



JULY 2007

What's New

2008 is "Year of the Scout" in Australia

The Prime Minister of Australia announced that 2008 will be known as "The Year of the Scout". 2008 is the Centenary of Scouting in Australia. This is a very significant recognition by the Australian Government of the Movement not only in Australia but also internationally. This is only the 4th time in the history of Australian Federation (1901) that the Australian Government has declared a year such as this.

In addition to the above declaration the Australian Government will be releasing a circulatory \$A1 coin for 2008 as well as a series of commemorative coins for sale. There will also be a series of Australian stamps commemorating 2008 and the Australian Bureau of Statistics have indicated that they will include a Scouting image on the cover of the 2008 Year Book as well as a feature item in the book on Scouting.

Result of NSO Survey on APR Services

Twenty-four out of 25 NSOs in the region or 96% responded to the survey recently circulated by the regional office. A summary of the interpretation of qualitative data was provided by Dr Evelina Vicencio, as follows:

- *Highly Remarkable*: Personal contact maintained by executives and the Regional Director
- *Above Expectations*: Support to NSOs (regular contact with NSOs, assistance to NSOs to participate in regional events, visit to NSOs, meeting deadlines, content of regional events/summit/workshop)
- *Above expectations*: Staff Services (professional and technical knowledge of staff, staff Scouting spirit, availability of staff support in the country, quality of staff support, visibility of regional staff at national events, correspondence and feedback from regional office)
- *Above expectations*: Communications (APR inbox, Monthly Report, APR website, APR posters, APR wall calendars, CD insights, APR Directory, hard copies of reports, electronic copies of reports, timely delivery of publications)
- *Above expectations*: Relations with Committee and Sub-Committees
- *Above expectations*: New Initiatives (develop Scouting in the region, make regional events more productive)
- *Satisfactory*: Funding to NSOs through partnerships, support to NSOs through the APR Foundation, support to NSOs on new projects
- *Unsatisfactory*: None

APR WAGGGS Chairman awarded

Ms Cristina Lim-Yuson, immediate past Chairman of WAGGGS Asia Pacific Committee and member of WAGGGS World Board received the Chairman's Award from Asia Pacific Regional Chairman Eric Khoo at the WOSM-WAGGGS fellowship on 10 June at the Commonwealth Club in Kuala Lumpur.

Ms Yuson was awarded for her outstanding work for young people and active cooperation with the Asia Pacific Region of WOSM. She is the first person outside WOSM to get the award. Some members of both WOSM and WAGGGS regional committees

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
Cairo, 7-12 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

and leaders from the Scout association in Malaysia attended the fellowship.

APR Unit Leaders Roundtable

Scout leaders at the unit level have a pivotal role in the actual demonstration of Scouting's educational objectives. Twenty-nine Unit Leaders from 11 countries shared ideas on youth programme and identified strategies for its improvement as well as formulated a criteria for a model Scout unit. Participating countries were Bhutan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Boy Scouts of the Philippines hosted the Roundtable on 5-8 June in Tarlac City. Participants recommended for the conduct of the roundtable on a regular basis. This has been the third regional roundtable in six years, the first one was in Hong Kong in 2001, followed by Bangladesh in 2004.

SAF Scout Friendship Camp

Pakistan Boy Scouts Association hosted the 5th SAF Scout Friendship Camp on 4-10 June in Ghora, Gali. With the annual support from the South Asia Foundation (SAF), over 150 overseas Scouts, both girls and boys, participated. They are from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The camp is for cultural sharing and goodwill, and for developing tolerance and cooperation amongst countries in South Asia.

During the camp, Pakistan's Federal Minister of Education and Chief Commissioner, Lt Gen Javed Ashraf, presided the gathering of Chief Commissioners from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Deputy Chief Commissioner Syed Parvaiz Jillani and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed attended both the gathering and the camp.

The camp is hosted on rotation basis around the South Asian countries starting with Bhutan in 2002, Maldives in 2003, Nepal in 2005, and Sri Lanka in 2006. Bangladesh will take its turn to host in 2008.

