



## MARCH 2007

### What's New

#### 2007 Badge in Different Languages

More national versions of the 2007 badge are coming up joining the Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Filipino and Bahasa (Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam). The new additions are in Bengali (Bangladesh), Hindi (India), Dhivehi (Maldives) and Nepali – all proclaiming the theme *One World One Promise*.

#### Cambodian Scouts set wider goals

Scouting has existed in Cambodia since 1934 and was dissolved and merged with another youth organization in 1964. With changes in the political system, Scouting gradually re-established and Scout groups were organized in refugee camps at the Thai border. It was in 1994 that the World Scout Bureau started paying close attention to Cambodia and initiated contacts with relevant government ministries and Scout groups. This led to the formation of the national council and national executive board in September 2005. The AGM held in April 2006 approved the constitution and by-laws and assumed the official name *National Association of Cambodian Scouts* (NACS).

In mid February this year, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed met key members of the Executive Committee and the Chief Commissioner to ascertain their readiness and to discuss with them their bid to join world Scouting. NACS' goal is to be a part of world Scouting after satisfying constitutional requirements and processes for membership. To support NACS in considerable ways, the Asia Pacific office deputed a senior executive from Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Mr Florencio Atinyao, to strengthen the primary structures and Scouting program for six months. This is made possible with the support of Scouts Canada. A Basic Training Unit Leader Trainers is set for May funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and an Angkor Wat Invitational Programme is planned for December this year. NACS temporarily holds office at the UNESCO building in Phnom Penh.

#### Change of WSB Email Address

Coinciding with the celebration of Founder's Day, the World Scout Bureau has taken the symbolic step of creating a single, unified email address at world and regional levels.

#### World level offices

Central Office (Geneva)	worldbureau@scout.org
World Scout Foundation	worldfoundation@scout.org

#### Regional offices

Africa	africa@scout.org
Arab	arab@scout.org
Asia-Pacific	asia-pacific@scout.org
Eurasia	eurasia@scout.org
Europe	europa@scout.org
Interamerica	interamerica@scout.org

### UPCOMING CENTENARY EVENTS

Peace Baton Ceremony  
Philippines, 10 March

21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree  
United Kingdom, 27 July – 7 August

Sunrise Event for the Centenary  
(Gift for Peace Project), 1 August

13<sup>th</sup> DMZ Peace Trekking (for centennial celebration of world Scouting), Korea, 9-16 August 2007

Baden Powell Scout Peak Climb  
Nepal, 28 August – 16 September

International Congress on Scouting  
Geneva, November

International Centenary COMDECA  
Bangladesh, 7-13 December

### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Europe Regional Conference  
Slovenia, 5-11 May 2007

Africa Regional Scout Conference  
3-7 September 2007

Eurasia Regional Scout Conference  
Moscow, September 2007

22<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Scout  
Conference, Japan  
18-23 October 2007

Arab Regional Scout Conference  
Libya, 1-6 November 2007

Interamerica Scout Conference  
Ecuador, 24-28 November 2007

## **Bhutan holds first national Jamboree**

Bhutan Scouts Association (BSA) held its first National Scout Jamboree in Dhampu, Tsirang Province on 29 January to 11 February 2007. Around 500 young people, both boys and girls, joined and enjoyed the varied activities. At the Jamboree closing, the President of the Scout Council and Minister of Education, presented prestigious Long Service award to local and overseas Scout leaders who built the foundation of Scouting in Bhutan and make it an important organization as it is today.

The new Director of Bhutan's Youth Department of the Education Ministry, Mr Sonam Tabgay Dorji, visited the site of the proposed BSA Training Centre, a site allocated by the ministry for Scouts. German architect Mr Hartmut Keyler, former member of the World Scout Committee, proposed a design for the centre.

Representatives from Danish Scout and Guide Association, while attending the Jamboree, planned a summer Rover exchange programme as part of the partnership project between Bhutanese and Danish Scouts.

## **Japan assists flood victims in Jakarta**

The Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) is usually one of the first to offer a helping hand when disaster strikes. Through the National Secretary, Mr Shoji Kanai, SAJ expressed distress over the casualties and heavy damages caused by the flood that hit Jakarta on 5 February. In a spirit of fraternity, SAJ offered US\$3,000 to help mobilize Indonesian Scouts in their recovery projects for the victims.

## **New Leaders in Pakistan attend Camporee**

On Founder's Day, 22 February, the new Chief Commissioner of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association joined over 600 young people in a 3-day camporee held in Islamabad. The new chief, Lt. Gen. (ret) Javed Ashraf, is the Federal Minister of Education. Accompanying him was the Senior Deputy Chief Minister Syed Parvaiz Ali Shah Jillani and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed.

Camporee participants joined environmental and community activities such as tree plantation, hospital visits and traffic control. For the centenary of Scouting, there are 13 wide ranging activities planned in every part of Pakistan. September will highlight the Centenary Jamboree in Islamabad. With the support of the Asia Pacific Region, Pakistan will organize the SAF Scout Camp, Programme Development Workshop, and a National Strategic Plan Review Workshop – all happening this year.

