

Behind the scenes - The Hidden Team

Text by Yin Hong, photos by the Media Team

Behind every successful event, there must be an effective support team. This was indeed true for this Jamboree, with the Secretariat team working on overdrive since the start of the Jamboree to ensure that it started and ran smoothly.

The Secretariat consisted of about a dozen personnel, mainly pooled from



the Executive Staff, and also three Malaysian female ISTs helping out. The Secretariat's main duty was to act in a supporting role, to ensure the smooth administration of the Jamboree. They worked with all departments, from Finance to Programme, even playing a role in the planning of the main events of the Jamboree like International Night and Closing Ceremony.

Speaking to Adrian, Executive Assistant of Operations in the Scout HQ, also part of the Secretariat crew, we learnt that the Secretariat hardly had time to enjoy the Jamboree, as they were too busy working. Even before the Jamboree started, their working hours were unpredictable, and normally they work until 1 or 2 am, even working until 4 in the morning on 4 December to ensure that the Jamboree started without a hitch. We understood from Adrian that the Jamboree was organised by the Chief Commissioner Mr Tan Cheng Kiong and his team, whatever the team needed, they (the Secretariat) would get for them. The secretariat also needed a lot of manpower, given that much administrative work needed to be done, that was why the ISTs were roped in to help out.



However, with so many potential obstacles and difficulties in running a large-scale camp like this Jamboree, the secretariat still managed to pull through, and Adrian attributed this "due to Scout Law Five, 'A Scout has courage in all difficulties', which helped us a lot. If there were major difficulties, they worked together and overcame them as a team."

The Secretariat has indeed shown much resilience and efficiency in this Jamboree and on behalf of all participants and staff we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the hard work put in and hope that they will get a well-deserved break after this Jamboree.

Behind the scenes - The ones who wrote it all

Text and photo by the Media Team



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Absent from photo: Ashok Kumar, Lim Kai Keat

As Rebecca West, an English author and journalist, once said, "Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space."

That is exactly what the Media Team strived to do throughout the Jamboree, to turn a blank A3-sized paper into an informational newsletter which brings updates and entertainment to everyone in the Jamboree.

The team comprises of 13 members ranging from Ventures to Adult Leaders, and even one Cub Scout! Taking photos, covering activities in the day, writing and compiling the articles at night, the Media Team worked 24/7 to bring to you the widest coverage of Jamb100.

We hope that the Space Jamb has filled the space within your hearts. Bon voyage and stay tuned to our next issue of *The Quartermaster* magazine.

Signing off,
The Media Team, reporting to you the three truths, the truth, the whole truth and what we write.

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All good things come to an....?

Text by Gao Chuanyu, Ng Yin Hong and Imran Shah, photos by Jacqueline Lau



As the Jamboree participants sang in the closing ceremony, "We're all in this together, and it shows, when we stand, hand in hand, make our dreams come true." Indeed, after five days of making new friends, taking part in various activities, and building common spaces, the participants are all in this together. 5 days of trading badges, having our shoes covered in mud and sleeping in tents, all these are now coming to an end. Although we are returning to our normal routine lives and back into our comfort zones, our lives will never be the same, with the new friendships forged and the new experiences gained.

Such a grand event deserves a spectacular ending. And what an ending it was! Kicking off at 7.30pm with the arrival of Guest-of-Honour Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister of Education, the professional emcee kept the crowd hyped up throughout the night.

We understood from Chief Commissioner Tan Cheng Kiong's speech that this is the largest ever youth camp organised in Singapore. This was followed by an entertaining skit by Louise from Australia and Hanmin from Singapore, where they reflected on their experiences in the Jamboree. Louise said, "I made many friends from many nations around the world, and learnt more about this nation... and my experience here will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Winner of International Night, a group from Thailand, performed their traditional dance, and was then quickly



followed by a performance from West Sub-camp, Mahive. "The Scouting movement is part and parcel of Singapore's education." Dr Ng further emphasised the importance of morals inculcated by Scouting, including responsibility and respect. Furthermore, the holistic education provided by Scouting, which includes mental, physical, spiritual lessons that can not be taught in class. An international movement that transcends geographical and language barriers, Scouting also contributes to inter-generation and inter-racial bonding, which plays a paramount role in shaping a harmonious society.

Following the memento exchange by foreign contingents, Dr Ng declared the



Jamboree closed and waved a wand which sparkled electric fire to extinguish the campfire. However, the adventure continues... and the Scouts partied all night long!

