



DECEMBER 2010

What's New

Brazil World Scout Conference registration accounts for over 100 participants from APR

As of 29th November, the Brazil World Scout Conference registration has grown to a total of 639 participants of which 109 are from ten National Scout Organizations in the Asia Pacific Region, namely Australia, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore and Macau. Another 6-7 NSOs are expected to register soon. Currently Europe has the largest number registered accounting for 241 making Asia Pacific the second largest.

Within the Asia Pacific Region, Pakistan has registered the largest number of 25 participants followed by Australia with 23. Overall, Pakistan has the fifth largest delegation with Sweden, 41, as first, followed by USA 37, Denmark 28, Italy 27 and Angola 25.

At the same time, the registration for the World Scout Youth Forum from the Asia Pacific has increased to 27 participants from the same ten National Scout Organizations, accounting for one fifth of the total 124 participants registered as of 29th November.

Australia CNV reveals immense work accomplished

It is Scouts Australia's turn to meet the Regional Scout Committee for the CNV programme, the 18th NSO to be visited. First Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura led the team together with Fazlur Rahman and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. Scouts Australia was led by National Chief Commissioner Reg Williams together with the core national team of Scouts Australia including Chairman of the Executive Committee David Jones, Programme Commissioner John Clarke, Training Commissioner Paul Parkinson, International Commissioner Neville Tomkins and National Executive Richard Miller. Regional Office Desk Officer for Australia, Prassanna Shrivastava, assisted the meeting.

Among the many remarkable achievements of Scouts Australia revealed during the CNV presentations were the regular and vigorous review and research undertaken in youth programme in all the five sections, the tremendous work undertaken by the current National Adult Resources Committee (NARC) in supporting the adult leaders, the effective marketing strategies that recorded significant changes in membership, elaborate training arrangements offered at the Scouts of Australia Institute of Training (SAIT), to name a few. Scouts Australia is very supportive to other NSOs in the region especially those that lack youth programme materials and experience in implementing the Adults in Scouting policy.

The association's vision is to be "the pre-eminent youth organization in Australia", and it has already extended itself to cover emerging and crucial concerns of today's society such as health, keeping children away from harm and exploitation, and working towards ensuring an ecologically balanced development in environment. Projects were initiated contributing towards

EVENTS FOR 2010

Centenary Jamboree & 3rd ASEAN Jamboree

4-9 December
Singapore

Strategic Planning Review Workshop

18-22 December
Nepal

Programme sub-committee meeting

27 December
Hong Kong

Hong Kong Scout Centenary Jamboree

27 December 2010 –
01 January 2011
Hong Kong

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

11th World Scout Youth Forum

3-6 January
Brazil

World Scout Committee meeting

9 January
Brazil

39th World Scout Conference

10-14 January
Brazil

Strategic Planning Review Workshop

11-15 February
India

National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities

18-21 February
Pakistan

Consultancy visit

1-7 March
Pakistan

peace and the importance of gainful employment. Work in these areas aim to meet most of the challenges of today's young people in Australia. At the same time Scouts Australia intends to revisit its vision statement in a strategic planning review workshop to focus more on short-term impact.

With the association's healthy financial situation based on its own resources coming from Branch Councils (43%), own trust fund (29%) and commercial operations (18%), Scouts Australia works heavily with other partners in multiple projects across the country ranging from e-learning projects to saving water and energy. Its work in putting up 11,000 water tanks in all Scout halls and saving 100 million liters of water a year paved the way for Scouts Australia becoming the 2010 national winner for saving water.

Scouts Australia also excels in providing various opportunities to young people to be part of decision making processes through the effective functioning of two youth bodies: the National Youth Council which covers all sections of the youth programme and the National Rover Council which oversees the Rover Section. Representatives from these two bodies participate fully at the National Executive Committee and National Scout Council and provide regular and timely responses to the needs and aspirations of the young people. These were evident when the team met the selected young people from the Scout, Venture and Rover Sections who expressed their commitment and confidence that Scouting provides the wholesome development for young people through adventure, self reliance and do not regret giving up some other sports and hobbies in place of Scouting. They expressed that Scouting gives them opportunities, which they have never found in any other organization in getting more friends, joining adventure, going abroad, among others.

