it is more of learning by doing, learning from success and failures, and learning from the experiences of others." He added, "management courses become relevant for the purpose of learning the tools, skills and strategies to become successful managers."

The course attracted 19 participants, mostly from the different states of India together with participants from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Nepal, Singapore and Thailand. In seven days, the course covered topics on management, qualities of an effective national Scout organization, risk management, dimensions of organizational structure, managing people for best results, learning organization, change management, marketing of Scouting and growth, PR and Media Relations.

Facilitating the course was a team of well-experienced local and overseas resource persons led by APR Director Prassanna Shrivastava and Dr Mohd Effendy Rajab from Singapore.

### A Journey for Scouting in South Asia

Over many years, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Asia-Pacific Region have sustained a very good relationship through Scout projects. This goodwill was again bolstered when a high-level delegation from BSA led by International Committee Chairman Roger Schrimp embarked on a four-nation journey to South Asia, specifically to India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

In every country, BSA had meetings with the top Scout leadership, a visit to Scout Centres, and a dialogue with the young people representing all sections. The entire trip started on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March in India where they exchanged information on educational programs and structure of the Bharat Scouts & Guides. The delegation saw the National Integration Camp of around 400 Rovers and Rangers coming from various parts of India.

The delegation continued their journey to Bhutan on 15<sup>th</sup> March, had a meeting with the President of the Scout Council and Minister of Education and Sports, then proceeded to the National Scout Centre to see the construction of water and washing facilities of the National Scout Centre. The United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS) funded the construction of this phase.

### World Rover Moot

27 July – 07 August  
Kenya

### Suncheon Board Meeting

02 August  
Suncheon, Korea

### 27<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree

04-09 August  
Suncheon, Korea

### 6<sup>th</sup> APR Air/Internet Jamboree

07-08 August  
Malaysia

### APR Management Meeting

16-18 August  
Philippines

### World Scout Committee Meeting

3-5 September  
Geneva

### APR Communications Forum

16-19 September  
Bhutan

### Committee NSO Visit

24-26 September  
Bangladesh

### Ticket to Life Coordinator's Meeting

1-4 October  
Nepal

### Committee NSO Visit

15-17 October  
Malaysia

### World JOTA/JOTI

16-17 October  
Worldwide

### Regional Scout Committee Meeting

30-31 October, Korea

### WSPU 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

1-4 November  
Korea

### Committee NSO Visit

27-29 November  
Australia

### Committee NSO Visit

01-03 December  
New Zealand

In Bangladesh, the BSA team met the street children in Karwan Bazar and the Scout Units under the Ticket to Life (a program for children living in difficult circumstances). BSA is one of the generous donors of this project. On this rare opportunity, they spent time talking and playing with the children. Photos of activities and paintings of the children were put on display.

Sri Lanka was the final stop. Local leaders took the delegation to the Mirigama Scout Training Centre where over 200 Scouts and Leaders warmly welcomed them. The team saw the completion of the construction of a lecture hall, also funded by USFIS. After Mirigama, the team headed to the Dharmaraja Scout Centre in Kandy, then to Pedro Scout Camp in Nuwara-Eliya where Cub Scouts were eagerly waiting.

### **“Growth happens at local level”**

The above phrase was the starting point of the meeting of World Scout Bureau staff from the central office and regions who met on 8-11 March in Geneva to share the realities on the work on growth and to develop a plan to support growth in NSOs. The group had a brainstorming on success factors surrounding youth programme, adult support and marketing that could help Scouting grow.

As a commitment to implement the region’s membership target of 4% annual increase, the APR office is closely coordinating with NSOs for the analysis of membership statistics for 2009. To date, membership census have been received from eight countries: Australia, Bhutan, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and French Polynesia. Initial analysis shows that 2 out of 8 had significantly exceeded their target rate; 3 increased but have not met their target rate; and 3 decreased significantly. A more thorough analysis of the trend will be presented at the forthcoming APR Workshop on Membership Growth to be held in Zon Regency Hotel in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on 20-23 May 2010.

APR office is working with the European Regional office for a test run through a demo of the membership registration software. The goal is to introduce the software at the forthcoming membership workshop.

### **Malaysian Scouts elect office bearers**

Tun Abdullah Hj Ahmad Badawi, the former Prime Minister who is also the Honorary Patron of Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM), officiated the Bi-annual General Meeting of PPM on 28 March. The Chief Scout, Dato' Seri Shafie Mohd Salleh, chaired the meeting.

Delegates from all the 17 Scout states gathered in the meeting to elect the council members who will serve for the next two years. The office bearers will be officially announced during the first council meeting in two weeks time.

### **Tell the Story**

When the regional contest “Tell the Story” was announced last February, an enthusiastic response came from a few individuals expressing interest. Submission of entries is now open. Tell your story and get a chance to win a cash prize of USD300 for the first prize, plus laptops and xboxes to winners and runners-up. Win more by sharing the impact-creating projects that your Scouts are doing to make their community a better place.

**Centenary Jamboree  
& 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Jamboree**  
4-9 December  
Singapore

**For details of events  
Visit**

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### **Finnish Scouts climb BP Peak in Nepal**

Twenty five Scouts from Finland started their climb on 24<sup>th</sup> March to the 5890-meter Baden Powell Peak at the Langtang Valley, north of Kathmandu. The climbers are expected to reach the peak this 31<sup>st</sup> March.

It can be recalled that the first historical climb to the Peak was in August-September 2007 to mark the celebration of the Scouting centenary. At that time, 15 climbers from Australia, Korea, Republic of China, Singapore successfully reached the summit.

For this all-Finnish group, Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichanne said that the Prime Minister of Nepal will receive them at his residence on 9<sup>th</sup> April after they have obtained their badges and certificate from the Chief Scout and Minister of Youth and Sports.