## **First Joint Partnership Visit to India**

WAGGGS and WOSM Regional Committees initiated to take partnership visits to Scouts And Guides National Organizations (SAGNO). WAGGGS has been organizing partnership visits to their member organizations once every three years since 1999. SAGNOs are organizations having both Scouts and Guides as members and the two SAGNOs in the region are Bharat Scouts & Guides (BSG)/India and Nepal Scouts.

The first joint visit took place in India on 26 February. There were 25 members of BSG Executive Committee with Abdullah Rasheed and Thian Hiong Boon representing WOSM, Regional Executive Kar Mei Lee of WAGGGS and BSG National Commissioner L.M. Jain.

The partnership visit is to have a mutual understanding between the region and the NSO on achievements, progress and best practices of member countries in relation to strategic priorities.

## **Ancillary events of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan**

APR Course for Leader Trainers  
10-16 October 2007

5<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth Forum  
12-15 October 2007

## **Special events at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan**

APR Sub-Committee Meetings  
17 October 2007

APR Scout Committee Meeting  
17 October 2007

APR Scout Committee meeting  
with heads of delegates  
18 October 2007

International Commissioner's  
Gathering, 19 October 2007

Training Team Gathering  
19 October 2007

APR Foundation Members Gathering  
19 October 2007

Fundraising Dinner  
20 October 2007

APES Gathering  
22 October 2007

ATAS Gathering  
22 October 2007

Centenary Gathering  
22 October 2007

Special Recognition Ceremony  
23 October 2007

## **UPCOMING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

National Events Management  
Workshop  
Bangladesh, 5-9 April 2007

23<sup>rd</sup> Australian Course for Leader  
Trainers  
Australia, 6-10 April 2007

International Agoonoree 2007  
Korea, 24-27 May

Malaysia Centenary Exhibition  
25-26 May 2007

Scouts of the World Seminar  
Thailand, 28-31 May 2007

## Scouts give highest honors to Indonesian President and Malaysian Prime Minister

On Founder's Day in Jakarta, the Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka, Prof. Azrul Azwar, honoured Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono with the highest award *Lencana Tunas Kencana* as the Chief Scout of Indonesia and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi as Chief Scout of Malaysia. Not more than 20 persons have received the medal, which was earlier received by the Founder of Gerakan Pramuka, Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX, Indonesian First President Soekarno, and Indonesian Second President Soeharto.

President Yudhoyono said that through the founder's (Baden Powell) innovative idea, the Scout movement spread all over in the world, including Indonesia since 1912. Both Yudhoyono and Badawi praised the movement through its 100 years, which is going stronger and bigger. Around a thousand Scouts and Scout leaders from Indonesia and Malaysia joined the celebration. Three members of the Asia-Pacific Region Radzwan Hussain (Malaysia), Adi Pamungkas and Brata Tryana (Indonesia) were also present. – *By Berthold Sinaulan, Asst National Commissioner for PR, Indonesia*

## Baden Powell Peak Ambassadors

With the regional circular requesting National Scout Organizations (NSO) to appoint their ambassadors for the Baden Powell Scout Peak Climb and Trail in Nepal, nominations have been received from Scouts of China, the Scout Association of Hong Kong, the Bharat Scouts & Guides/India and The Singapore Scout Association. More nominations from NSOs are expected in the coming days.

## Training Course for Chinese Speaking Countries

As a step closer to restructuring the training system of Scouts of China, the association organized the Course for Leader Trainers for Chinese-speaking countries. This was held in Taichung City, Taiwan on 5-11 February. There were 50 local participants, four from Hong Kong and one from Macau. Course Leader Chen Huang Ran, Deputy Secretary General of Scouts of China, led a 14-member local team and an international team - John De Guzman of the Philippines and Thian Hiong-Boon of APR office. Dr George Huang, Secretary General of Scouts of China, gave his encouraging support towards training development.

## Annual Rover Crew Leaders Conference

Scouts of China had the Annual Rover Crew Leaders Conference on 9 -13 February at the Feng-Chia University to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the university's Rover Crew. Two Rover Crew leaders from Korea joined around 120 Rover Crew leaders from universities and communities. The conference discussed strategies to sustain and market the Rover section and to enhance the spirit of Rovering.

## Nepal creates communication centre and supply service

Since June 2006, Nepal Scouts has been creating a communication and documentation center at its headquarters to preserve Scouting literatures, archives and other historical materials. A Scout supply center is planned to be completed by July 2007.

Nepal Scouts is also preparing to host the 6<sup>th</sup> APR Leaders Summit in 2008 and is considering Shankar Hotel as venue for the meeting and accommodations. The summit is a gathering of key leaders of National Scout Organizations in the region held a year before every regional conference.

