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What's New

Scouts' role in times of disaster

A large area of the Asia-Pacific Region lies in the "Ring of Fire" which is continuously hit by natural disasters like earthquakes and tsunami. The World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region organized the APR Workshop on Disaster Management, the first of its nature, for Scouts to understand their role in times of disaster, how they should respond, and to acquire some know-how of disaster management with the help of local experts from government and non-government agencies.

The workshop was held at the Cibubur Scout Complex in Jakarta, Indonesia from 16th to 19th November 2009 with 46 participants from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Minister of Communication and Information of Indonesia, Tifatul Sembiring, declared the workshop open. In his opening remarks, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed cited the acts of bravery and kindness of Scouts who are often finding ways to give service and relief to disaster victims.

Present at the workshop were Regional Scout Committee member and Gerakan Pramuka Chairman Dr Azrul Azwar; past Management Sub Committee Vice-Chairman Mari Nakano; Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman Berthold Sinaulan; Adult Support Sub-Committee member Alfian Amura; Mohd Hafiz bin Ariffin and Ari Wijanarko Adipratomo of the Young Adult Members group. Among the resource speakers and facilitators were Hiroshi Iwasaki of Japan and Jamal Abdullah of Malaysia. Director S Prassanna of APR office coordinated the event.

Korea 2009 Youth Hero Prize

Korea Scout Association (KSA) awarded three young people with the Youth Hero Prize in a ceremony held in Mok-Dong Broadcasting Hall in Seoul on 16 November 2009.

Since 2007, KSA annually selects three young people with prominent achievements in their chosen fields and awards them with a medal, a certificate and cash prize of US\$10,000. In addition, golden badges are presented to their parents for their constant devotion to their children.

This year, the Youth Hero Prize was presented to Ms Kwak Ye Ji, Silver Medalist of 2008 Beijing Olympic in Archery; Mr Kim Ki Min, the first ballerino who won the Moscow International Junior Concours; and Mr Kim Se Jin, the first disabled young swimmer who won three gold medals in the Disabled Swimming Championship in England.

Mr Kang Young Joong, President of Korea Scout Association, said that the most important thing about the award is to motivate and support talented young people to overcome unfavorable circumstances.

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree
28 December –
3 January
Philippines

New! EVENTS FOR 2010

Committee NSO Visit
17-19 January
Sri Lanka

Ticket to Life Evaluation and Planning Workshop
28-31 January
Bangladesh

Basic Management Course
02-16 February
Bangladesh

Advanced Management Course
3-9 March
India

Committee NSO Visit
11-13 March
Korea

Extended WOSM Directors Team Meeting
12-18 April
Geneva

Executive Director's Meeting
14-17 April
Geneva

Committee NSO Visit
05-07 May
India

Committee NSO Visit
10-12 June
Fiji

CSPSA Gathering
14-19 June
Tonga

South Asian countries Scouts gather in India

Young people from South Asian countries camped together from 20th to 26th November 2009 at the 7th SAF Scout Friendship Camp, this time hosted by the Bharat Scouts at the National Youth Complex in Haryana, India.

His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, Governor of Madhya Pradesh and President of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, blessed the camp with the lighting of traditional lamp. Participants came from Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh while the host country offered their best hospitality and fascinating cultural programs.

Using the theme "Peace and Solidarity", the youth parliament was found to be the most thrilling and interesting activity. After a tough debate came out constructive recommendations from the "youth parliamentarians". Cultural exchanges, country exhibits, friendship games and adventure activities were used to create a greater awareness of the social and environmental situation of South Asian countries. Shri Madanjeet Singh of the South Asia Foundation who has been sponsoring the travel of young people from all SAARC nations for several years visited the camp.

Chief Commissioners Meeting

On 21st November, Chief Commissioners in South Asia met for their annual gathering at the National Headquarters of Bharat Scouts & Guides in Delhi. Those who attended the meeting were Chief Commissioners from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Bangladesh turned-over the chairmanship of the sub-region to India and each country was given an opportunity to present an update of their NSO's achievements and challenges.

ASEAN Meeting in Jakarta

As a result of the recent meeting of leaders of ASEAN Scout Associations, the Singapore Scout Association will host the 3rd ASEAN Scout Jamboree at the Sarimbun Scout Camp in 2010, while the National Scout Organization of Thailand was requested to host the third ASEAN Scout gathering in 2011. Chairman Dr Azrul Azwar hosted and chaired the meeting at the Cibubur Scout Complex in Jakarta on 25th November.

Participants came from Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia. They reinforced their earlier commitment to strengthen friendship amongst the countries and to support potential countries in southeast Asia in cooperation with the APR Scout Committee.

Documentation and Impact Study of Ticket to Life program

Two volunteers – Yoshi Shimuzu, a Japanese photographer and Peter Michelson, an Australian writer, are merging their talents to document the lives of a small group of children living in the streets under the Ticket to Life (TTL) Program. The photo documentation is a project of the World Scout Foundation in coordination with the World Scout Bureau/APR office and Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The photographs will be featured at the 2009 World Scout Foundation report.