Nepal Scouts is organizing another major climb on 5-17 September 2010.

For more information, see circular at

[http://www.scout.org/en/around\\_the\\_world/asia\\_pacific/information\\_events/resource\\_centre/circulars/2010](http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/asia_pacific/information_events/resource_centre/circulars/2010) or you may visit [www.nepalscouts.org.np](http://www.nepalscouts.org.np)

### **Malaysia to host Air-Internet Jamboree**

Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM) will host this year's event on 7-8 August 2010. The Air-Internet Jamboree is a regional event in which Scouts can contact each other by means of amateur radio and through the Internet. The units may participate for all, or any part of, the 48 hours of the weekend from 00:01 am Saturday morning until 23:59 pm Sunday night local time.

For more information, see related circular at

[http://www.scout.org/en/around\\_the\\_world/asia\\_pacific/information\\_events/resource\\_centre/circulars/2010](http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/asia_pacific/information_events/resource_centre/circulars/2010). From mid-May 2010, you will find the latest information at <http://apraij.scouts.my>.

### **Sweden to organize 2<sup>nd</sup> Heads of Contingent Visit**

Heads of Contingent Visit for the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011 will be held from 4 to 6 June 2010 in Kristianstad. This is specifically organized for Heads of Contingents and members of National Contingent Management Teams. Visiting teams will see the Jamboree site, discuss issues face-to-face with members of the Jamboree Planning Team and network with other contingent leaders. The formal programme for the weekend will run from 18:00 on Friday evening to 14:00 on Sunday. Sessions will include presentations about the Jamboree preparations, question and answer sessions with the Jamboree Planning Team, a site visit and an evening event.

### **13<sup>th</sup> World Rover Moot, Kenya**

Rover Scouts in the Asia-Pacific Region are invited to join an estimated 3000 participants from all over the world at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot from 27<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in Kenya. This event is the first Scout Moot to be held in Africa making it a very special occasion for the whole continent.

Registration is open and will close on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010. All Participants must be registered by their National Scout Organization as part of their National Contingent.

For International Service Team (IST), 250 positions are reserved from national contingents, in addition to IST members from Kenya. Those born on or before 26 July 1984 can be registered as IST. They must be able to report to the Moot office and serve on site from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010. For more info, visit [www.scoutmoot2010.org](http://www.scoutmoot2010.org).

In the Asia-Pacific Region, a partnership project is taking place between Nepal and Finland to support the participation of Nepal Scouts to the Moot. Another partnership of a similar nature is going on between Mongolia and Denmark to enable the participation of Mongolian Rovers.

### **Book Bridge Mongolia**

At last year's APR conference, you listened to Carsten's presentation on BookBridge, a Scouting initiative striving for a worldwide balance in access to education. In a pilot project in Southern Mongolia, BookBridge established an education center giving more than 25,000 children access to education. With support by the APR region, BookBridge seeks partners in the expansion of its model to other countries.

This year, Mongolian and German scouts will set up three more education centers in rural areas of Mongolia. For 2011, they seek partners to roll out the model to other countries in the Asia Pacific Region.

On World Book Day, 23<sup>d</sup> April, there will be celebration for the "Day of the Open Bridge" at Franconian International School in Erlangen, Germany. Three containers of books will be sent on their way to Mongolia.

Please have a look at the BookBridge WebSite at [www.bookbridge.org](http://www.bookbridge.org).

### **Appointment of new Development Support Manager**

As part of strengthening the regional office and the globalization of the World Scout Bureau, the APR office will be joined by a Development Support Manager from outside the region. Arising from the recruitment process, a candidate from Algeria has been selected for the position. We wish him well and welcome him to the Asia-Pacific Region.

### **NZ Scout leader awarded...congratulations!**

A Scout Leader known to many – George Fairbairn of New Zealand – was honored as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for community services which made reference to his many years of employment with the NZ Automobile Association, his service to the Scout movement as International Commissioner, as a member of Rotary and active in its various committees, and as a JP (Justice of the Peace). The Governor General announced the Award which has been approved by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Queen of New Zealand.

### **Sponsorship for Jamborees to be announced soon**

Two sponsorships for two major youth events will be announced soon. Korea Scout Association, host of the forthcoming 27<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree this 4-9 August 2010 in Suncheon, will sponsor Scouts from different countries in Asia-Pacific, Africa, Arab and Eurasia.

We will soon announce the operation solidarity of the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden.

## What's Ongoing

### Executive Directors Team extended meeting

Who: Executive Directors, Directors and Managers of the World Scout Bureau in all regions

When: 12-18 April 2010

Where: Kandersteg, Switzerland

### Executive Directors' Meeting

Who: Executive Directors and Regional Directors of World Scout Bureau in all regions

When: 14-17 April 2010

Where: Kandersteg, Switzerland

### National Strategic Planning Workshop

Who: Key Commissioners and Leaders of the National Association of Cambodian Scouts

When: 29 April – 3 May 2010

Where: Cambodia

## What's Upcoming

### Committee NSO Visit - India

Who: Key Commissioners and Leaders of the Bharat Scouts & Guides and Regional Scout Committee members

When: 5-7 May 2010

Where: New Delhi, India

### APR Workshop on Membership Growth

Who: Volunteers or full-time people responsible for Membership Growth

When: 20-23 May 2010

Where: Malaysia

### APR Seminar on Community-Based Scouting

Who: Volunteers or full-time people responsible for youth-program and community-based Scouting

When: 27-30 May 2010

Where: Davao City, Philippines

## Be Prepared

### 7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who: Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, Chief Scout Executive or equivalent;  
All Sub-Committee members are invited to the meetings on 21-22 June

When: 24-27 June 2010

Where: Bangalore, Karnataka, India