Unit Leaders Roundtable  
Philippines, 5-8 June 2007

APR Air/ Internet Jamboree  
4-5 August 2007

50<sup>th</sup> World Scout JOTI-JOTA  
Worldwide, 20-21 October

18<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Jamboree  
28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008

### For details of events

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## What's Ongoing

### Rover Peace Baton reaches Manila

After traveling approximately 40,000 kms following three major routes covering 23 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, the 3 parts of the peace baton have finally reached Manila and will be joined as a single and unified baton at a large ceremony on 10 March. More than 6,000 Scouts and national dignitaries will join the handover. Overseas representatives will come from Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Indonesia, as well as key leaders of the Asia Pacific Region. At the same, 500 Rovers will camp for two days at the grounds of Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Over 200,000 people and seven heads of state joined the relay with the message of peace.

### Best Scout photos for 2007 pre-selected

This year's Scout photo contest collected 294 entries from many enthusiastic photographers in 10 countries, i.e. Australia, Bangladesh, Republic of China, Hong Kong, India, Maldives, Mongolia, New Zealand, and Philippines. Professional photographers in Manila have pre-selected the top photos for final judging in Japan this March. Winners will be announced in the next Inbox.

## What's Upcoming

### Regional Scout Committee to meet in Japan

The Regional Scout Committee chose Japan as its next host for the meeting on 14-15 April. The agenda will cover various aspects of regional operations, including the education projects (e-game), involvement of young adult members, Regional Plan for 2007-2009, preparations for the 22<sup>nd</sup> APR Scout Conference, updates of forthcoming regional events in 2008 and 2009, among others.

## You're Invited

### National Events Management Workshop

Who Scout volunteers and professionals in the area of events management  
Host Bangladesh Scouts  
Where Mouchak, Bangladesh  
When 5-9 April 2007  
Fee US\$75 covers inland transportation, food, accommodation, workshop materials, tour

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Australian Course for Leader Trainers

Who Assistant Leader Trainers (3-bead holders who have fulfilled the requirements of their national training scheme and recommended by their NSO)  
Host Scouts Australia  
Where Gilwell Park, east of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia  
When 6-10 April  
Fee US\$275 to cover transport from Melbourne to Gilwell Park and return, food, accommodation, course documents and souvenirs

### International Agoonoree 2007

Who Young people both boys and girls with special needs, aged 12-18; adult leaders

Host Korea Scout Association  
Where Jeju Island, Korea  
When 24-27 May 2007  
Fee US\$100 to cover food rations, tents, activities, souvenirs, insurance and inland transportation

### **6<sup>th</sup> Historical Melaka Jamboree 2007**

Who Registered Scouts between 13-17 years old. Each patrol of 10 Scouts should be accompanied by a Leader  
Host Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia  
Where Melaka Scout Camp, Bukit, katil, Melaka, Malaysia  
When 26-30 May 2007  
Fee US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, program activities including tours and Jamboree kit. Transport to be provided from Kuala Lumpur International Airport to the Jamboree site and back.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> APR Unit Leaders Roundtable**

Who Unit Leaders, preferably below 35 years old and actively looking after a unit in the NSO.  
Host Boy Scouts of the Philippines  
Where Asiaten Hotel, Tarlac City, Philippines  
When 5-8 June 2007  
Fee US\$100 to cover inland transportation, food, accommodation and souvenirs

### **13<sup>th</sup> DMZ Peace Trekking in Korea (for centennial celebration of World Scouting)**

Who 55 Boys and Girls from overseas, aged 12 to 18 years and Scout Leaders  
Host Korea Scout Association (KSA)  
When 9-16 August 2007  
Where DMZ (Demilitarized Zone in Korea)  
Fee Participation fee will be waived for overseas participants. KSA will provide meals, accommodation, insurance and inland transportation.  
Purpose To enhance the will of the nation towards reunification and peace.

## **Be Prepared**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> APR Scout Conference**

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)  
Tokyo, Japan  
When 18-23 October 2007  
Fee Delegates and Observers US\$320  
Accompanying persons US\$220  
Youth Delegates/Observers US\$140

### **5<sup>th</sup> APR Youth Forum**

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)  
Tokyo, Japan  
When 12-15 October 2007  
Fee US\$100 to cover materials, accommodation, food inland transportation and souvenirs  
Youth Forum participants who will attend the Regional Conference need to add U\$100 as registration fee. This additional fee does not include food and accommodation during the conference.

## **APR Course for Leader Trainers**

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)  
Tokyo, Japan  
When 10-16 October 2007  
Fee US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, materials,  
inland transportation and souvenirs  
Participants who will attend the regional conference  
will have to register separately and pay the conference  
registration fee as part of their NSO delegation  
(delegate or observer)

## **18<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Jamboree**

Where Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch,  
South Island, New Zealand  
When 28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008  
Fee NZD\$590 covers meals and activities  
Website [www.scout.org.nz](http://www.scout.org.nz)

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