



Scouts of the World Base in Singapore

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2008 has seen another milestone achievement for the Scouts of the World Bases ? this time in Singapore.

Riding on the momentum of the 10th World Scout Youth Forum and 38th World Scout Conference in Korea, the Singapore Base completed its second successful Scouts of the World Award Discovery Workshop on 14 September 2008.

The number of participants increased from nine to eleven this year. Led by Tan Sijie, the Course Director (who is the SWA Coordinator for Singapore), the group first went on a field trip in June to Pulau Semakau, one of Singapore?s unique offshore landfills.

During the field trip, they carried out an inter-tidal exploration, gaining a better understanding on the amazing balance of conservation and development. It was then followed by a two-day workshop over the weekend of 13-14 September 2008. The fun-filled yet knowledge-based workshop introduced the basic elements of the programme to the participants. It also included a special behind-the-scenes visit to the only fauna natural history museum in Singapore. The participants were able to take away many valuable lessons which will go a long way towards helping them in the next phase of the programme, namely the Scouts of the World Voluntary Service.

As Tan Sijie wisely stated, ?We can only protect what we know.? And the workshop did just that ? equipping the participants with the knowledge to protect nature and the environment.

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