



JUNE 2010

What's New

Update: 7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

This June, the vibrant city of Bangalore will welcome over 140 Scouting leaders from 22 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Also to be represented is the World Scout Committee (WSC) with Vice-Chairmen Simon Rhee and Mario Diaz, WSC member Eric Khoo, and Secretary General Luc Panissod. Regional Chairman Jejomar C Binay will preside over the gathering.

Bharat Scouts & Guides and the Host Organizing Committee Chairman Mohammad Ali Khalid have been preparing for months to make the Summit remarkable and memorable. In fact, a publication will be produced as a recap of the Summit's 17-year journey since it began in 1993.

With the involvement of high caliber leaders in Scouting, the Summit will deliver a fresh perspective on the "Cause of Scouting" as well as insights into what is forthcoming from the 2011 World Scout Conference in Brazil.

Most significantly, participants will be heavily engaged in planning sessions, starting with "envisioning" from an external perspective. From there, they will draw an Asia-Pacific Regional vision beyond 2013, and then identify strategic priorities and major elements that will constitute the APR Plan from 2012 to 2015.

Various meetings and events are scheduled before and during the Summit:

- 21-22 June: Sub-Committee meetings
- 22 June: Awards Committee/ Regional Governance Review Task Force Meeting
- 23 June: APR Scout Foundation Management Committee Meeting
- 23 June: APR Scout Committee Meeting
- 25 June: APR Foundation Fundraising Dinner
- 26 June: ATAS Gathering

Taking advantage of the presence of NSO key leaders and decision-makers, an informal discussion will take place amongst Chief Commissioners, International Commissioners and Chief Scout Executives. This will take place on 27th June before the closing ceremony.

On 26th June, a special session will be arranged for national and local leaders of the Bharat Scouts & Guides. It will be an opportunity for world and regional Scouting leaders and their brother Scouts in India to exchange ideas about the general direction and future of Scouting.

All related information on the Summit can be viewed at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

Developing a growth strategy

Scout Leaders working on membership growth at national and local level

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

Committee NSO Visit

10-11 June
Fiji

CSPSA Gathering

14-18 June
Tonga

Sub-Committee/ Regional Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 June
India

7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

24-27 June
Bangalore, India

4th Mongolia Scout Jamboree

2-7 July
Mongolia

Europe Regional Conference

17-21 July
Belgium

Committee NSO Visit

23-25 July
Hong Kong

World Rover Moot

27 July – 07 August
Kenya

Suncheon Board Meeting

02 August
Suncheon, Korea

27th APR Scout Jamboree

04-09 August
Suncheon, Korea

APR Air/Internet Jamboree

07-08 August
Malaysia

APR Management Meeting

16-18 August
Philippines

shared their ideas and practices during the APR Workshop on Membership Growth that was held on 20-23 May in Johor Bahru City, Malaysia. This was the first regional workshop focusing entirely on membership growth.

"Visibility of Scouting through community projects can encourage a Scout to bring in others to join Scouting," said National Chief Commissioner of Malaysia and Consultant to the Regional Scout Committee, Dato' Kaharudin bin Haji Momin.

The workshop had the full support of the Johor State Government who welcomed 40 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Regional Scout Committee Vice Chairman Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani, Programme Sub committee Vice Chairman Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy, Sub-Committee members Nasaruddin Shamsuddin and Radzwan bin Hussain, including Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia National and State Commissioners were among the guests. Johor State Commissioner Tuan Haji Yaacob B. Karim represented the state government.

One of the workshop objectives was to find ways of achieving the regional growth target of increasing 4% every year. To achieve the objectives, the "6 Thinking Hat Strategy" by Edward de Bono was used.

Kevin Camilleri, Project Manager from the European Region, presented an important session on membership registration tool. Kevin is responsible for developing the software for selected NSOs in Europe.

To conclude the workshop, participants adopted a 5-point recommendation, one of which is to explore the models of Scouting for Growth in order to reach out to all segments of society.

Heading the overseas team was Membership Growth Sub-Committee Chairman Ms Emma Barker (Australia) who worked closely with Dr Jeffrey Ho (Singapore), Prof Dr. Ahmad Zaki and Nasaruddin Shamsuddin (Malaysia). Mohamed Azlan bin Abdull Jalil facilitated the workshop assisted by APR Director Thian Hiong Boon.