TTL Project coordinators in eight countries (Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka) were recently given the task to do an impact assessment study of a select group of Scouts in their troops. The study requires them to observe and document any changes in the children's self-confidence, self-discipline, social interaction, hygiene, among others. Other information will be gathered through interview with

7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

24-27 June
Bangalore, India

World Rover Moot

27 July – 07 August
Kenya

Suncheon Board Meeting

03 August
Suncheon, Korea

27th APR Scout Jamboree 04-09 August

Suncheon, Korea

APR Air/Internet Jamboree

07-08 August

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parents, peer groups, village leaders and social workers.

The study is a pre-workshop assignment for TTL coordinators to be presented and discussed at the forthcoming Evaluation and Planning Workshop in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 28-31 January 2010. Apart from the impact assessment study, the workshop aims to revisit the general objectives of the project which were drawn three years ago.

Documents sent to all sub-committees

APR office sent formal certificates of appointment to all newly-appointed members of different Sub-committees: Youth Programme, Adult Support, Financial Resources, Management, Scouting Profile, Membership Growth, Foundation Management Committee and Awards Committee, together with documents related to the sub-committee work for 2009-2012 and their oath of office.

Gist of 23rd APR Scout Conference Evaluation

The analysis of the conference evaluation using the value-weighted average is now available based on the rating given by 55% of participants. Most items – in terms of program and logistics – were rated as 'very good'. This includes all addresses and reports in the first session, except for the Regional Treasurer's report which was rated 'excellent'. Other 'very good' items were:

- Special Projects (Image Study and 'What is Great About Scouts')
- Breakout Groups
- Presentation of Partners, except one with 'satisfactory'
- All NSO Action-time Presentations
- Future World and Regional Events
- New Chairman's Challenge
- Conference Resolutions
- Recognition Ceremony

Airport reception and conference venue were rated 'excellent'. 'Very good' was given to conference documents, display and exhibition, PA System, Secretariat Service, Food/Refreshment and overall Conference Programme. Some items were rated 'satisfactory', and a few others 'need improvement'.

Update on 26th APR Scout Jamboree

Jamboree coordinators discussed at length the various aspects of preparations at the fifth and final Jamboree Organizing Committee meeting held on 1st December at the National Office of Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP). The meeting started with the good news that the Bureau of Immigration of the Philippine government has granted the Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG) fee in favor of Scout participants who are under 15 years old, which means that those traveling from abroad will be exempted from paying the US\$76.00 fee at the immigration.

NSOs having participants under 15 years old need to bring with them the four documents mentioned in the APR Jamboree advisory. The Philippine Embassy need not authenticate the documents.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed chaired the meeting with BSP Secretary General JR Pangilinan. In attendance were APR Programme Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman Rajalingam Ramasamy, former Management Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman Mari Nakano, APR Executives and Jamboree Coordinators of BSP.

The Jamboree Update sent to all INBOX recipients on 2nd December provides details on arrival, reception, IST, and several other items.

Update on 7th APR Scout Leaders Summit 2010

Regional Circular no. 36 has been issued with detailed information on the 7th APR Scout Leaders Summit to be held on 24-27 June 2010 in Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

Key leaders of National Scout Organizations are invited to the Summit, in particular the Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, and Chief Scout Executive or equivalent. In addition, all members of the six sub-committees are requested to take part in the strategic planning exercise for the regional plan 2012-2015. Sub-committee meetings will be on 21-22 June.

Summit fee is US\$250 for delegates, US\$200 for accompanying persons, and additional US\$100 for pre-Summit meetings. Accommodation is twin-sharing. In case of single occupancy, each participant has to bear the extra cost of US\$30 per day. This early, local hosts in Bangalore are planning to arrange educational tours in Mysore's Tippu Sultans Summer Palace, the famous INFOSYS (leading software training centre), and the Sagar Dam.

"Scouting and Intellectual Initiatives"

The above quote is this year's theme of the 4th International Gathering to be held in Sharjah, UAE on 3-13 February 2010. Emirates Scout Association and the Arab Regional Office of the World Scout Bureau are extending invitation to all NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region to participate in the International Gathering.

Sponsorship of roundtrip economy ticket is offered to one participant from each NSO who is a male between 18-22 years old, has good command of spoken English, involved in humanitarian or community actions in his association, and has not participated in the event before.

APR Training Tools Package available on the web

After the APR Training Tools Package was distributed to NSOs at the recent Regional Scout Conference in Kuala Lumpur, the APR office has been receiving a number of individual requests for a copy. The voluminous training tools package of 350 pages can be downloaded from the APR site at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

What's Ongoing

26th APR Scout Jamboree

Who Around 12,000 registered Scout members
 ages 12-17 years and ISTs
When 28 December 2009 – 3 January 2010
Where Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

APR Programme Sub-Committee Meeting

Who Members of APR Programme Sub-Committee
When 28 December 2009
Where Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Meeting

Who Members of APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee
When 29 December 2009
Where Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

APR Governance Review Task Force Meeting

Who Members of APR Governance Review Task Force
When 30 December 2009
Where Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

What's Upcoming**APR Management Sub-Committee Meeting**

Who Members of APR Management Sub-Committee
When 16 January 2010
Where Colombo, Sri Lanka

APR Ticket to Life: Evaluation and Planning Workshop for 2010

Who National Coordinators of Bangladesh, India, Indonesia,
Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka
When 28-31 January 2010
Where Dhaka, Bangladesh

3 December 2009