

## JULY 2010

### What's New

#### Regional Chairman takes oath as Philippine Vice President

Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee Chairman Jejomar C Binay was sworn in as the Vice-President of the Philippines on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila before a crowd of over 500,000 including a number of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

Side by side with President Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, Binay made a significant Scout sign before the adoring crowd after he took his oath.

The Vice President arrived at the historical grandstand riding in his green-colored electric jeepney (e-jeepney) with an artwork reading "B-Jeep," which stands for "Binay Jeep". The e-jeepney was one of the successful eco projects in Makati City while he was Mayor and was the first of its kind in the country showcasing the city's effort to fight climate change and street pollution.

#### Scout Leaders Summit envision the future

Scouting reached another milestone when it concluded the 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Leaders Summit in Bangalore, India with the largest participation since the Summit started in 1993. Around 140 key leaders from 22 national Scout organizations in Asia-Pacific Region and 3 countries from other regions joined the four-day deliberations from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June. H.E. Dr. Hansraj Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka State, inaugurated the ceremonial function to welcome the delegates, together with prominent personalities in government and Scouting. A stirring message of Chairman Jejomar Binay was read as he could not attend because of his oath taking as his country's Vice-President. He said that he owes Scouting much of his success in many ways.

Regional Scout Committee First Vice-Chairman Prakorb Mukura led the business sessions starting with an inspiring talk by Prof Chandrashekhar on why an organization needs a vision, followed by WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod who elaborated on the cause of Scouting including its mission and vision. This led to the creation of a new APR Vision 2020 and the initial process of identifying the elements and focus areas for 2012-2015.

Vice Chairman of the World Scout Committee Simon Rhee cited the various achievements of the region and its huge Scout population. He said, "Asia Pacific is a great region. We should think big for the future."

Sub-Committee Chairmen gave updates on the region's key challenges identified at the last regional Scout conference, which are membership growth and community-based Scouting. The presence of the World Scout Committee led to lively and open discussions on WOSM governance, registration fees, and the forthcoming World Scout Conference in Brazil.

Overall the Summit largely achieved its purpose. The Recommendations Committee put on record the Summit's appreciation to the Bharat Scouts &

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

29 September – 02 October  
Bhutan

#### Ticket to Life workshop

5-8 October  
Sri Lanka

#### World JOTA/JOTI

16-17 October  
Worldwide

Guides led by National Chief Commissioner L.M. Jain and Executive Head of Host Organizing Committee Mohammad Ali Khalid for the magnificent hosting, and to the young Scouts who added colour and brilliance to the entire event with their energetic cultural performances.

Karnataka's Minister for Home Affairs Dr V.S. Acharya gave befitting and concluding words at the closing ceremony.

**Regional Committee and Sub-Committees Meet in Bangalore.** Before the Summit opened, the Regional Scout Committee covered a voluminous agenda on regional operations. Shortly before that, all six sub-committees: Youth Programme, Adult Support, Finance, Management, Scouting Profile and Membership Growth met between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June just before the 7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Leaders Summit. Common agenda of all meetings was the review of regional plan 2009-2012 and a timetable to complete their tasks between now and the next Regional Scout Conference in 2012.

**Foundation raises more funds.** In a special gathering, the APR Scout Foundation hosted an impressive dinner in Bangalore to raise funds and welcome new members. A detailed report will be included in next month's INBOX. Earlier, the Foundation Management Committee agreed to a set target of recruiting new members before the year ends and to recommend new targets for selected NSOs.

**Region membership grows by 1.25%.** For the first time in ten years, the region's total membership increased by 1.25% or 308,378 in the 2009 census. The region however did not reach the annual growth target of 4%. It is noted that 19 NSOs increased while 6 NSOs decreased. This is also the first time that the annual census were received almost 100% on time. Membership growth is a major emphasis of the region for the triennium 2009-2012.

**Hosts of 2011 and 2012 APR Jamborees.** The Regional Scout Committee, at its 23<sup>rd</sup> June meeting, approved the application of Scouts of China to host the 28<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree on 11-17 July 2011. Likewise, the Committee granted approval to Sri Lanka Scout Association to host the 29<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Jamboree on 22-27 February 2012.

**Briefing on World Scouting.** It is a very rare occasion to gather key world and local leaders at one place and time. Indeed the Summit was the best opportunity for a dialogue between local leaders of Karnataka State and representatives of WOSM for a briefing on world Scouting. Over 80 leaders attended. The open forum became an intellectual and interactive exercise about Scouting in general.

#### **Fiji undergoes changes; faces CNV**

Pacific islands, situated at the far extreme of the region, was the focal place where the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) spent two days in June. Former Regional Scout Committee member John Ravenhall (Australia) led the meeting between the visiting team from the APR office and the Fijian Scout leaders.

In the last couple of months, Fiji Scouts Association underwent substantial changes. Mr John Naisau, Acting Chief Commissioner, took over the leadership. With this change, new and energetic leaders took up various commissioners' positions. Some expressed their underlying hope that the CNV could give them a boost and the momentum for a fresh start. Former Chief Commissioner Chandra Shekhar who is also the Acting Deputy Chief

#### **Regional Scout Committee Meeting**

30-31 October, Korea

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

1-4 November  
Korea

#### **Centenary Jamboree & 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Jamboree**

4-9 December  
Singapore

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Scout joined the meeting.

