



## New Scout of the World Base in Singapore

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Scouts of the World Award programme took flight officially at the start of 2006, along with the rise of Rovering in Singapore. It had since then been incorporated into the Rover Progress Scheme, along which coincides with the part of the criteria for Singapore's National Youth Achievement Award.

The programme started small with Muhammad Khair being the Base Manager. Due to the novelty of the programme in Asia Pacific Region, let alone Singapore, he had to take time to understand and digest the information. It was then he enrolled the help of a Senior Rover, Tan Sijie, who eventually became the Scouts of the World Programme Secretary under the National Rover Council. Together, they spearheaded the programme and started brainstorming ideas and utilising every opportunity available to implement the programme.

The effort finally paid off with the completion of the first Scouts of the World Discovery Component in October 2006, with a total of 9 participants certified. Success followed shortly in September 2007 when the first batch of 7 participants completed the Scouts of the World Voluntary Service Component. The Voluntary Service project spanned a total of almost half a year, including preparations, training, overseas expedition and pre and post events. The project was eventually highlighted as a case study for Youth Expedition Project - National Youth Council, Singapore.

Currently, Singapore Base is finding ways to further improve and expand the programme. Publicity and recruitments are being done, projects are being sourced for and collaboration with other NSOs in APR are also being discussed. It is a mission for us to actively spread the awareness of Scouts of the World Award and to enrich the lives and expand the knowledge of Youths, who eventually will be the fruits of our Movement.