



JUNE 2007

What's New

Polynesia starts centenary events

The launch of centenary celebrations at the capital of French Polynesia was a grand gathering on 12 May of over 200 Scouts and leaders together with government and local dignitaries. Some 60 years ago, the first Scout camp of French Polynesia was held on that very spot at the Radisson Plaza Resort in Tahiti. The centenary gathering became a memorable reunion for Scout leaders who attended the first camp.

The Minister of Youth, Mr Clarentz Vernaudon, and the Minister of Culture, Ms. Natacha Taurua graced the event. The youth minister who was a Scout himself assured government support for Polynesian Scouts attending the World Jamboree in UK in July 2007 and for the growth of Scouting in Polynesia.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed who was present highlighted the relevance of the 100 years of Scouting. The Scout Council has planned a full range of activities for the entire centenary year. As a sunrise event, there will be a Rover expedition to the three highest peaks in Papeete on the 1st of August.

National Rover Council organizes youth wing

French Polynesia is embarking on expanding its leadership base by organizing the youth wing of the Scout Council with a team of 6 young adult members. Leading the group is the chairperson, Ms. Maeva, a full-fledged voting member representing the young adult members in the board. Youth members are expected to formulate their action plan and strategies for the future of the youth wing, with two adult members supporting them.

Scouts of the World Workshop

World Scout Bureau organized for the first time the Scouts of the World Workshop on 28-31 May 2007 at the Vajiravudh Scout Camp in Thailand. The aim of the workshop is to share with National Scout Organizations the technical process of developing the Scouts of the World programme as a way of revitalizing the Senior and Rover sections for 15 to 26 year-old members. Countries represented were Bhutan, Republic of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand for a total of 41 participants including 20 local and 21 from overseas.

The workshop explained the concept of the Scouts of the World Programme and its elements such as the Scouts of the World Award, Scouts of the World Discovery, Scouts of the World Voluntary Service, Scouts of the World Partnership, and support structures. Supporting the workshop were APR Programme Sub-Committee chairman Mari Nakano, Sub-Committee member Julie Creed, APR Committee Chairman Eric Khoo, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and World Scout Bureau executives Andres Morales, Syd Castillo and Myrna Calderon.

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

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

Korea hosts International Agoonoree 2007

Korea Scout Association (KSA) has been organizing Agoonorees alternately with the Girl Scouts on a yearly basis. For the centenary year and in conjunction with the 23rd Agoonoree, KSA initiated the agoonoree for international participation and had five other countries joining them, i.e. Republic of China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan, Pakistan, and the Asia Pacific Regional Office. The Agoonoree was held at the beautiful island of Jeju on 24-27 May.

Participants were young girls and boys having various special needs, either mentally or physically. Programs onsite and offsite were designed for their mental and physical abilities as well as to their creativity and enthusiasm. Onsite activities were textile printing, necklace crafting, wood bug crafting, survival shooting, among others. Offsite activities were educational visits to Jeju, known as an island of antiquity, in their well-preserved folklore museums and nature parks.

Activities offered the young participants the experience of Scouting and more importantly, the caring of Scout leaders. President of KSA Mr Lee Won Hee thanked the organizers and leaders for their passion and courage and wished the young participants health and happiness.

Singapore Scouts in riverbank and waterways cleanup

In line with the long-term strategic direction of the Singapore Scout Association (SSA), the Northeast Area under the leadership of Assistant Chief Commissioner Tan Tek Tin has adopted Sungei Punggol as a strategic partner of PUB (the national water agency) under *Our Waters* programme.

Launched by Dr Lam Pin Min, the adoption aims to create an impact on the importance of valuing our waters by keeping the waterways and water catchments clean. More than 300 Scouts participated in the launching. They were involved in the riverbank cleanup, waterway cleanup and house to house visit to conduct public education on water saving kits.