Among the extensive research undertaken during the last decade was the review of the management structure in 2008 that had a great impact in bringing about the necessary changes for improving various aspects in management.

The Venture Scout Review of 2008 has paved the way in improving the Venture Section, which has outreached all other sections in gaining a better growth of 5.8% over the last year while the next closest cub section had a growth of only 2%. The current "Rover Review Towards 2020" is expected to reveal the needed change in the Rover section. Once the review is completed, the plan is to make Rovering as one of the most robust sections in the Scout Movement.

Among the research projects are the Brand positioning research, research on young peoples interests, lifestyle, values and attitudes as generation Y have had the Scouting programme more relevant and attractive to young people. Total membership has grown for the fourth successive year in 2009 for a total of 73,523.

Last but not least is the current strategic planning process of Scouts Australia, with seven targets set for 2014 and 10 milestones to reach by June 2011. This on-line system is called "StrategyConnect", giving information updates on the level of implementation, progress and reporting by those responsible at any given time. The strategic plan is reviewed three times a year at regular Executive Committee meetings.

Committee NSO Visit

14-16 March
Cambodia

2nd Preparatory meeting

19 March
Bangladesh

SAARC Camp

21-26 March
Bhutan

Course for Leader Trainers

22-28 March
Pakistan

World Scout Committee meeting

25-27 March

WSJ HOC meeting

1-3 April
Sweden

Regional Scout Committee meeting

16-17 April
Taiwan

Committee NSO Visit

23-25 April
Nepal

Committee NSO Visit

28-30 April
Bhutan

Strategic Planning workshop

30 Apr - 4 May
Fiji

Executive Directors Team extended meeting

16-21 May

Committee NSO Visit

7-9 May
Kiribati

Committee NSO Visit

27-29 May
Singapore

APR Seminar on Environmental Education & Biodiversity

4-7 June
Indonesia

NSOT centenary celebration

1 July
Thailand

Region holds first seminar on youth involvement

Focus on youth involvement in the Asia-Pacific Region dates back to the 1970s through regional conference resolutions, reinforced with a world conference resolution in 1990. The first ever regional seminar was held in Thailand on 13th-16th November focusing mainly on youth involvement. There were 40 participants from 15 National Scout Organizations.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed explained the series of world and regional conference resolutions on youth involvement and empowerment. Anne Whiteford, representing the World Educational Methods Committee, presented the draft Youth Involvement Vision and Strategy, which arises from the Korea conference resolution and will be presented to the Brazil Conference. Participants shared their thoughts on the draft.

The workshop discussed and explored involvement at various levels – units, community, and institution and concluded with strategic actions to be taken at national level.

Representing the Programme Sub-committee were Malcolm Tan (Singapore), Manabu Hiratsuka (Japan), and Prapatpong Senarith (Thailand). Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) was represented by Seo Ji Eun (Korea), Mohd Hafiz Ariffin (Malaysia), and Krittee Tantivisukul (Thailand). Former and first batch YAMG members Netsai Khamairn and Manabu shared the challenges for YAMG for the last three cycles since its formation in 2004. NSO representatives were largely Programmes Commissioners, senior volunteers and professionals.

region's first Vice Chairman Mr Prakorb Mukura inaugurated the workshop at Vajiravudh Scout Training Centre and Syd Castillo from APR office was the coordinator.

International Year of Volunteers and IYV+10

In preparation for the IYV+10 to take place in 2011, the region seeks to join the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10). For this purpose, National Scout Organizations in the region were encouraged to take an active role in the launching of IYV+10, and to join other volunteer organizations to undertake suitable activities together this starting this 3rd December 2010.