Scouting in Fiji is largely school-based, receiving good support from the Ministry of Education. Dr. Brij Lal, who himself was a strong Scout Leader and currently holds the position of Deputy Secretary of the Primary/Secondary section of the Ministry of Education, explained how the ministry gives importance to Scouting as the most useful co-curricular activity in the school system.

Presently, Fiji has a Scout population of 4,192 and there is much scope for membership expansion around the islands as they look forward to celebrating their 100th year in 2014.

#### **Kingdom of Tonga hosts South Pacific Forum**

"I have no hesitation to support Scouting for its noble values" was the message of the Honourable Minister Lord Tuivakano, Minister of the Training, Employment, Youth and Sports of the Kingdom of Tonga, while inaugurating the forum of the Council of the South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA). The forum took place on 14th June at Keleti International Resort in Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga.

Meeting in the islands were mainly Chief Commissioners of nine national Scout associations in the South Pacific – Cook Islands, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Island, Papua New Guinea and Tonga, with over twenty participants. It was the largest Forum gathering since the CSPSA started meeting every two years since 2004. Supporting the forum are Scout leaders from Australia, New Zealand, UK and Asia Pacific Regional. At the inaugural ceremony, John Ravenhall, former member of the Regional Scout Committee who also represented the Chief Commissioner of Australia, expressed his appreciation to the Chief Commissioners for taking the time to meet and share the common interests of Scouting in the Pacific.

Main discussion was a follow-up of recommendations held in 2008 in Tahiti, and other points of interest were membership criteria and membership fees. The Forum decided to hold its next gathering in 2012 in New Caledonia, and in Papua New Guinea in 2014. Members elected Roger Colot, Chief Commissioner of New Caledonia as its new Chairman, taking over from Iteni Helu of Tonga, the outgoing Chairman.

In conjunction with the Forum, a four-day workshop, as in the past four gatherings, was organized from 15th-18th June at the same resort, where NSOs shared their strategic focus. Collectively, focus areas for the next two years are youth programme implementation, adult support and membership growth.

The Forum and workshop were held with the generous support of the Scout Association (UK), the International Scout and Guide Federation (ISGF) and Scouting New Zealand.

#### **Singapore celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> year with largest Scout Rally**

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean officiated the Scout Rally 2010, one of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary mega events. The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) organized the event and co-hosted by Hwa Chong Scout Guild Chapter.

Attending the rally were more than 5,000 Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts, Extension Scouts, Seniors-in-Scouting, their friends and family members. The event was the largest turnout in 100 years of Singapore Scouting history. Besides fun-filled yet purposeful scout-related

activities, interesting and challenging games were available to participants to test their scouting knowledge and skills. A total of 36 stalls were set up and operated by the 12 Scout Districts. The stalls competed among themselves for the "Most Popular Stall" award based on the number of patrons visiting them.

One of the highlights of the Rally was the making of a common Scout knot which symbolizes a Scout promise to do a good turn a day by all participants as the Scouting adventure continues beyond the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As part of the activities lined up for the Rally, Mr Tan Cheng Kiong, the Chief Commissioner flagged off a team of 30 cyclists (comprising Rover Scouts and other youths). The cycling team covered a distance of 100 Km around Singapore to draw attention to the 100th anniversary celebration.

#### **APR Leader conferred the Bronze Wolf**

Mr Katsura Kuno, former International Commissioner of Scout Association of Japan and former Chairman of APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee received the prestigious Bronze Wolf at the APR Scout Leaders Summit. During his term as sub-committee chairman, Kuno initiated a number of regional projects which are carried forward up to this day. Other awardees from the region are Alex Wong of Hong Kong and John Ravenhall of Australia. Both awardees opted to receive the Bronze Wolf in another occasion.

## **What's Ongoing**

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

Who: Scout members of Scout age from Mongolia and overseas  
When: 2-7 July 2010  
Where: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

#### **Committee NSO Visit**

Who: Commissioner and Key Leaders of the Scout Association of Hong Kong and Regional Scout Committee members  
When: 23-25 July 2010  
Where: Kowloon, Hong Kong

#### **Suncheon Board Meeting**

Who: Board Members of Suncheon Asia Pacific Scout Centre  
When: 2 August 2010  
Where: Suncheon, Korea

## **What's Upcoming**

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

Who: Young people both male and female aged 12 to 17 years old.  
International Service Team (IST) aged above 18 years old and ideally not above 45 years old.  
When: 4-9 August 2010  
Where: Suncheon, Jeolla Province, Korea

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

Who: Scouting units throughout the Asia-Pacific Region  
When: 7-8 August 2010  
Where: Hosted by Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia

## **Be Prepared**

### **Jamb 100 and 3rd ASEAN Jamboree**

When: 4-9 December 2010

Where: Sarimbun Scout Camp, Singapore

Who: Scouts and leaders from local and overseas Jamboree. Young people (boys and girls) aged 11 - 16 years old are welcome to join in the Jamboree as participants.

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