Sungei Punggol has been chosen because it lies within the boundary of the Northeast Area of SSA. The river is in close proximity to 48 primary and secondary schools with Scout Groups. The project will eventually involve some 1,500 Scouts. During the period of adoption, the Scouts will visit the river regularly for cleanup activities.

National Council Meeting honours Commissioners and Scoutmasters

On 23-25 May, Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) gathered over 500 key Scouts leaders for the 51st Annual National Council Meeting held in Palo, Leyte. This is a gathering of Council Chairmen, Council Commissioners and Council Scout Executives from the 109 councils of BSP. On this occasion, BSP National President Jejomar Binay invested the widely popular Vice-President of the Philippines, Mr Noli de Castro, as a Scout. The vice-president took the Scout oath in uniform.

As an integral part of the Annual National Council Meeting, three major awards were given to men and women for their exceptional services to Scouting. These are Outstanding Council Chairmen, Outstanding Council Scout Commissioners, and Tribute to Scoutmasters.

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

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

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed gave the keynote message for the Tribute to Scoutmasters where he cited that volunteerism particularly at the unit level is a core business of Scouting and stressed its direct and pivotal role in the growth of the movement.

Local government officials including the provincial governor, congressional representative and city mayor fully supported the council meeting.

Scout Leaders in Cambodia trained

As part of leadership capacity building for the National Association of Cambodian Scouts (NACS), 52 senior government officials from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in the 24 provinces took part in the Basic Training Course for Unit Leaders in Phnom Penh. They also had an overnight camp and hiking at the wildlife centre 40 km away from Phnom Penh.

The Chief Commissioner who is the undersecretary of Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest. Overseas trainers were Sommart Sungkapun and Dr Amnat Changrien from Thailand, Shymal Kumar Karak from India, Florencio Atinyao from BSP who is the APR executive attache, and Thian Hiong-Boon from the APR Office and Sok Seng Yan of NACS.

On 28 May, NACS leaders were appointed to the Scout Executive Committee and its branches in provinces and cities. The Deputy Prime Minister presided the oath taking ceremony together with the Minister of Council of Ministers, cabinet members, diplomatic corps and the media.

APR Photo Contest 2007 Results

Results are in for the APR Scout Photo Contest 2007. The best six photos have been chosen from 293 entries received early this year. The winners are:

- Gold Prize: *Tsunami Care* by Saiko Damai of Indonesia
- Silver Prizes: *Deep Underground Investiture* by Jonathan Karl Mandl of Australia and *Campaign* by Selim Newaj Bhuiyan of Bangladesh
- Bronze Prizes: *Be Quick!* By Ho Lok Chan of Hong Kong; *We Build for the Homeless* by Frederick Bonifacio of the Philippines; and *A little Postman* by Yoshimasa Kato of Japan.

Prizes will be given at the 22nd APR Scout Conference in Tokyo this coming October.

New leadership in Scouts of China

The National Council of Scouts of China in Taiwan elected Dr Chao Shou-Po as the new Chairman (Chief Commissioner) of the General Association of Scouts of China for the term of 2007-2010, effective from 10 May 2007.

Dr. Chao, Shou-Po is a very prominent public figure in Taiwan, having held governmental positions including Labor Minister, Secretary-General of the Cabinet, Minister without Portfolio and Governor of the Province of Taiwan. Recently he was the Board Chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation of China.

Dr. Chao has been very active in Scouting for more than three decades and was awarded the Bronze Wolf in 2004 by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

For details of events

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Dr. Chao, Shou-Po appointed Dr Chang, Tzu-Chien, an assistant professor and former high school principal, as the new Secretary – General. Dr Chang is an outstanding educator and has been very active in Scouting.

The former Secretary General, Dr George Huang, is now the International Commissioner.

