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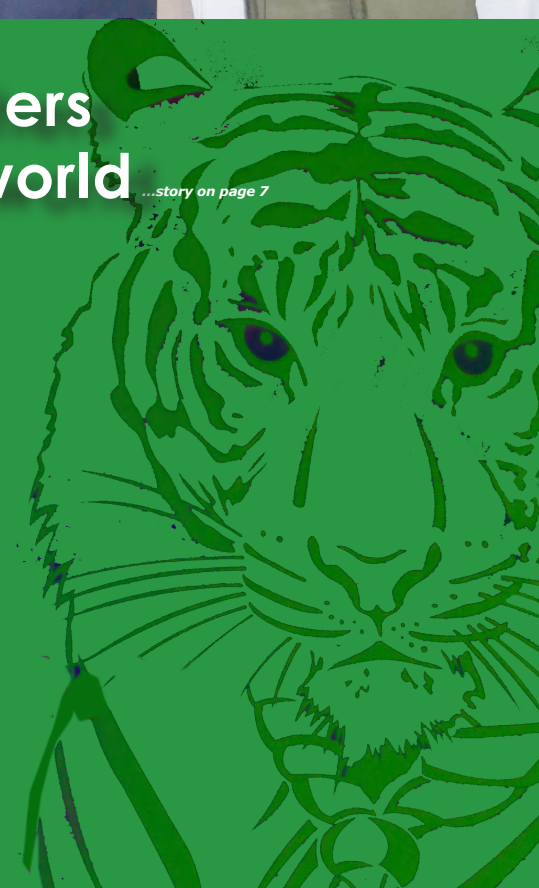
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Regional Scout Committee

Conference delegates voted for the five new members of the Regional Scout Committee for the term 2012-2018.

Newly elected members are Mr Janaprith Fernando (Sri Lanka), Mr Paul Parkinson (Australia), Ms Reiko Suzuki (Japan), Mr Wendel E Avisado (Philippines) and Mr Abul Kalam Azad (Bangladesh). In addition, Ms Sornsawan Ho (Thailand), chairman of the Young Adult Members Group, is a full-fledged member with voting rights following a constitutional amendment, bringing the Regional Scout Committee to 11 members.

Continuing their term for another three years until 2015 are Dr Azrul Azwar (Indonesia), Mr Sang Ho Shim (Korea), Mr Shree Ram Lamichhane (Nepal), Mr Nicholas Tang (Singapore) and Dr Chao Shou Po (Scouts of China). Dr Chao was elected Chairman of the Regional Scout Committee with Shree Ram Lamichhane as the 1st Vice Chairman and Reiko Suzuki as the 2nd Vice-Chairman.

Committee members who completed their term at the conference were Hon Jejomar C Binay (Philippines), Mr Prakorb Mukura (Thailand), Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin bin Sarwani (Malaysia), Mr M. Fazlur Rahman (Bangladesh), Mr Syed Parvez Ali Shah Jillani (Pakistan) and Mr Maedh Mohamed Zahir (Maldives, Young Adult Members Group).

New APR Sub-Committees

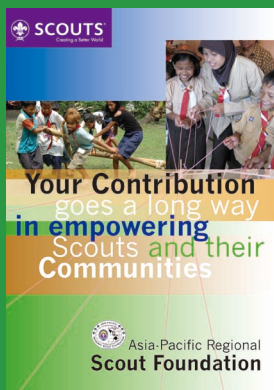
The re-composition of the five APR Subcommittees for 2012-2015 was announced at the last day of the conference. Programme Sub-committee chairman is Mr Lian Ie-Bien (Scouts of China), Adult Sub-committee chairman is Rajalingam Ramasamy, Management Sub-Committee Chairman is Mr Malcolm Tan (Singapore), Finance Sub-Committee Chairman is Mr Joseph Lau (Hong Kong), and Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Chairman is Mr Richard Miller (Australia). Mr Simon Hang Bock Rhee (Korea) was reelected as the President of the Foundation Management Committee while Mr Alex Wong (Hong Kong) chairs the Awards Committee.

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Hon. Binay bids goodbye, welcomes Dr. Chao Shou-Po



In his final message to the participants and guests as Chairman of the Regional Scout Committee and Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, Hon. Jejomar C Binay quoted Robert F. Kennedy saying that "few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

Hon Jejomar C Binay said, "the moment of leaving fills me with great personal emotion and working with all of you has been a very fulfilling experience". He said that the conference made him feel very special as he received two highest national Scout awards: Silver Elephant from Bangladesh Scouts, personally conferred by the Chief Scout and President of Bangladesh His Excellency President Zillur Rahman and the Silver World Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

As the new Chairman of the Regional Scout Committee, Dr Chao Shou-Po highlighted the APR Vision 2020 and said that greater efforts must be and can be made in the following four areas: To make the Scout Movement more attractive to the youth; reaching out more actively

and extensively to governmental agencies, other NGOs and NPOs; more and greater efforts for the promotion of community scouting; and more awareness of important global issues.