2350 scouts and leaders joined in setting a previously-unattempted mass dancing record. Former Clementi District Commissioner Margaret Anderson led the audience in learning the dance. Then, towards the end of the ceremony, all were invited to join in the movements while Singapore Book of Records President Ong Eng Huat observed the crowd and the dance. After eight minutes of dancing the Poco Poco, everyone was stopped and it was announced that JAMB100 had set the record for the largest mass dance group.

The dance was the 'Poco Poco': A traditional Indonesian dance which depicts harvesting padi. The dance was graciously lent to us by our Indonesian scouts to be used as the dance for our Mass Dance. They also led the other participants and leaders in dancing. If you haven't mastered it yet, it isn't too late to go learn it now!

Mixed Cultures

Text by Li Ming Yang, photos by Kelvin Chew

"Mabuhay! Welcome to the Philippines contingent", greeted the Emcees at the Philippines International Day. On behalf of the Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, Mr Jejomar C Binay, the Philippines



contingent presented a series of performances with strong, straight forward objectives.

After singing the national anthem of the Philippines, the contingent head, Attorney Wendel E Avisado was invited to give a speech. He stated that the objective of this celebration is for them to open up to all countries, showcasing their culture and traditions through songs and dances.

It was explained that many cultures influenced the Philippines over the years, especially the Spanish, by which the Philippines was colonised for 300 years. With a blend of unique tradition, the contingent performed a series of dances showcasing the multi-cultural aspect of the Filipino dance scene.

The celebration began with the elegant Spanish dance, followed by the more vigorous Indigenous people's dance, ending with a Muslim dance, which is especially significant as part of the Philippine population is Muslims.

"I wish everyone the best in their Scouting journey, and may world peace be achieved through Scouting one day!" eloquently put forward by Attorney Wendel E Avisado.

All that we do ultimately comes down to the goal of striving to achieve world peace through Scouting. Such a noble pursuit should be adopted by Scouts of all ages! May Scouting bring world peace!

JAMB100 wishes all participants a safe trip home. We hope you like the colour spread included!

Global Village, Global People

Text by Imran Shah, photos by David Yap and Kumanan Ilangovan

The concept of the Global Development Village may seem very boring to many. However, the booth vendors of the Global Development Village have planned and designed their booths and the activities in such captivating way that it stimulates their Scouting interest. For example, instead of just displaying posters on saving water, they were introduced to water-saving kits. Participants' creativity was encouraged by them being required to design kites instead of just flying them. They were also given a very enriching introduction to wildlife conservation by our entertaining station



masters. Also the ASEAN's friendship and solidarity display enabled the participants to self-learn some general information on our ASEAN neighbours.

You may not know this but the first Global Development Village was opened at the 21st World Scout Jamboree. It was designed to help participants reflect on issues and challenges facing the planet and the global community.

Of notice was the Scouts of the World Award booth which introduces the badge scheme to promote international rendition of help. Criterion for pursuit of the Award consists of a 3-day course, followed by an overseas expedition and a report on it. Brief descriptions of the previous expeditions were told to the audience and they were also shown souvenirs from the expeditions. The existence of the badge scheme for Rovers and young Adult Leaders must have been an eye opener to all.

It is inspiring how, through the Jamboree, the GDV has managed to bring together all the different countries and cultures in a wonderful atmosphere of friendship and peace.

Asia's Favourite Playground

Text and photos by Collin Wan and Gao Chuanyu

Ever wondered where the largest Merlion statue, the symbol of Singapore was? Ever wondered where you could get a go-cart ride down a trail as long as 650m? The foreign Scouts today found out more through a field trip, organised to allow them to experience the fun of visiting Asia's favourite playground.

After a walk through Vivo City, Singapore's largest retail destination, Scouts proceeded to Sentosa via sky train, connected to the top of Vivo City. Arriving at the Beach Station in Sentosa, Scouts went up the Sky Ride to take Southeast Asia's only Luge ride, a combination of go-carts and toboggans. During the Sky Ride, they enjoyed spectacular scenery of Singapore's seaport, one of the busiest in the world. Although it might be a heart-stopping experience for those with Altophobia, the breathtaking ride would soon relieved them of their discomfort. With a choice of two different tracks to proceed through, participants enjoyed themselves very



much, speeding down the trails together. The skyline Luge, the first in Southeast Asia, allows users to be in full control of the Luge, speeding down a trail which takes in the panoramic landscape Sentosa and Singapore's city skyscrapers.

Later, we walked to one of Sentosa's oldest attractions ever built since establishment, the Merlion, which stands at a staggering 37m in height. Having travelled to the mouth via the lift, Scouts took pictures on the half-fish half-lion, before being awed by the splendid 360° view of the picturesque urban landscape.



