



## Scouting in different forms and flavours

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In the beat of local music, an estimated crowd of over 5,000 foreign and local participants spent the night at the grand arena enjoying the richness of Filipino culture during the Philippine Cultural Night hosted by the Boy Scouts of the Philippine (BSP) on 30th December 2009.

Foreign and local Scouts cheered as they watched local Scouts performed world's famous various cultural dances of the Philippines. These dances are patterned from various major festivals being held annually in different regions of the country.



Efren Edgard Dieta, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, said the purpose of the event is to let the foreign and even local Scouts appreciate the richness of Filipino culture in the form of dancing and music. "In Scouting, we share what is beautiful to us and we let them appreciate it too." The opening was graced by the BSP Secretary General JR Pangilinan and other local key leaders.



Also on the same day, the Indonesian contingent hosted the "Indonesian Reception" at the BSP Hotel Rooftop, giving a glimpse and the taste of their culture. Special guest of the event was Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Dr. Andi A. Mallarangeng, accompanied by Abdulah Hariadi Kusumaning Prang, Charge de Affairs of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in the Philippines. The minister remarked that he was glad to see the Indonesian Scouts and how they build international friendship with Scouts from other countries.



Also on 29th December, the APR Association of Top Achiever Scouts or ATAS hosted a gathering of its members who are attending the regional jamboree and to enroll over 150 new colleagues who are all Eagle Scouts of BSP. During the gathering, ATAS membership badges were distributed to the new members by the Regional Scout Committee member Sang-Ho Shim, on behalf of ATAS President and APR Scout Foundation Management Committee President Mr. Simon Hang Bock Rhee. The ceremony was led by ATAS member and Regional Governance Review Task Force Chairman Mr Alex Wong, together with the management committee members and Secretary General Pangilinan.



Later on that day, it was the time for the Australian evening. The Australian treated all the contingent heads and other colleagues with a grand show of Australian delights, meat and drinks accompanied with video presentations, songs and demonstration of bush culture.