Binay also personally thanked the Asia-Pacific Regional Office under the leadership of Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed for keeping the flame of working together. He said, "Thank you, Rasheed, for acceding to my call for you to continue your service in the Bureau for another three years since the Malaysia conference in 2009. While it pains our hearts to let go of you, we sincerely hope that you would not turn your back to the service of manhood".

Mr Rasheed is retiring in June 2013. He received a special plaque of appreciation from World Scout Committee Chairman Simon Hang Bock Rhee and Secretary General Luc Panissod for his 11 years of dedicated service to world Scouting. Earlier, he received the Silver World Award from Boy Scouts of America.

The conference also gave a couple of standing ovations to Mr Luc Panissod who has served world Scouting for more than 30 years and retired in December 2012.

7th APR Scout Youth Forum

The 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum was held from 17th to 21st November 2012 at BRAC Centre for Development and Management, in Savar, Bangladesh.

The regional youth forum provides an opportunity for young people to discuss and express their views on issues affecting them while sharpening their skills on decision-making. As the forum is linked to the regional conference, its inputs and recommendations are taken into consideration after the steering committee, headed by youth forum chairman prepares it and presents it to the regional conference.

There were 71 boys and girls from 24 countries attended the regional youth forum with the theme 'Scouting Bridging the Gap.' Mr Abul Kalam Azad, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Culture Affairs inaugurated the Youth Forum a chief guest. Present at the opening were APR Programme Sub-Committee Vice Chairman Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy; Bangladesh Scouts President Mr Md Abdul Karim; Young Adult Members Group Chairman Mr Maeedh Mohammad Zahir and Youth Forum Director Mr Shafayatul Islam Khan.

Participants of the 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum elected six young leaders from different National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific forming the new Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) for the term 2012-2015. They are Pangkaj Sutradhar (Bangladesh), Tam Man-ying (Hong Kong), Nizarul Idhafi Omar (Malaysia), Firuzul Abdulla Khaleel (Maldives), Eugene Lester Lin (Philippines), and Sornsawan Ho (Thailand).

Sornsawan was elected as Chairman and will represent the YAMG to the Regional Scout Committee. The remaining five will serve in the five Sub-committees: Young People, Adult Support, Management, Finance and Scouting Profile. Apart from their sub-committee involvement, YAMG members will take part in planning and supporting the next 8th APR Scout Youth Forum in 2015.

The inclusion of YAMG in the region's operational framework demonstrates the Regional Committee's confidence in the capability of young people to take responsibilities at regional level and provides young people with experience in operating with regional level structures, in decision-making bodies such as the RSC, and all its sub-committees.



Course for Leader Trainers

The refurbished Bangladesh Scouts National Training Centre in Mouchak was the venue of the APR Course for Leader Trainers. The course opened on 15th November 2012 and ended on the 21st.

The ideal ambience of the training centre set the high energy level of participants right from the beginning. Bangladesh Scouts worked for months to renovate the centre with upgraded facilities at the session halls, lodging, discussion rooms and planting more trees around the area. Facilities include a new auditorium named after Manzoor Ul Karim, former Chief National Commissioner and former Chairman of the APR Scout Committee in the 1980s.

Mr Md. Abdul Karim, President of Bangladesh Scouts inaugurated the course and welcomed 49 participants from 15 National Scout Organizations:

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the USA.

Abdul Karim said that it was a rare occasion for Bangladesh leaders to join this highest level of training of trainers and to exchange views and ideas with participants from other countries.

The course covered five modules and Risk & Safety Management Skill was added as an elective, and Team-Talk was introduced as a new topic.

Mr Rafiqul Islam Khan was the Course Leader while overseas trainers include Dr Mak Wai-Ming (Hong Kong), Paul Parkinson (Australia), Dr Cyrus Wadia (India), Joko Musitho (Indonesia), Dr Mirza Ali Haider (Bangladesh) and Thian Hiong-Boon (World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Region).



2nd Chief Scout Executives Meet

Thirteen Chief Scout Executives (CSEs) and seven representatives from 15 NSOs gathered on 22nd November at the BICC in Dhaka, Bangladesh and discussed how they can strengthen the services of NSOs to their direct and indirect customers.

