



## 5th Scouts of the World Discovery in Singapore

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The last Scouts of the World Discovery Workshop in 2009 saw new partners and participants for the Singapore base. In order to better accommodate the participants, the workshop was held at a new venue ? the National Community Leadership Institute (NACLI) from 17 to 19 October 2009. Apart from five Singapore Rover Scouts, there were five Bangladesh Rover Scouts and two Maldives Rover Scouts. For the first time, two non-Scouts joined the workshop after hearing much from their Scout friends. Mr M M Fazlul Haque Arif, Deputy National Commissioner (International) of Bangladesh Scouts also attended the workshop as an observer.

Two new partners joined the family of Scouts of the World Award in Singapore. Apart from the usual field trip to the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, the participants was given a rare opportunity to hop on

a seagrass monitoring field trip to Pulau Semakau with TeamSeagrass who is in close partnership with National Parks Board Singapore.

Pulau Semakau (Singapore?s unique and world?s first offshore landfill) is an island which has surprisingly developed a rich natural biodiversity of its own, spotting plants and trees grown from seeds brought by birds, mangrove reforestation programme, lagoons with thriving marine life and a huge intertidal shore area. Surrounded by Singapore?s oil refineries, it is a perfect example of how economic and land development can strike a balance with the natural environment.

Another important partnership was StarHub Ltd. StarHub is Singapore's fully-integrated info-communication company, offering a full range of information, communications and entertainment services for both consumer and corporate markets. The company generously provided all the participants with mobile broadband access up to 21M anywhere anytime during the course of the workshop. This allowed the participants to do their research on certain topics of interest and eventually surfaced many great ideas on possible future Voluntary Service projects.

At the end of the workshop, the 14 youth participants, through a newly introduced exercise, declared their commitment as global citizens. They unanimously stated ?

*We, the youth of the 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Scouts of the World Award Discovery Workshop, agree to create Public Awareness of Biodiversity Conservation, and to reduce Global Warming for the development of our Community.?*

This workshop marked the end of 2009, but it is definitely the beginning of many more good years for the Singapore Scouts of the World Base. While the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) will be celebrating 100th year of Scouting in 2010, this year is going to be an exciting year for the SWA programme.

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