Four YAMG members were also present: Mohd Hafiz Ariffin (Malaysia), Krittee Tantivisikul (Thailand), Oliver Zikai Lim (Singapore) and Dicky Lam Kwok Hei (Hong Kong). They had a meeting and a video conferencing with three other members who were not present.

First community based Scouting workshop opens in Davao

Davao City, known as the fruit capital of the Philippines, hosted 34 participants from nine national Scout organizations (NSOs) and 16 local councils of Boy Scouts of the Philippines for the first ever Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Community-based Scouting. The workshop ran from 27th to 30th May at an eco-friendly resort in the city.

Considering that a large percentage of the region's Scouting population is school-based, the workshop aimed at identifying the importance of extending Scouting beyond schools thereby creating a closer relationship with communities. This is one of the ways to achieve the regional target of 4% annual growth across the region in time for the next Scout conference in 2012.

World Scout Committee Meeting

3-5 September
Geneva

APR Communications Forum

16-19 September
Bhutan

Ticket to Life Coordinator's Meeting

1-4 October
Nepal

World JOTA/JOTI

16-17 October
Worldwide

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

30-31 October, Korea

WSPU 6th General Assembly

1-4 November
Korea

Centenary Jamboree & 3rd ASEAN Jamboree

4-9 December
Singapore

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Workshop sessions focused on best practices of selected NSOs who were successful in using either the community-based or school-based models with the same end-goal: reach out to more young people. Examples were presented on community-based practices of NSOs in Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the USA. Korea and the Philippine presenters cited their growing partnerships with civic organizations and social institutions. Hong Kong shared the novelty of Scouting in prisons and a speaker from Singapore talked about on-going collaboration with service clubs. Indonesians explained the active involvement of community leaders as unit leaders.

Participants enjoyed local hospitality when community Scout groups in the Barangays (smallest social units) and Barangay leaders hosted them for a dialogue and a traditional dinner.

Recommendations were shared at the end of the workshop, mostly touching on sharing best practices on-line and the provision of resources to maintain the long-term sustainability of Community-Based Scouting.

APR Programme Sub-Committee Chairman Jose Eduardo Delgado officiated the formal opening of the workshop, attended by BSP Secretary General JR Pangilinan who delivered a special message from APR Chairman Jejomar C Binay. Mr Wendel Avisado, member of APR Membership Growth Sub-Committee, was the workshop director and host.

Among the resource people at the workshop are Programme sub-committee vice chairman Rajalingam Ramasamy (Malaysia) and Ms Susi Yuliati (Indonesia), a sub-committee member.

CNV cites good Scouting practices in India

Representatives of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in the Asia-Pacific Region largely appreciated the progress of the Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG) at the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) held in New Delhi from 5th to 7th May 2010.

Using the eight-point guideline of the CNV Package, members of the visiting team identified a number of good practices of the BS&G that could be worth-sharing with other organizations. An area that shows potential is how BS&G is marketing its programme to young people of all Scouting sections.

In a dialogue with Rover and Ranger Scout in New Delhi and nearby areas, the CNV team were pleased to hear suggestions from youth members on how Scouting and Guiding could be improved.

This CNV Mission to India is part of the ongoing programme of the Regional Scout Committee to visit every NSO within the region before mid 2011, making it the 14th NSO to be covered under the programme since early 2008.

The visiting team comprised of first Vice-Chairman Mr Prakorb Mukura, members Mr Fazlur Rahman and Shree Ram Lamichhane, accompanied by Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and APR Director Mr Thian Hiong-Boon. Counterparts from WAGGGS Asia-Pacific Committee member Ms Normala Baharudin and Regional Director Ms Ming Fe Wu were present.

Bharat Scouts & Guides National Commissioner L. M. Jain headed the team of senior volunteers and professionals who actively participated in the CNV deliberation.

Ticket to Life project draws media interest and community support

Ticket to Life (TTL), a project of the Asia-Pacific Region, attracted huge media attention in Gorakhpur City, in Uttar Pradesh in India during the visit of Asia-Pacific Scout Leaders to four Scout troops based in Maharjgunj district. The TTL project involves over 100 children who are in difficult circumstances and for three years now, they have been enjoying Scouting activities.

Maharjgunj is a very remote district, about seven kilometers away from Nepal border. It was the first time for Scout leaders from the AP region to set foot on the district.