World Scout Bureau BoD Meeting

Board of Directors (BoD) of the World Scout Bureau (WSB) met in Geneva on 11-15 June. BoD is comprised of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, six Regional Directors with the special participation of key staff members of the WSB Central Office. Among other things, the BoD discussed the Yearly Operational Plan of WSB, centenary events, World Scout Jamboree, branding and communications, IT strategy in WSB, resource mobilization, external relations, regional initiatives, and constitutional issues.

Rover Peace Baton replica coming out soon!

A souvenir replica of the widely popular APR Rover Peace Baton will soon be issued, in limited number, as a fundraising campaign for the APR Scout Foundation. The replica would cost US\$25 each and be put on sale at the APR Scout Conference in Tokyo. Orders could be placed as early as now through the Asia Pacific Regional Office. The actual peace baton, which is 1-meter long, will be displayed at the World Scout Center at the Jamboree in UK.

What's Ongoing

APR Management Meeting

Executives of World Scout Bureau Asia Pacific are meeting this 3-5 July in Manila for their yearly meeting with the special participation of Deputy Secretary General Mr Luc Panissod, Regional Chairman Eric Khoo and regional member Oh Sang Gyoon. Highlights of the

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

Launch of 50th World JOTI-JOTA
19 October

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 REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

APR Workshop on ICT in Scouting
Malaysia, 5-8 September

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

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

meeting are an overview and future direction of NSOs, APR 50th anniversary celebrations and centenary of Scouting, Regional Plan 2007-2009, regional budget and forecast for 2007-2008, staff development, administrative and operational issues.

Ticket to Life Planning and Evaluation Workshop

The Bharat Scouts and Guides will host the workshop at the NHQ in New Delhi on 8-11 July 2007. Ticket to Life (TTL) is a project for street children using the Scouting way. Participants are comprised of TTL coordinators and unit leaders from NSOs actively implementing activities for street children in pilot countries. These countries are Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Thailand, and Pakistan, with special participation from Egypt and executives from the Asia Pacific Regional office. This workshop is a follow-up of the past six months after the introductory workshop in December 2006 and will set up a plan for the final phase of the project.

World Scout Jamboree Participation Update

All National Scout Organizations in the region are participating in the 21st World Scout Jamboree in UK from 27 July to 8 August 2007. Here's the latest on participation from APR which includes youth participants, troop leaders, contingent staff and International Service Staff: Australia 168, Bangladesh 152, Bhutan 9, Brunei Darussalam 6, Scouts of China 565, Fiji 10, Hong Kong 672, India 1235, Indonesia 331, Japan 1530, Kiribati 3, Korea 436, Malaysia 150, Maldives 6, Mongolia 18, Nepal 95, New Zealand 91, Pakistan 126, Papua New Guinea 10, Philippines 99, Singapore 62, Sri Lanka 135, Thailand 131, French Polynesia 71, Macau 8. Regional total is 6119.

Scouting's Sunrise in Brownsea Island

Two young members, ideally a boy and a girl, from every country participating in the 21st World Scout Jamboree will attend the Brownsea Island event on the 1st of August. NSOs are invited to put up exhibits depicting Scouts in action, sample of native foods and drink, sample of uniform or neckerchief, and traditional artifacts. Visit the Brownsea Island website at www.brownsea2007.org.

2007 Centenary of Scouting Update

To get a global glimpse of centenary events and projects in different parts of the world, the World Scout Bureau has requested National Scout Organizations to give up-to-date information on their events, in particular, the Scouting's Sunrise, Gifts for Peace, Commemorative Centenary Stamps and other centenary activities.

What's Upcoming

World Scout Chairman to honour Baden Powell Scout Peak Expedition

World Scout Committee Chairman Herman Hui will send off participants who are heading for the Baden Powell trek and trail expedition on the 4th of September. Before send off, the chairman and regional leaders will have a mountain flight over the Himalayas including Mount Everest.

To date, eight countries have signed up for the climb and trek from 28 August to 16 September 2007. These are Taiwan (7), Korea (9), Singapore (12), Indonesia (1), Malaysia (1), Australia (2), Sri Lanka (1), USA (2) for a total of 35. Members of the Asia Pacific Evergreen Scouts (APES) and the APR Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS) are planning to attend.

For details of events

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You're Invited

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