



APRIL 2007

What's New

Peace baton completes journey around Asia Pacific

After traveling over 75,000 kms in 24 countries, the journey of the peace baton was finally completed on 10th March in Manila. Total participation in all the countries is estimated at 150,000 involving Scouts, government leaders and communities.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) hosted the grand handover ceremony at a heroes shrine in Manila. BSP President, Mayor Jejomar Binay, handed over the peace baton to Regional Chairman Eric Khoo. Joining thousands of Filipino Scouts were many regional and sub-committee members and Scout leaders from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Singapore. The event was covered extensively by the country's tri-media.

Partnership Visit to Nepal

In March, WOSM and WAGGGS key executives had their first partnership visit to Nepal Scouts where both groups presented their strategic priorities to have an understanding of how each organization's strategic plan fit cohesively. WAGGGS presented the re-brandings strategy launched in 2005 while WOSM informed about the new brand and explained the Scouting Centenary. WAGGGS and WOSM encouraged all where possible to include or update the re-branding of both organizations on promotional materials of Nepal Scouts. About 30 young people had a separate session with the team.

Scouts in Bangladesh join SAARC Car Rally

The ceremonial SAARC Car Rally, the first of its kind, began on 15 March from Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The aim of the rally is to focus on regional connectivity among the SAARC countries, with great expectations to improve regional trade and transport, infrastructure, people to people contact, investment and tourism opportunities and general goodwill. The Ministry of External Affairs of India in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry is the main organizers.

About 28 cars are used to rally across 7 SAARC countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Bangladesh Scouts played a significant role while the rally passed through Bangladesh, from Cox's Bazar to the Burimari border. Along the roads, thousands of Scouts greeted the convoy with banners, festoons and musical instruments all the way inside the country. The rally is expected to end in Male, the capital of Maldives, on 14 April 2007.

UPCOMING CENTENARY EVENTS

21st World Scout Jamboree
United Kingdom, 27 July – 7 August

Sunrise Event for the Centenary/
Gift for Peace Project, 1 August

13th 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, 15-17 November

International Centenary COMDECA
Bangladesh, 7-13 December

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Europe Regional Conference
Slovenia, 5-11 May 2007

Africa Regional Scout Conference
Rwanda, 3-7 September 2007

Eurasia Regional Scout Conference
Moscow, September 2007

22nd 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

Ancillary events of the 22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan

APR Course for Leader Trainers
10-16 October 2007

5th APR Scout Youth Forum
12-15 October 2007

"Youth Parliament" at creative camp

The President of Bangladesh, Prof. Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed who is also the Chief Scout, witnessed the very interesting Scout's "Youth Parliament", a mock-up parliamentary debate on intellectual property rights. This was part of the 4th National *Srijoni* (Creative) Camp held from 12-16 March 2007 at the National Scout Training Centre in Mouchak, Gazipur, as the first of the several centenary events. A total of 548 Scouts and leaders participated in the camp.

7 Keys to Recruiting Volunteers

The APR Adult Resources Sub-Committee reviewed and revised the document "7 Keys to Recruiting Volunteers" which was adapted by the A-P region many years ago from Scouts Canada. The seven R's of recruitment are found to be as relevant today as ever before. The 7 keys are recruiting, retaining, reclaiming, referring, recognizing, refusing/rejecting and rotating. The document is available at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

Registration opens for the 22nd APR Scout Conference

Registration is now open for the regional conference in Tokyo on 18-23 October in Tokyo. Registration forms are available at the conference website <www.22aprconf.scout.or.jp>. This year's conference targets the participation of 700 to make it the largest regional conference ever.

Youth Forum interactive website

Young people can take an active part online in planning the 5th APR Youth Forum. The youth forum website www.5apryf.net has an interactive page where young people, whether or not they are attending the youth forum, are invited to contribute topics or issues of relevance and interest.

Search for APR Outstanding Scout is on!

The third search for outstanding Scouts in the Asia-Pacific Region has been announced to all member NSOs. This is a triennial event organized every conference to choose from among the countries the top five Scouts who best exemplify the qualities of a role model to young people. The main purpose of the contest is to enhance the image and visibility of Scouting as an educational movement, and to emphasize the holistic approach of Scouting in the development of young people.

APR Poster Contest at the Conference

APR office announced its invitation to member NSOs to participate in the poster contest during the regional conference. The contest has three themes: promoting Scouting programme, promoting membership growth, and promoting a fundraising event. Nine winners of the photo contest will be awarded during the conference special recognition ceremony.