What's Ongoing

SAF Scout Friendship Camp

Pakistan Boy Scouts Association is hosting the 5th SAF Scout Friendship Camp on 4-10 June in Ghora, Gali. In the last five years, hosting the SAF camp has rotated in South Asian countries, such as in Bhutan in 2002, Maldives in 2003, Nepal in 2005, and Sri Lanka in 2006. With the yearly support from the South Asia Foundation (SAF), over 150 overseas Scouts, both girls and boys, will participate in the camp this year. They are from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Purpose of the camp is cultural sharing and goodwill, as well as developing tolerance and cooperation. As in all SAF Camps, Chief Commissioners from the SAARC area will have a one-day meeting on how to mutually support Scouting in South Asia. The next SAF Camp in 2008 will be in Bangladesh.

Unit Leaders Roundtable in the Philippines

Around ten countries, i.e. Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bhutan, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and the Philippines will be represented at the APR Unit Leaders Roundtable. Boy Scouts of the Philippines will host 15 participants from 10 countries and 20 local participants on 5-8 June in Tarlac City.

World Scout Bureau BoD Meeting

A Board of Directors (BoD) meeting will take place in Geneva on 11-15 June. The BoD meeting is comprised of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, six Regional Directors with the special participation of key staff members of the World Scout Bureau Central Office.

Commemorative Stamp

The World Organization of the Scout Movement Asia Pacific Region is producing two kinds of stamps to commemorate 100 Years of Scouting. In agreement with the Philippine postal office, official date of issue is on the 1st of August 2007. For first day cover, 2000 pieces will be produced.

Sri Lanka Scouts Association has issued their centenary stamp and first day cover on the 26th of May. In addition, they produced the Sinhalese version of the centenary badge "One World One Promise".

What's Upcoming

APR Management Meeting in Manila

A management meeting of World Scout Bureau Asia Pacific Region executives is set on 3-5 July in Manila. Attending the meeting are

Regional Scout Committee Chairman Eric Khoo and sub-committee chairmen of management and financial resources. Luc Panissod from World Scout Bureau Geneva and APRSC Vice-Chairman Zainal Abidin will also be present.

Ticket to Life Evaluation

To evaluate the Ticket to Life (TTL) project six months after the first workshop was organized in December 2006, a follow-up Evaluation Workshop will be held on 8-11 July 2007 as a planning exercise for the third phase of the project. The Bharat Scouts & Guides will host the workshop at their national office in Delhi, India. TTL Coordinators as well as unit leaders helping in the project have been invited. TTL has six pilot countries, i.e. Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines and Sri Lanka, where Scout units for street children have been formed.

World Scout Jamboree in UK: Participation Update

All 23 member countries and two associate members are participating in the World Scout Jamboree in the UK from 27 July to 7 August. As of 31 May, over 6600 young people, troop leaders, contingent staff, IST and Operation One World participants. The largest contingents will come from Japan with over 1500, India with over 1000, Republic of China with over 900, Hong Kong with over 600, and Korea with over 500.

You're Invited

2007 Climb and Trek to Baden Powell Scout Peak and Trail

Who Scouts from different national Scout associations across the globe who are climbers, trekkers, and outdoor enthusiasts. Non-scouts who are also trekking and climbing aficionados are welcome.

Host Nepal Scouts

Where Kathmandu, Nepal

When 28 August - 16 September 2007

Fee Trekking member: US \$800
Climbing member: US \$850
Prices include all meals, transportation, Sherpa guides, cooks, tents, sleeping bags., etc

International Centenary COMDECA (Community Development Camp), Bangladesh

Who Scouts aged 14-17 years old and Rover Scouts aged 18-25 years old

Host Bangladesh Scouts

Where Cox'bazar, Bangladesh (about 500 kilometers southeast of Dhaka)

When 7-13 December 2007

Fee US\$150 covers tent accommodation, food, inland transportation (airport to venue), souvenir and tour

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)

To date, applications have been received from Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangladesh and French Polynesia for the APR CLT in Japan. Nominations for CLT staff have been received from Australia, Bangladesh, Korea, Japan, Sri Lanka, Philippines and India.

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

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