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View pictures of the Jamb:
www.scout.sg/gallery

Hungry for more? The majestic Festive Walk satisfied our sense of sight, with its luxurious and elegant Christmas decorations, mesmerizing Scouts with the dazzling baubles and ornaments, which caused us to spend a long time taking pictures of the exquisite architecture and design within the Resorts World Sentosa.

Of course, what the participants had seen was just a fraction of the many marvels on the island. Why not come on down to Sentosa and discover more about this magical and mysterious isle?



Gaming through the Time Machine

Text and photos by Collin Wan



Positioned at a snug corner of the Jamboree site, the Traditional Kampong Games booth played host to as many as 20 Scouts each day of the Jamboree. The environment around the booth was serene and shady, just beside the cultural booths in the Global Development Village. With games such as English draughts (currently known as "Checkers"), which dates back to almost 3000 BC, participants enjoyed themselves thoroughly as a form of pass-time and entertainment. Several Scouts even commented that they respected the makers of the games, for their creativity, and also that they learnt a lot from the different histories of the games available: English draughts, Congkak, Mikado and Knucklebones (otherwise called "Five Stones").

Just as Jose Bergamin (Spanish writer) once said, "Tradition simply means that we need to end what began well and continue what is worth continuing." May the games of traditions be passed down through future generations.



Reaching out to Extension

Text and photos by Kumanan Ilangovan

A section of Scouting that's often been forgotten, but still exists in the backdrop of Scouting. While many Scouts in Singapore are actively pursuing progress badges and various awards, the Extension Scouting scene in Singapore is not as vibrant.

So how exactly has Scouting helped our friends in society with special needs? Ms Norhaiza, Scout Leader of Metta School, explains that children with special



needs usually learn best by doing a task rather than listening or seeing how a task is being done. And this method of learning is well-complemented by the Scouting Method, which she feels has helped the students learn moral and social values.

With such positive outlook on Scouting, it is by no surprise that Metta School decided to join in the 3rd ASEAN Jamboree as the only Extension Scout Troop.

By participating in the Jamboree, she feels that the Scouts are able to see the Scouting values that they've learnt being put to practice. The exposure to International Scouting and to the idea of Worldwide Brotherhood has also changed the extension Scouts' mindset to making friends beyond their own social circle.

The Jamboree has made it possible for many of her youth to try out new activities that they've never participated in, like air rifle shooting and high element canopy walk. Joining in the Jamboree for the first time in their life are brothers, Ramdan

and Khairi, who have nothing else to say asid from, "Fun, fun and very exciting", when asked about how they felt participating in the Canopy Walk Challenge.

Despite the many good developments Norhaiza has seen among her youth, she feels that more could be done to bring about awareness to our mainstream Scouts about Extension Scouting. She hopes that Scouts would learnt to accept people with different needs and ability, and find common spaces to work with so as to bring about greater good to society.

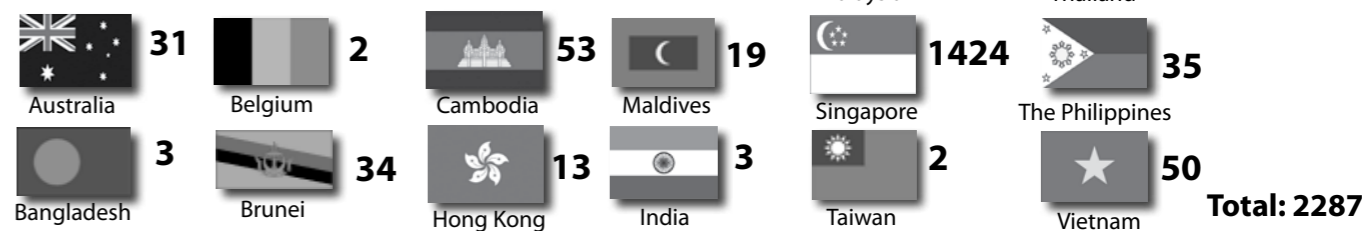
She was particularly appreciative of the East Sub-Camp staff for going out of their way, to ensure that the needs of these youth are taken care of, to the extent that they accommodated the request to allow her Scouts to participate in the Sub-Camp performance for International Night. Well done East Sub-Camp for leading the way!

Continuing their Adventure from the Jamboree, the Scouts will be embarking on a six-day Mount Kinabalu expedition next week. Let's all wish them a safe and happy journey ahead in Scouting.



And in this corner we have....again

A quick (rough) tally of Country representation among the participants & staff



OPENING CEREMONY 5 DEC

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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT 7 DEC

Photos by Jacqueline Lau



CLOSING CEREMONY 8 DEC

Photos by Jacqueline Lau



JAMBOREE LIFE AND PROGRAMME

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