Special events at the 22nd 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 delegations
18 October 2007

International Commissioner's
Gathering, 19 October 2007

Training Team Members Gathering
19 October 2007

APR Foundation Members Gathering
19 October 2007

Fundraising Dinner
20 October 2007

APES Gathering
20 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

8th National Jamboree
Maldives, 15-19 April

23rd Australian Course for Leader
Trainers
Australia, 6-10 April 2007

International Agoonoree 2007
Korea, 24-27 May

Singapore Scouts lead Lunar Year celebration

Since the annual Chingay Procession started in 1973 to celebrate the Lunar New Year, this is first time in Singapore that a cross section of more than 300 Scouts were given the honour to lead the Presidential Float and received the special guests at the VVIP Viewing Area. The event was witnessed and well received by millions of local and international audiences.

Leaders receive Awards

To celebrate Founder's Day on 22 February, Singapore Scouts Association held a Good Service Awards ceremony where the Chief Scout of Singapore conferred 29 awards, among them were the Silver Lion Award to Regional Chairman Eric Khoo, Malaysia's National Chief Commissioner Prof. Col Dato Kamarudin Kachar, Malaysia's State Commissioner Abd. Kader Bin Md Nor and Mr Jorgen Rasmussen of Denmark.

Bangladesh Scouts conferred the highest award 'Silver Tiger' to Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed in recognition of his continued support and assistance to Bangladesh Scouts. The President of Bangladesh and Chief Scout presented the award on 15th March.

Top Scout Achievers' Update

Starting with around 20 initial members during its founding meeting at the APR Scout Conference in 2004, membership in the Association of Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS) has now soared to 185 in March. ATAS is comprised of Scouts who achieved the highest rank/award in Scouting. Visit the ATAS website at www.atasapr.org

Gone Home

Prof. Dr. Koesnadi Hardjasoemantri was a very senior Gerakan Pramuka leader. He died on 7 March from the plane crash at the Yogyakarta airport. He was the Chairman of the Scout State Law Plan of Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia.

What's Ongoing

Bangladesh holds National Events Workshop

Around 34 local participants and 4 from India, 2 from Malaysia and one from Africa Regional Office are attending the events workshop in 5-9 April at the Mouchak Training Center in Gazipur, Bangladesh. This is the first national workshop following the regional events workshop held in October 2006 in Korea. The workshop includes topics on event designing and planning, event coordination, event marketing and risk management in events.

Regional Scout Committee meeting

The committee will discuss a voluminous agenda on its meeting on 14-15 April in Tokyo. This will include updates on the Regional Conference 2007, updates on the 2008 APR Leaders Summit, and the future scenario of regional Jamborees. Sub-Committee chairmen will present their proposed strategic plan for 2007-2009. A review will be made on the e-game proposal, bidding on world events and World

Malaysia Centenary Exhibition
25-26 May 2007

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

Unit Leaders Roundtable
Philippines, 5-8 June 2007

APR Air/ Internet Jamboree
4-5 August 2007

50th World Scout JOTI-JOTA
Worldwide, 20-21 October

18th New Zealand Jamboree
28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008

For details of events

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Scout Committee elections, and the concept paper on the visit of committee members to NSOs.

Three ancillary events are taking place during the meeting. These are the 4th preparatory meeting for the conference focusing on conference agenda, special programs, registration update, hotels and accommodation and ancillary events; the APR Youth Programme Sub-Committee and the Youth Forum Planning meeting.

Maldives National Jamboree

Maldives is organizing the 8th National Jamboree on the occasion of the association's 50th year anniversary. The Jamboree is on 15-19 April in Hulhumale, the newly developing satellite capital about 10 minutes by sea from the international airport. International participants will enjoy fishing trips and excursions in the islands.

What's Upcoming

Basic Training Course in Cambodia

Two Scout leaders from Thailand will join the international team for the Basic Training Course to be held in Sihanouk Ville in Phnom Penh on 20-26 May 2007. Around 50 Cambodian Scouts leaders will participate in the unit leaders course for Scout section.

Scouts of the World Seminar

Rover Scouts, Rover Commissioners, National Programme Commissioners, and Scout leaders in-charge of Senior Scouts and Rover Section are expected to attend the seminar on 28-31 May in Thailand. The seminar will take place at the Vajiravudh Scout Camp in Chonburi Province.

You're Invited

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

6th 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.

SAF Scouts Friendship Camp

Who Girls and Boys of Rover age
Host Pakistan Boy Scouts Association
Where Punjab Training Centre, Ghora Gali, Muree Hills
When 4-10 June 1007

3rd 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

3rd Mongolia National Rover Moot

Who Rover Scouts who are at least 18 years old
Host Scout Association of Mongolia
Where Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia
When 1-8 August 2007
Fee USD200.00 covers food, souvenir, inland transportation and insurance

13th 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

22nd 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

5th 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)

18th 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