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What's New

Bangladesh CNV sets new level of participation

Continuing the series of Committee NSO Visits (CNV) in the Asia-Pacific Region, leaders of Bangladesh Scouts and the Regional Scout Committee kicked off the three-day meeting in Dhaka on 24th September 2010. Bangladesh Scouts was the 17th National Scout Organization visited under the CNV program and the largest CNV gathering so far. First Vice-Chairman Prakorb Mukura of the Regional Scout Committee led the visiting team and Chief National Commissioner Abul Kalam Azad headed the Bangladesh Scouts.

Key position holders gave well documented presentations on the key areas such as mission and vision, updates on youth programme, organizational development, resources development, and special projects.

"Bangladesh Scouts has established a strong research team to improve its services to young people, and Bangladesh Scouts affirms its emphasis on community development, their visibility in relief work during disasters, and focus on health camps nation wide. The government continues to support two huge projects for the expansion of cub and Scout sections to cover a larger area of the youth population", said Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

The meeting was held at the national headquarters starting with a simple opening ceremony with the President of Bangladesh Scouts, Mr Mohammed Momtazul Islam as the guest of honour.

Constituting the visiting team were 2nd Vice-Chairman Dr Mukhyddin bin Sarwani, Dr Chao-Shou Po and Shree Ram Lamichanne, Consultant Mohammad Ali Khalid, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Director Prassanna Shrivastava. Bangladeshi counterparts were National Commissioners, Deputy National Commissioners and Scout Executives.

Presentors were Rules and Growth Mr. AKM Istiaq Husain; National Commissioner of Extension Scouting and Foundation Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed; National Commissioner for Organization Prof. Md Sayedur Rahman; Deputy National Commissioner International Mr Syed Rafiq; Deputy National Commissioner Md. Taufiq Ali for PR and Marketing; National Commissioner for Special Events Md Abdus Salam Khan; National Commissioner Prof. Md. Abdus Salam for resources Development; Chairman for Scout Shop and Supply Service and National Commissioner Md Tauhidul Islam for Resources Development, who was also the CNV Coordinator.

First Preparatory Meeting for the 24th APR Scout Conference

In conjunction with the CNV in Bangladesh, members of the Regional Scout Committee met the host organizing committee to lay preparations for the 24th APR Scout Conference in October 2012.

Possible alternate venues were proposed for the two ancillary events of the

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

APR Ticket to Life Project Evaluation and Planning Workshop

5-8 October
Sri Lanka

National Strategic Planning Workshop

11-15 October
Sri Lanka

JOTA-JOTI

16-17 October

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

30-31 October
Korea

WSPU 6th General Assembly

1-4 November
Korea

Executive Directors Team Meeting

8-11 November
Switzerland

APR Seminar on Youth Involvement

13-16 November
Thailand

Committee NSO Visit

27-29 November
Australia

Committee NSO Visit

1-3 December
New Zealand

Centenary Jamboree and 3rd ASEAN Jamboree

4-9 December
Singapore

Committee NSO Visit

5-7 December
Polynesia

conference, which are the APR Youth Forum and APR Course for Leader Trainers. Bangladesh Scouts plan to enhance their own buildings and facilities to accommodate the two events.

APR Scout Committee Vice Chairmen Prakorb Mukura and Mukhyuddin Sarwani represented the region with M.A. Khalid, regional consultant.

Chairman Host Organizing Committee Habibul Alam and Chief National Commissioner Abul Kalam Azad assured that Bangladesh Scouts started planning early with major committees in place, with the goal of offering their best to make the conference a success for around 600 participants.

Bhutan hosts regional event for first time

The sixth series of Regional Communication Forums within world Scouting opened on 29th September 2010 in Bhutan. Over twenty-five participants from 13 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) together with 17 local participants from various districts of the country are attending the forum enjoying the pine-clad resort in Thimpu.

At the opening ceremony, Chief Commissioner Chencho Dorji expressed his satisfaction for the privilege of hosting the forum for representatives of NSOs from around the Asia-Pacific Region, saying that it is timely to have this Forum in Bhutan and very important for Scouts to have a communications system in place.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed appreciated the Bhutan Scouts Association, a relatively young Scout association, for hosting a regional event for the first time, and for the participants for traveling long distances to travel to Bhutan, which is a bit out of the normal travel routes, for the three-day communication event.

