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What's New

Mongolian Scouts hold Jamboree at own campsite

Mongolia is a young Scouting nation that has been organizing national Jamborees since 1996. In July this year the Scout Association of Mongolia (SAM) was proud to hold its 4th National Jamboree for the first time on its own campsite at the Mongolian Scout Centre. SAM acquired the vast tract of land for Scouting activities and built permanent structures such as tube well, large dining hall, staff quarters and nine Mongolian traditional houses called ger. Other facilities were installed with the support of the United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS) of Boy Scouts of America.

The campsite is located 65 km northwest of Ulaanbaatar in Tuv Province. To reach the site, participants from Ulaanbaatar traveled by train and walked seven kilometers while their luggage were loaded on trucks. Those coming from other parts of Mongolia traveled 1500 km for 4-5 days by bus or by train.

Over 800 Scouts attended the highly adventurous camp with the support of over 50 young adult professionals who took leave from their jobs to volunteer for running the campsite. For many of these volunteers, it was their first Jamboree and they were so immersed in the camp life that they look forward to the next activity.

Cultural performances filled the opening ceremony with colorful lights as backdrop. The former Chief Commissioner read out a special message from the Minister of Youth of the Government of Mongolia. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed thanked Boy Scouts of America's USFIS for supporting the development of the Scout Centre.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines builds 16-storey national office

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) is preparing to move to its new 16-storey building in front of its present national office in Manila. At the topping off ceremony on 15th July, BSP Secretary General JR Pangilinan said that structural work has been completed ahead of time. Manila City Mayor Alfredo Lim congratulated the BSP and the developer, Suntrust Properties Inc, for their partnership that will continue with the construction of six other towers within the area.

The present 3-floor building of BSP has been on the same site for five decades now and it no longer serves the expanding needs of the organization. The new building is one of the projects of the BSP New Enterprise Development Committee that is looking for ways and means of utilizing BSP properties in the capital region and elsewhere in the country. Under the leadership of BSP National President Jejomar Binay, extensive work has been invested over the past years for proper planning and development of the various properties belonging to the BSP.

Another BSP property is located at a prime area in Makati City. Three towers will rise there and will be ready for occupancy in 2012. The ground breaking

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

World Rover Moot
27 July – 07 August
Kenya

Suncheon Board Meeting
03 August
Suncheon, Korea

27th APR Scout Jamboree
04-09 August
Suncheon, Korea

APR Air/Internet Jamboree
07-08 August
Malaysia

APR Management Meeting
17-18 August
Philippines

World Scout Committee Meeting
3-5 September
Geneva

APR Communications Forum
29 September-2 October
Bhutan

Ticket to Life Workshop
5-8 October
Sri Lanka

World JOTA/JOTI
16-17 October
Worldwide

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
30-31 October, Korea

WSPU 6th General Assembly
1-4 November
Korea

Centenary Jamboree & 3rd ASEAN Jamboree
4-9 December
Singapore

ceremony was held recently.

CNV commends Hong Kong Scouts achievements

At the two-day Committee NSO Visit (CNV) held at the Hong Kong Scout Centre on 23-24 July, the Scout Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) has proven itself as a well-managed Scout association and a leading youth organization in Hong Kong. The CNV cited the unprecedented achievements of SAHK and its expertise in various areas, especially its sound financial base and resources management.

The CNV is an opportunity to take an overview of all operational areas of the association. SAHK has remarkably advanced into a well-rounded organization even as it faces the greater challenge of making Scouting as the most preferred Other Learning Experience (OLE) for young people in Hong Kong under the recently declared government educational reform. At the same time, SAHK leaders acknowledge their capacity and potential to recruit more young members and adult Scout leaders.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University has accredited SAHK's Wood Badge Training Scheme as their Diploma in Leadership Training. The next goal is to make the Wood Badge Training interface with the Qualifications Framework of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

Part of the CNV was a dialogue with Venture and Rover Scouts who were participating in a Youth Forum at that time. When asked about the decreasing Scout membership, some of them said that the emergence of other youth groups, as well as the power of internet, are giving young people more choices for social networking.

At the CNV, key leaders of SAHK comprised of Chief Commissioner Anthony Chan, International Commissioner Alex Wong, Deputy Chief Commissioners and other Commissioners made comprehensive reports and led the discussions. The visiting team from the Regional Scout Committee were First Vice-Chairman Prakorb Mukura, Dr Chao Shou-Po, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, and Ms Luz Taray from the APR office.