At the same time, NSOs have been encouraged to hold an event or gathering on the first half of next year together with the other voluntary agencies in the country and to make recommendations on volunteerism. The recommendations will be submitted to the UN on behalf of WOSM and will form the basis for the special discussion during the UN General Assembly in October 2011.

For more information on the International Year of Volunteers (IYV), visit <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/intl-vol-day.html>.

APR Flagship project – Ticket to Life details available on web site

The flagship project of APR – Ticket to Life (TTL Project), which is now running in its fourth year has made tremendous impact on the lives of the street children to whom the project is catering to. As demand for the relevant reports and other references related to TTL has grown and to meet these demands the regional office has created a new section in the APR web pages devoted to the project. The section has reports of the various

28th APR Scout Jamboree

11-17 July
Taiwan

22nd World Scout Jamboree

27 July – 7 August
Sweden

APR Management meeting

25-27 August
Manila

APR Workshop on Effective National Adult Resources Committee & National Training System

16-19 September
Japan

Fundraising & Partnerships Seminar

22-26 September
Korea

Launch of Messengers for Peace

23 September

World Scout Committee meeting

30 Sept – 2 Oct

Ticket to Life workshop

11-14 October
Manila

Regional Scout Committee meeting

15-16 October
Manila

JOTA/JOTI

15-16 October

Executive Directors' Team meeting

28 November – 1 December
Geneva

For details of events Visit

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evaluation workshops held in the past 4 years, news archives on TTL project, reporting templates used for the monitoring and evaluation, list financial donors who have contributed generously for the project.

It is heartening to see that the project has received generous support from many well wishes making a grand collection of US \$ 231,500 with the World Scout Foundation leading the list with over US \$ 114,600, contribution from various third party sources followed by the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee US \$ 45,000 and USFIS with US \$ 40,000.

At the same time, the TTL project has spent a total of US \$ 164,400 during the past 4 years for the various project activities in the 8 countries where Philippine heads the list among the recipients with US \$ 31,700/- followed by India with US \$ 29,800.

More APR Events Reports now available at APR website

It has been the long practice now to make available all reports of the various event held in the region and currently the site has over 8 years of collection beginning from 2002. Recently a new batch of 7 event reports have been uploaded to the APR web pages and these include among others:

Report on APR Workshop on Membership Growth
20-23 May 2010, Johor Bahru, Malaysia

Report on APR Seminar on Community-Based Scouting
27-30 May 2010, Philippines

Report on APR Ticket to Life Project Evaluation and Planning Workshop
28-31 January 2010, Bangladesh

Report of APR Workshop on Disaster Management
16-19 November 2009, Indonesia

Report of 4th APR Advanced Management Course
3-9 March 2010, India

Report of 48th APR Basic Management Course for Professional Scout Executives
2-16 February 2010, Bangladesh

Report of APR Workshop on PR & Marketing
1-4 August 2009, Maldives

Asia Pacific Regional Office wishes you all happy season's greetings and best wishes for the new year

As this issue of the INBOX would be the last issue for the year 2010 we wish to express, on behalf of the Regional Scout Committee and the staff of the Regional Office, a very happy season's greeting to all our youth members, volunteers, and professionals. We are confident that each one of you in your own way will be celebrating the festive season and we wish to come back again after the new year on 3rd January 2011.

We sincerely hope that the readers of this INBOX have enjoyed the news and updates that have been regularly presented in this newsletter and we do appreciate the positive feedback from our readers.

As the year comes to end, the regional office will soon send out the 2011 Scout calendars to be dispatched in mid December to ensure that key

leaders receive it at the beginning of the new year.

What's Ongoing

Committee NSO Visit

Who Commissioner and Key Leaders of Scouts New Zealand and Regional Scout Committee members
When 01-03 December 2010
Where New Zealand

What's Upcoming

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 one 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.