External resource speaker Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid, Professor at the University of Dhaka, gave an input on Service Management which became the jumping

board for the discussions on the role of NSOs. APR Management Sub Committee Chairman Mr Janaprith Fernando briefed on the work undertaken by the APR Management Sub-Committee (2009–2012) and the release of the concept paper "Services from NSOs" that speaks of the NSO role being the service provider to its direct and indirect clients ranging from sub-national level organizations to young people.

WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod, who attended the meeting, said "Scouting is a voluntary organization, that without young people there will be no Scouting. Without leaders, there will be no Scouting, and without the professionals, there will hardly be any Scouting."

He encouraged to always keep a perspective that maintaining the interest of competent professionals and balancing with volunteers is crucial.

The chief executives agreed to meet regularly in conjunction with regional summits and regional conferences.





24th APR Scout Conference gathers Scouts and leaders around the world

H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, graced the opening ceremony and welcomed overseas participants to see the beauty, color and culture of Bangladesh.

The support and presence of Md. Abdul Karim, President of Bangladesh Scouts and Md Abul Kalam Azad, Chief National Commissioner were strongly felt throughout the event.

The conference had more than 425 participants and guests from 25 National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region, with guests from Africa, Arab, Inter-America, Europe and Eurasia. A number of World Scout Committee members were present, including Chairperson Mr Simon Hang Bock Rhee, Secretary General Luc Panissod and Secretary General designate Scott Teare.

Host Organizing Committee Chairman Mr Habibul Alam said in his remarks that although there might be some limitations in some areas, he assured the participants that their best efforts have been utilized.

Welcome dinner was arranged at the Army Golf Club

with chief guest, Mr Abul Maal A Muhith, Finance Minister and patron of the conference.

A moment of silence and prayer for the victims and bereaved families of the tragic fire that occurred in a garment factory in Bangladesh at the time of the conference.







Scouts Australia supports national government to fight child abuse

Scouts Australia has reinforced their commitment to fight child abuse and welcomed a recent decision by their Federal Government to establish a national Royal Commission into institutional responses to instances and allegations of child abuse in Australia. Scouts Australia has announced on their website that the National Scout Organization will assist the Australian national government's Royal Commission in whatever way possible.

Scouts Australia has a zero tolerance for abuse of any kind and for decades has had a policy and practice to report all instances of potential child abuse to police. Like several National Scout Organizations, Scouts Australia has always made records and files freely available to the police and other child protection authorities.

At the global level, in over 105 years of its existence, World Scouting has always strived to ensure that children and young people have a safe passage throughout their time in the Movement, which respects their integrity and their right to develop in a non-constraining environment.

Over the years, several policies, statements and resolutions have been made to remind National Scout Organizations of the importance of child protection, and to keep up with the developments in this area, in a constantly changing society where new terminologies are created to strengthen emphasis on various aspects of an issue. Within months of adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), World Scouting passed a resolution in its Paris World Conference (1990), calling on its National Scout Organizations "to find creative means to familiarize their leaders with the articles" and "to play an active role in encouraging their Government to ratify the Convention and in promoting its dissemination among adults and children". In 2002, the 36th World Scout Conference, the highest governing organ of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, held

in Thessaloniki, Greece, adopted Resolution 7/02 'Keeping Scouts Safe From Harm', which is since then World Scouting's key policy statement on child protection.

In several countries the National Scout Organization has been a pioneer in this field and has many examples of contributing to improving policy and practice in other youth organizations, and in some cases pushing their governments to take action. Continuing in this spirit, Scouts Australia has expressed their full support to the new Royal Commission established by the national government. In addition, Scouts Australia has urged the Commission to include a review of sentencing laws for child abuse offenders across the country so that the penalties reflect the severity of the crime.



Scouts Australia has developed robust and vigilant child protection policies in all States and Territories of Australia, working with the full range of Child Protection Agencies in the country. There are mandatory police checks for all volunteer leaders and compulsory training to maximise child safety.

APR Foundation fellowship and gathering



President Simon Hang Bock Rhee and members of the Foundation Management Committee saved their best efforts for the Fellowship Gathering and Foundation dinner.

The dinner raised US\$13,100 from ticket sales and auction. Another US\$8,700 was raised from new members and membership upgrades.

A brief report was presented, new members were recognized, and the Bangladesh Scout Foundation was introduced.

Various gatherings to the conference



The 24th APR Scout Conference is peppered with various gatherings where leaders and Rover Scouts shared fun together.

In the International Commissioner's Gathering, Bangladesh Scouts International Commissioner Md Mozammel Haque Khan facilitated the with the presence of many International Commissioners, their representatives, and leaders from other regions who purposely came to promote their upcoming events.