27th APR Jamboree happening this week in Suncheon

This first week of August, Korea Scout Association (KSA) is hosting the 27th Asia-Pacific Jamboree at the Suncheon APR Scout Centre in Suncheon. This is one of the largest regional Jamborees with the participation of 40 countries, out of whom 19 are from Asia Pacific, making a total of 454 participants from overseas.

Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay, now Vice President of the Philippines, will grace the opening ceremony together with Korea's Minister of Gender Equality and Family, Mayor of Suncheon City Rho Kwan Yu, and President of Korea Scout Association Young Joong Kang. Other key leaders are First Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura, Vice Chairman of World Scout Committee Simon Rhee, RSC member Sang-Ho Shim, Vice Chairman of Programme sub committee Rajalingam Ramasamy and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. Mr Shim is the Assistant Camp Chief.

KSA is extending the largest Jamboree sponsorship in recent times through *Suncheon Operation* for the participation of Scouts from Asia Pacific and from other Scouting regions. From Eurasia Region are Georgia, Russia and Ukraine; from Arab Region are Sudan, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Jordan; from Africa Region are Burundi, Kenya, South Africa, Liberia, and Niger; from the Asia-Pacific are 11 countries and four members of APR's Young Adult Members Group. In total, Suncheon Operation is sponsoring 39 young

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people.

Just before the Jamboree, the second round of the Suncheon Scout Centre Board meeting will be held on 3rd August. A number of areas for further development of the centre will be reviewed including the recently concluded evaluation report. On behalf of the Regional Scout Committee, First Vice chairman Prakorb Mukura will take part in the Board meeting together with the Regional Director.

The next 28th APR Scout Jamboree will be hosted by Scouts of China in July 2011 in conjunction with the hundred years of Scouting in Scouts of China.

World Rover Moot opens in Kenya

The 13th World Scout Moot opened on 28th July 2010 at the Rowallan Scout Camp in Nairobi, Kenya. President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Mwai Kibaki graced the colorful opening ceremony. It is the first World Moot to be held in Africa Region.

Other dignitaries present at the opening were Kenya Vice President Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, who is also the Chief Commissioner of the Kenya Scouts Association; Hon. Prof. Hellen Sambili, Minister for Youth and Sports, and other diplomats. The ceremony that was full of pomp and colour was televised live on the biggest media outlet in Kenya (Royal Media Service). After the opening, Rovers from 66 countries left for three expedition centres (Embu, Kaiyaba and Machakos) where they will undertake a series of on-site and off-site activities before returning to Rowallan Camp on 1st August 2010 for the last phase of the Moot.

There are 100 Moot participants from the Asia-Pacific Region coming from Australia, Bangladesh, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Singapore.

Korea-Japan Youth Forum underway

It is well understood that there is an overriding importance of having youth forums in National Scout Organizations and interest is increasing in recent years. National youth forums help in a number of ways to prepare young people for Asia Pacific Regional Forums held every three years. But not many have gone beyond their national boundaries or have established joint forums with neighboring NSOs.

Korea and Japan have organized such bilateral youth forums for almost a decade now. The 9th Korea-Japan Youth Forum is underway at the Olympic Park in Seoul from 31st July until 4th August.

Members of the APR Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) are given a prominent role in the forum together with 20 Scout participants from each country. YAMG members present are Krittee Tantivisikul of Thailand, Mohamed Hafiz bin Ariffin of Malaysia, and Ari Wijanarko Adipratomo of Indonesia. Andrew Seo Young Jeong of Korea is directing the forum. It is foreseen that the forum deepens their understanding of youth issues and enhance their leadership skills, and the experience will be useful in planning the regional youth forum in 2012.

In trying to understand the meaning of the forum theme "Better Understanding, Better World", Japanese delegation leader Toshio Suzuki from Chiba Scout Council gave examples or factors that may invite misunderstanding such as national characteristics, customs and manners, cultural practices, ethnicity, religion and language. He said that there are many inherent problems that may arise from lack of understanding of these

factors that could lead to misinterpretation of other people as being indecisive, arrogant or even untruthful. He said "better understanding is a key to resolving this".

Korea – Japan youth forums are held every summer in Korea. Japan reciprocates the exchange every winter for about 150 participants from each country.

President graces Nepal National Camp

Nepal Scouts organized a National Camp from 9th–12th July, a mini Jamboree in preparation for the bigger 2nd National Jamboree in 2011. Some six hundred Scouts participated in the camp from all around the country. It was a great success as such an event took place in Nepal after a long gap.