Richard Amalvy, Director of Communications and Marketing of World Scout Bureau, main resource speaker of the forum, expressed the need to re-translate the original message of Scouting Founder Lord Baden Powell. He highlighted the message "our tradition is innovation" which is very much a vital essence for the continued growth of Scouting.

Communication workshops or seminars are regular features in the region and almost every year one regional event related to communications or PR is held within the region. APR Profile Sub Committee Chairman, Shinya Mizuta and Profile sub committee member Jate Sopitpongstorn of Thailand is attending the forum and will oversee the next communications workshop in 2011.

The venue of this Forum which is Chuniding Resort in the outskirts of Thimpu, an ideal resort among the lush pine trees where nature is bountiful -- making the forum an opportunity for education, sharing and relaxing.

Scouts again active in Clean Up the World Weekend

Scouts join millions across the globe in restoring and protecting nature to take part in the Clean Up the World (CUW) campaign from 17th to 19th September 2010. Millions cleaned local parks, waterways and forests in an effort to restore and protect nature.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) has been an official ally of Clean up the World since 2008, promoting involvement to its 30 million Scouts in 161 countries.

Strategic Planning Review Workshop

18-22 December
Nepal

Programme Sub-Committee Meeting

27 December
Hong Kong

Hong Kong Scout Centenary Jamboree

27 December - 1 January 2011

Centenary Jamboree & 3rd ASEAN Jamboree

4-9 December
Singapore

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The Clean Up the World Weekend was a campaign, held in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and in support of the United Nations 2010 International Year of Biodiversity encouraging people and communities to conduct environmental activities focusing this year on protecting biodiversity in their communities.

From Australia to Zimbabwe, there are 16 National Scout Organizations who have already pledged to act in this years Clean Up the World campaign, Chairman and Founder, Ian Kiernan, thanked WOSM for its continued support to the campaign:

"We are proud to have the World Organization of the Scout Movement as an ally of Clean Up the World. The environment has been central to the organization since its inception and the participation of so many Scout Groups over the Weekend is a true testament to the Scout Movement's commitment to nature," he said.

Scouts in the **Philippines** worked to rehabilitate a protected mangrove site in Calapan city where scouts helped restore the mangrove's original condition. In the Manila Bay area, Scouts from the street children project who are mostly living in the streets, used bamboo poles and gloves to clear and collect rubbish in the bay area.

In **Singapore**, more than 40 Scouts sweated out to clean up Pasir Ris Park. They collected over 180kg of trash in the clean-up efforts. Working in partnership with Waterways Watch Society, an environmental NGO, the participants had the hand-on experience in water testing apart from learning the importance of water conservation. Their interest in the topic was acutely aroused as evidenced by the fact that many of the participants had proactively collected water from the surrounding rivers namely Sungei Api Api and Sungei Tampines for subsequent testing.

First Scout Discovery Centre in Asia-Pacific launched in Singapore

The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) opened the first Scout Discovery Centre in the Asia-Pacific Region on 4th September 2010.

This first Scout Discovery Centre provides both the public and Scouts (locals and overseas) a better understanding of the history and development of Scouting worldwide particularly Scouting in Singapore since it became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1966.

Located within the SSA headquarters, the Centre serves as a resource centre of local Scouting. In its exhibit galleries, significant and interesting artifacts that have been collected over the years that preserve the 100 years Scouting tradition in Singapore. Some of the items are Scout uniforms, badges, certificates of appointments, warrants, medals and other significant documents of heritage value that are integral part of the nation's growth and development. Many of Singapore's prominent political leaders are former Scouts.

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports officiated the opening ceremony and presented Centennial medals to 55 Scouts who made significant contributions, one of them was Mr. Foo Seck Tong, 81 years old retired teacher. When interviewed, he was delighted with the Centre for it brought back the fond memories of his Scouting years.

Rovers from four countries work with community in the Philippines

Over 30 Rovers from four countries continued their work with a community

in Marikina City, Philippines from 18th to 27th August.

Rovers implemented the CJK Projects, which are joint projects amongst Scouts of China, Japan and Korea doing a yearly exchange program with Filipino Rovers. As a group they involved themselves in community projects that promotes and strengthens cooperation and international friendship of the four countries.

This year's General Project Officer Mr Kenji Takarabe from Japan explained, "the project guarantees unique and wonderful opportunities for Scouts who want exposure to international environment".

The Rovers worked with school children in Marikina City doing activities on primary health care, cultural exchanges and environmental awareness. Scouts of China introduced First Aid in a school and in a local community area. Japanese Rovers demonstrated proper tooth brushing method and Korean Rovers taught dietary education through growing herbs.