Around two dozen media people from nine TV channels and seven newspapers covered the event where the children showed their cooperation and enthusiastically displayed their newfound skills.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed was part of the visiting team together with Joint Director of BSG Mr Rakesh Sharma and APR Director Mr Thian Hiong-Boon. TTL Coordinator Harish Srivasta who supervises the troop explained how the project is positively affecting the children and how their training is translated in practical ways.

Scout troops in Maharjgunj District are scattered in three schools with 96 young girls and boys. A fourth troop at Junior High School in Sikarpur will be included shortly, making a total of over 120 children. TTL project also runs five other troops in Orissa State where there are 160 children.

Apart from holding regular troop meetings where children learn Scout skills, they are also taught vocational skills during special camps like stitching and flower base-making skills. At a local market, the children sell their flower vases made from recycled materials.

Involvement of schools and the community in the Ticket to Life project was evident in this district. At the S.P. Girls Inter College, school principal Janardan Prasad Gupta made elaborate arrangements to welcome the visitors. Again, there was an overwhelming welcome from Scout leaders of the North Eastern Railway led by Chief Commissioner Rakesh Triparthi who expressed his gratitude for choosing their district to run the TTL project for their most underprivileged children. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed talked about the operation of TTL project in 8 countries where the number of children being served is increasing, and thanked Scout volunteers and the community for their dedication to the project.

June Focus: South Pacific Gathering

Scout Leaders in the South Pacific look forward to the second week of June to gather in Nuku'alofa in Tonga for the CSPSA Forum and workshop. CSPSA stands for *Council of South Pacific Scout Associations* which comprises member NSOs and potential members around the South Pacific. These are Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, New Caledonia, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The CSPSA forum has been organized every two years since 2004. This time, resource persons will come from Australia, New

Zealand and the World Scout Bureau/ Asia Pacific Office. In addition, a high level team of UK Scouts namely Nigel Haily and Daisy Charlton will attend the forum and workshop.

New Executive Staff

We are happy to welcome a new member of the APR Scouting family, Mr Farouk Bouraoui, who joined the World Scout Bureau in Manila on 24th May as Development Support Manager. Farouk is 32 years old who used to work with the Algerian Muslim Scouts and member of WOSM's Environmental Education Team.

Farouk is responsible for environmental education and partnerships. He supports the Education, Research and Development Team and monitors the strategic priority "Community" of the APR Plan.

APR Leaders honoured with Bronze Wolf

Two prominent regional leaders – John Ravenhall of Australia and Katsura Kuno of Japan – have been cited as recipients of the prestigious Bronze Wolf, the only award in world Scouting. John and Kuno are long-time Scout volunteers at local and international levels. We share their joy of being recognized for their remarkable voluntary services and outstanding contributions to Scouting.

What's Ongoing

Committee NSO Visit

Who: National Commissioners and key leaders of Fiji Scouts Association and Members of the Regional Scout Committee

When: 10-11 June 2010

Where: Suva, Fiji

CSPSA Forum and Workshop

Who: Members of the the Council for South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA) with World Scout Bureau/ APR Executives

Where: Nuku'alofa Tonga

When: 14-18 June 2010

Sub-Committee/ Regional Scout Committee Meeting

Who: Members of Regional Scout Committee and Sub-Committees, World Scout Committee members, World Scout Bureau staff

When: 21-23 June 2010

Where: Bangalore, India

7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who: Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, Chief Scout Executive or equivalent;

All Sub-Committee members are invited to the meetings on 21-22 June

When: 24-27 June 2010

Where: Bangalore, Karnataka, India

What's Upcoming

4th Mongolia Scout Jamboree

Who: Scout members of Scout age from Mongolia and overseas
When: 2-7 July 2010
Where: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Committee NSO Visit

Who: Commissioner and Key Leaders of the Scout Association of Hong Kong and Regional Scout Committee members
When: 23-25 July 2010
Where: Kowloon, Hong Kong

Suncheon Board Meeting

Who: Board Members of Suncheon Asia Pacific Scout Centre
When: 2 August 2010
Where: Suncheon, Korea

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27th APR Scout Jamboree

Who: Young people both male and female aged 12 to 17 years old.
International Service Team (IST) aged above 18 years old and ideally not above 45 years old.
When: 4-9 August 2010
Where: Suncheon, Jeolla Province, Korea

6th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

Who: Scouting units throughout the Asia-Pacific Region
When: 7-8 August 2010
Where: Hosted by Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia