

MAY 2009

What's New

Scouting relaunched in Timor Leste

After a three-year lapse of activities in Timor Leste, the association relaunched Scouting in a ceremonial way on 20 April in Dili. State Secretary for Youth, Miguel M. G. Manetelu, signed a declaration on behalf of the government to officially recognize the Scout Association of Timor Leste or UNETL.

A large crowd of young people and the media witnessed the gathering, attended by the Chief Commissioner and most of the executive members. The State Secretary acknowledged the value of scouting to country's youth and appealed to parents to enroll their children in Scouting and to the general public for their support. He said that "scouting is a builder of character and an excellent choice for peace building". Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed represented the region and explained the scope of work of the Scout Movement.

Macau aims for better Scouting

The Scout Association of Macau (SAM), with the support of Asia-Pacific Region, held the national strategic planning review workshop on 08-12 April. A total of 16 participants reviewed the plan with the theme "Better Scouting: 2013".

SAM now targets a membership of 3,500 by 2012, a huge goal of almost 50% from its current numbers. At the plan review, participants considered youth program, adult resources, organizational development, WOSM full membership, membership growth and public relations & communication as the priority areas for 2009-2012.

Workshop facilitators comprised of Deputy Chief Commissioners, International Commissioner, Training Commissioner, Program Commissioner, HQ Commissioners, Group Leaders and young people. Asia-Pacific Regional office Director S Prassanna Shrivastava facilitated the workshop.

Photo Contest Winners 2009

At the final selection of entries for the 7th APR Scout Photo Contest held in March 2009 in Japan, six photos were selected as winners by a panel of judges headed by Mr Takeyoshi Tanuma, president of Japan Professional Photographers Society.

Winners are –Gold Prize, Selim Newaj Bhuiyan (Bangladesh Scouts); Silver Prize, Robert McKnight (Scouts Australia), Peng Hong Yeoh (Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia); Bronze Prize, Selim Newaj Bhuiyan (Bangladesh Scouts), and Abdul Razik Subarnoh Tiksoy (Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia) with two entries winning the bronze prize.

Prizes will be presented at the 23rd APR Scout Conference in Malaysia in October.

2009 EVENTS

Committee NSO Visit

10-12 May
Maldives

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers

15-21 May
Sri Lanka

APR Management Meeting

26-28 May
Philippines

Committee NSO Visit

1-3 June
Japan

Program Review Workshop

12-15 June
Mongolia

Committee NSO Visit

17-19 June
Mongolia

APR Forum for Youth Program & Training Commissioners

7-10 July
Cambodia

4th Preparatory Meeting of the 26th APR Scout

Jamboree
28-29 July
Philippines

Air Internet Jamboree

1-2 August
Singapore

Candidates for Regional Scout Committee 2009-2015

In response to the region's call for nominations for Regional Scout Committee members for 2009-2015, a total of seven candidatures were received, namely:

- Mr Shree Ram Lamichhane, Nepal Scouts
- Dr Azrul Azwar, Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia
- Mr Shim, Sang-ho, Korea Scout Association
- Ms Emma Barker, Scouts Australia
- Dr Mak, Wai-Ming, The Scout Association of Hong Kong
- Dr Chao, Shou-Po, Scouts of China
- Mr Nicholas Tang, The Singapore Scout Association

Profiles of all candidates are outlined in a regional circular to be sent to NSOs. Five candidates will be elected by member Scout associations during the 23rd APR Scout Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia hosts three events in a row

Malaysia celebrates 100 years of Scouting. Over 10,000 Malaysian Scouts celebrated the hundredth year of Scouting in the country in a grand gathering at the national stadium in Kuala Lumpur. Dignitaries joined the rally, including the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tan Sri Muhyiddin bin Yassin; former Prime Minister Tun Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi who is the Honorary President of PPM; the Minister of Youth and Sports, the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur; the Chief Scout of PPM and the Chief Commissioner. On this occasion, Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay presented the APR Award for Distinguished Service to former Prime Minister Badawi.

A partnership was sealed between PPM and Bank Rakyat with a donation of RM100,000 for Malaysia's 100 years exhibition and an agreement to work on various Scouting activities.

Recognition was also given to Malaysian leaders who made indelible marks at world and regional Scouting – former World and APR Chairman Tan Sri Kamarul Ariffin bin Yassin; former APR PR Chairman Datuk Ku Bahador bin Ku Baharum; and former sub-committee member Geoffrey Teo. The awardees received the 100-year commemorative medal.

4th Conference Preparatory Meeting. The Scout association in Malaysia welcomed the regional team for the 4th preparatory meeting of the forthcoming regional conference in October, including the two ancillary events. All meetings took place at the International Youth Center, which will be the venue for the APR Youth Forum and Course for Leader Trainers.

Malaysia's Chief Scout Ybng. Dato Seri Shafie and Chief Commissioner Dato Kaharudin and HOC Chairman Zakran bin Abdul Mannan, joined the regional team to review all areas of concentration and to make the conference a purposeful and enjoyable event.

Regional Scout Committee Meeting. A fast track two-day meeting of the Regional Scout Committee was held on 25-26 April at the IYC. Discussions covered progress reports, budget, regional plan implementation, incorporation of the APR Scout Foundation, APR awards and updates on forthcoming major events. Part of the meeting was a visit to the impressive Hilton – Kuala Lumpur, venue of the forthcoming regional conference, to identify befitting locations for a conference of 500 people.

APR Workshop on PR & Marketing

1-4 August
Maldives

International Scout Seminar on Intellectual Property

1-4 September
Thailand

APR Course for Leader Trainers

19-25 October
Malaysia

6th APR Scout Youth Forum

22-25 October
Malaysia

23rd APR Scout Conference

27 October – 1 November
Malaysia

APR Disaster Management Workshop

16-19 November
Indonesia

7th SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering

21 November
India

7th South Asia Friendship Camp

20-26 November
India

26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

28 December –
3 January
Philippines

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More announcements on Regional Scout Conference

In relation to the regional conference in October, the APR office is issuing the following circulars shortly:

- Final conference agenda
- Proposed amendments to the regional constitution & by-laws, and conference rules of procedure
- Call for nominations for APR sub-committees 2009-2012
- List of candidates for Regional Scout Committee 2009-2015

Based on the focus areas adopted at the recent APR Scout Leaders Summit, the Regional Scout Committee decided to have six sub-committees to be responsible for the eight priority areas. Sub-committees will be Youth Programme, Adult Resources, Management, Financial Resources, Scouting Profile and Membership Growth.

The Regional Scout Committee also agreed on a new Terms of Reference for the APR Scout Foundation and will call for nominations from NSOs for the Foundation Management Committee.

WOSM SG visits Bangladesh

On his recent trip to south Asia, WOSM Secretary General (then the Acting SG), went to Bangladesh for the very first time. Young people and national leaders welcomed Luc Panissod starting with a campfire of Rover Scouts who, at that time, were having a Patrol Leaders Training cum health camp. Mr Panissod paid a courtesy call on the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Hon Md. Zillur Rahman, who took his oath as Chief Scout.

Mr Panissod had a briefing with national leaders of Bangladesh Scouts where he spoke about the global situation in Scouting and listened to the sharing of key leaders on the progress of Scouting in Bangladesh.

UNEP and Scouts to plant trees on World Environment Day

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), in its long-standing partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), encourage the participation of Scouts in activities with their local community on the 5th of June.

WOSM is entering a partnership with UNEP where \$US100,000 is being distributed amongst 10 National Scout Organizations with the intention of planting 65,000 trees on World Environment Day. Two national Scout organizations in the region – The Bharat Scouts & Guides and Boy Scouts of the Philippines – are joining the project with a commitment from each NSO to plant and care for at least 6,500 trees starting on 5 June.

Youth Forum Guideline revised

The Regional Scout Committee, in its meeting on 25-26 April 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, decided to increase the maximum number of participants for the APR Scout Youth Forum per member country. The decision is to have two delegates and eight observers, which is a maximum of 10 participants per NSO.

The decision to increase youth participation is based on the need to encourage the attendance of more young people in the youth forum and to take active part in the regional conference.

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Australian Scout leader appointed as Internal Auditor

APR congratulates Ian Langford-Brown from Australia who has been appointed as Internal Auditor of the World Scout Bureau (a volunteer position) to succeed John Neysmith, former Internal Auditor, who has been elected as a member of the World Scout Committee.

As announced by the World Scout Bureau, Ian is active in the Asia-Pacific Region participating in many Regional Conferences, Leader Summits and workshops in recent years and as a member of their Financial Resources Sub-Committee. Ian is a Chartered Accountant and was a partner in Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for 27 years before he retired. He has a strong background in business management, taxation, corporate governance and risk management. Ian's professional experience was at both the domestic and international level and he was a member of a number of committees advising the Australian Government on a range of taxation matters. Ian currently conducts a small accountancy practice from his home in Sydney.

Gone Home: Eddie Hui

It is with sadness to announce that Mr Eddie Hui, former International Commissioner of the Scout Association of Hong Kong, passed away in the early morning of 4 May. The funeral service will be held on 22 and 23 May at the Hong Kong Funeral Parlour.

What's On-going

Committee NSO Visit

Who Key Commissioners and Regional Scout Committee members
When 10-12 May
Where Maldives

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers

Who Qualified Scout Leaders
When 15-21 May
Where Colombo, Sri Lanka

APR Management Meeting

Who Executives of WSB/APR
When 26-28 May
Where Makati City, Philippines

What's Upcoming

Committee NSO Visit

Who Key Commissioners and Regional Scout Committee members
When 1-3 June
Where Tokyo, Japan

Program Review Workshop

Who Commissioners and Scout Leaders of Scout Association of Mongolia
When 12-15 June
Where Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Committee NSO Visit

Who Key Commissioners and Regional Scout Committee members
When 17-19 June
Where Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

APR Forum for Youth Program & Training Commissioners

Who National Program Commissioners and National Training Commissioners
When 7-10 July
Where Cambodia

Be Prepared

23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference

Who Delegates: Each member organization is entitled to send a maximum of six delegates.

Observers: NSOs may send adequate number of Scout Leaders and youth members as observers.

Accompanying Persons Spouses/friends are invited as accompanying persons to the delegates or observers

When 27 October – 01 November 2009
Where Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Fee
Delegates and Observers 1,000 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Accompanying persons 850 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Youth Participants 450 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Youth Forum participants 135 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leader Trainers - Malaysia

Who Assistant Leader Trainer (ALT/3 beads holder) for at least 3 years
When 19 – 25 October 2009
Where International Youth Centre (IYC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Fee Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 500.00 per participant

6th APR Scout Youth Forum – Malaysia

Who Members aged between 18 to 26 years old on date of the forum.
When 22 - 25 October 2009
Where International Youth Centre (IYC) - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Fee Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 350.00 per participant