An inherent method or practice in CJK is using International Patrol System that requires Rovers to work together during the entire project. In doing so, cultural and communication differences are reduced as they learn to accept and understand each other's cultural practices.

CJK Project started in 2003 and the four countries have agreed to continue their co-operative agreement until 2012. Next year, the group is eyeing to attend a Ticket to Life Project meeting that will give Rovers better understanding on the life of street children.

Philippine Education Secretary recommits to Scouting

In a simple investiture ceremony at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) national office in Manila on 14th September 2010, Department of Education Secretary Armin Luistro was invested by BSP National President and Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines Hon. Jejomar C. Binay as a mandated member of the National Executive Board, signifying his recommitment to Scouting. This is the first time after many years that an Education Secretary took oath as a mandated member of BSP Board.

In his remarks, Secretary Luistro said going to BSP office was like coming home to him. He said that he still remembers shining his buckle as a young Scout and admitted that the values of maintaining his room clean, washing the dishes, cleaning the garbage and planting trees are still very much part of him today. He sees helping others as one of the great things in being a Scout.

"This is something that I think is not only a part of being a mandated responsibility of the Department of Education but something that is very close to who I am, where I started, and what the Department of Education should stand for even today."

After the Vice-President donned the neckerchief to Secretary Luistro, he took his Oath of Office and recited the Scout Oath and Law. Present at the ceremony were the National Executive Board members and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

Hong Kong Trainers of Training

Hong Kong Scout Centre becomes the meeting place of 40 participants comprised of 27 locals and 13 others from Scouts of China, Macau, Malaysia and Singapore for the 15th Course for Assistant Leader Trainers (CALT) from

29th September to 4th October 2010, organized by Scout Association of Hong Kong. The medium of instruction for this course is Mandarin/Cantonese.

CALT is the first stage of the 'Two-Stage Approach' for Training of Trainers. Its aims are to introduce the principles and method of training and demonstrate the methods and techniques according to the needs of the National Scout Organizations. This course is a prerequisite for a participant to become an Assistant Leader Trainer and will eventually become a 3-Beader who is capable to conduct a basic training course.

Deputy Chief Commissioner Mr Cheung Chi Sun officiated the opening ceremony, witnessed by Assistant Chief Commissioner (Training) Dr Mak Wai-ming, who is also the Chairman of the APR Adult Support Sub-Committee. Other key leaders attended were Deputy Chief Commissioner Mr Lo Wai-shing and International Commissioner Mr Alex Wong.

The training is led by the Course Leader, Mr Ivan Tam Chiu-hung with trainers from the Hong Kong Training Team, Ken Chen from Scouts of China, and Francisco Chan from Macau. This course is supported by the Asia-Pacific Regional Office represented by Thian Hiong-Boon.

What's Ongoing

APR Ticket to Life Project Evaluation and Planning Workshop

Who: Country Coordinators and selected unit leaders of TTL project
When: 5 – 8 October 2010
Where: Sri Lanka

National Strategic Planning Review Workshop

Who: Key national scout leaders both at national and sub national level
When: 11 – 15 October 2010
Where: Colombo, Sri Lanka

JOTA/JOTI

Who: Members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
When: 16 – 17 October 2010
Where: Worldwide

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

Who: Regional Scout Committee members and Chairmen of Sub-Committees
When: 30-31 October 2010
Where: Korea

What's Upcoming

WSPU 6th General Assembly Meeting

Who: Scout Parliamentarians
When: 1-4 November 2010
Where: Korea

Executive Directors Team Meeting

Who: Executive Directors from all regions and from central office
When: 8-11 November 2010
Where: Geneva, Switzerland

APR Seminar on Youth Involvement

Who Volunteers, key leaders and full time executives
from National Scout Organization in-charge of Youth Programme
or whose work is related to youth programme
When 13-16 November 2010
Where Thailand

Be Prepared

Jamb 100 and 3rd ASEAN Jamboree

Who Scouts from local and overseas countries.
Young people (boys and girls) aged 11-16 years old
When 4-9 December 2010
Where Sarimbun Scout Camp, Singapore

Hong Kong Scout Centenary

Who Young people (boys and girls) 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.
When 27 December 2010 – 1 January 2011
Where Penny's Bay next to Hong Kong Disneyland. The site is located in
northeastern Lantau Island, the largest island in Hong Kong. It
is 30 minutes away from the Hong Kong International
Airport and 40 minutes from the city centre.

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