The President, Right Honourable Ram Baran Yadav, inaugurated the camp by hoisting the camp flag. He inspected various activities put up by the Scouts and spent some 70 minutes in the camp. On his arrival at the camp site, the Chief Scout Hon Minister for Youth and Sports Mr Ganesh Tiwari Nepali and the Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichhane received the president and escorted him to the Scout activities area and to inspect the scouts in the ground.

During the address, the President lauded the principles of Scouting and further added that the movement is doing a great work in shaping the character of the young people.

The Chief Commissioner talked about the importance of such a camp for building friendship among the young people from all over the country specially at this time when Nepal is going through difficult times with conflicts in various areas.

Vietnamese to be trained in Mt Makiling

On the first week of September, Mt Makiling will be home to 44 Vietnamese Scout Leaders who will undergo the Wood Badge Training Course. Asia-Pacific Regional Office is organizing this course solely for Scout Leaders in Vietnam in cooperation with Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) and a regional training team from India, Korea and Malaysia.

Vietnam was one of founding member-countries of the Asia-Pacific Region in 1956. Since the dissolution of Scouting in Vietnam in the 1970s, Scouting was not seen in public for many years. Nowadays, former Scouts and leaders have emerged and are not giving up. Scouting activities are held openly at the city parks in the capital. Vietnamese Scouts and leaders have been participating in recent regional Scout events as observers including the last Regional Scout Jamboree in 2009 in Mt Makiling. It was at this Jamboree that the idea of a Leader Training Course for Vietnamese leaders came up.

This course is made possible largely with the generous contribution of Bill Phillips of Equador. Bill strongly supports the development of Scouting in Vietnam and had extended similar assistance in the past.

Due to the tremendous interest shown in this course, the possibility is there to hold a series of training courses that would accommodate the 130 initial applications for this course.

Singapore conducts an amazing eco trail

To impart eco-friendliness in the young cubs and to foster team work and family bonding in a uniquely Scouting way, the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) organized the Amazing Eco-Home Trail on 26th June 2010.

Now on its fifth year, this amazing trail event which was in partnership with Home-Fix DIY Stores, had more than 300 Cub Scouts and their parents/guardians who grouped under different teams and scoured the entire island of Singapore to locate Home-Fix retail shops where they carried out activities and performed specific assignments related to home eco-friendliness. Participants and their accompanying parents/guardians traveled by public transport as part of the educational efforts to convey the values of thrift and energy conservation.

With this event, participants demonstrated the two key elements of the Scout Method – learning by doing and adult support which are also in line with the strategic thrust of SSA encouraging the involvement of parents and the community in Scouting under the themes 'Scouting builds Families' and 'Scouting builds Community.'

WOSM Internal Auditor visits Manila office

World Scout Bureau office in Manila welcomed Ian Langford-Brown, Internal Auditor of WOSM, for a 5-day visit and dialogue with all members of the regional staff. Incidentally, Ian was the first overseas Scout Leader who made a courtesy call on Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay on his new official capacity as Vice-President of the Republic of Philippines. Ian briefed the Chairman on his general assessment of the regional office operations and management.

What's Ongoing

Suncheon Board Meeting

Who: Board Members of Suncheon Asia Pacific Scout Centre
When: 3 August 2010
Where: Suncheon, Korea

27th 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

6th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

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

APR Management Meeting

Who: APR Scout Committee, Central Office and APR Executives
When: 17-18 August 2010
Where: Regional Office, Manila, Philippines

APR Annual Staff Development Workshop

Who: All staff of the Regional Office
When: 20-21 August 2010
Where: Davao, Philippines

What's Upcoming

APR Communications Forum, Bhutan

Who: Key national scout leaders responsible for communication and young spokes persons
When: 29 September- 2 October 2010
Where: Thimpu, Bhutan

First Preparatory meeting for the 2012 Regional Conference

Who: Host organizing committee, Regional scout committee and APR Executives
When: 23 September 2010
Where: Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Jamb 100 and 3rd ASEAN Jamboree

When: 4-9 December 2010
Where: Sarimbun Scout Camp, Singapore
Who: Scouts and leaders from local and overseas countries. Young people (boys and girls) aged 11 - 16 years old are welcome to join in the Jamboree as participants.

Hong Kong Scout Centenary Jamboree

When: 27 December 2010 – 1 January 2011
Where: Penny's Bay next to Hong Kong Disneyland. The site is located in north-eastern Lantau Island, the largest island in Hong Kong. It is only 30 minutes away from the Hong Kong International Airport and 40 minutes away from the city centre.
Who: Young people both male and female aged 12 to 25 years old. Each Patrol should consist of nine Scout members and one Adult Leader. Each NSO may form more than 1 patrol.