Around 80 Scout leaders, mostly members of APR Programme Sub-Committee and APR Adult Support Committee, attended the Palaver. Bangladesh Scouts National Training Commissioner, Mr Rafiqul Islam Khan, welcomed the participants and Mak Wai Ming of the APR Adult Support Committee highlighted the synergy between Youth Programme and Adult Resources. A

number of participants briefly shared their practical experiences in implementing the World Scout Conference Resolution on "Youth Programme and Adult Resources Synergy".

Members of the Asia-Pacific Evergreen Scouts (APES) met at the tea resort and elected Mohammed Ali Khalid (India) as the new President, Mr Fazlur Rahman (Bangladesh) as Vice-President and Rajalingam Ramasamy (Malaysia) as the Secretary for the triennium 2012-2015.

Bangladesh Scouts ATAS chapter hosted the gathering of the Global Association of Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS), with a fellowship dinner and a Baul show of traditional mystic songs. A new committee was appointed, and Mr Eric Khoo (Malaysia) was reconfirmed as the new President of ATAS.

Outstanding Scouts in Asia-Pacific revealed

Five Scouts with exemplary achievements in Scouting, in school and their community, were honored with the Outstanding Scouts Award on 29th November 2012 during the 24th APR Scout Conference. Runners-up were Eui Jae Jeong (Korea) and Sidath Chandima Gajanayaka (Sri Lanka). Winners were Nicholas Banks (Australia), To Hoi-Man (Ashley) (Hong Kong), and Miguel Ricardo R. Leung (Philippines).



Scouts experience exploring tea garden

On the lighter side of the 24th APR Scout Conference, participants took an eight-hour journey by train to and from the tea capital of Bangladesh at Srimangal District and to see the true beauty and character of the countryside. A community of thousands, including Scouts, waved and lined up the streets to welcome the motorcade of participants. Local tribal Scouts awaited them for a cultural performance and Vice Principal Abdus Shahid joined the celebration at the invigorating resort.



Regional leaders recognized for significant service



John Ravenhall (Australia)

Alex Wong (Hong Kong)

Mohamed Ali Khalid (India)

Reiko Suzuki (Japan)

Dr Yongyudh Vajjaradul (Thailand)



President of Bangladesh, His Excellency Zillur Rahman presented the Silver Tiger award, the highest Scouting award of Bangladesh Scouts, to Regional Scout Committee Chairman and Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines Hon. Jejomar C Binay on 26th November 2012 at the President's official residence, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed received a special plaque of appreciation from WSC Chairman Simon Hang Bock Rhee and Secretary General Luc Panissod for his 11 years of dedicated service to world Scouting on 29th November 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

At the recent 24th APR Scout Conference, many individuals across the region were presented with awards as a way of recognizing their significant services and contributions to Scouting.

The awards are in different categories, one of which is the APR Award for Distinguished Service, the highest regional Scouting award. The award symbolizes outstanding leadership and exceptional service to the Scout Movement.

Awardees for the distinguished service are Mr John Ravenhall (Australia), Alex Wong (Hong Kong), Mohamed Ali Khalid (India), Reiko Suzuki (Japan), Dr Arthur Francis Small (New Zealand) and Dr Yongyudh Vajjaradul (Thailand). The Meritorious Award was conferred for the first time and the first recipient is Dr Kang Young Joong of Korea for his substantial contribution to Scouting.

Also at the Conference, World Scouting conferred the

Bronze Wolf to Yoritake Matsudaira (Japan), Habibul Alam, (Bangladesh) and Scott Teare (USA), while former Regional Scout Committee Chairman Jejomar C Binay received two highest national Scout awards: Silver Tiger from Bangladesh Scouts, personally conferred by the Chief Scout and President of Bangladesh, His Excellency Zillur Rahman and the Silver World Award from Boy Scouts of America.

For his 11 years of dedicated service to world Scouting, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed received a special plaque of appreciation from WSC Chairman Simon Rhee and Secretary General Luc Panissod and the Silver World Award from Boy Scouts of America.

Many Scout leaders were given the Certificate of Good Service for having performed significant tasks while serving their National Scout Organizations and/or the Asia-Pacific Region in various capacities.

Regional Scout Committee (2012-2015)

The Committee shall consist of ten persons from member National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region who shall be elected by the conference by secret ballot for a term of six years. One of its main functions is to act on behalf of the Conference between its meetings and to appoint sub-committees or study committees as may be needed.

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International Volunteer Day 2012

5th of December was set as the International Volunteer Day by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. The theme for 2012 is 'Celebrate Volunteering!'. International Volunteer Day offers an opportunity for volunteer organizations and individual volunteers to make visible their contributions - at local, national and international levels. United Nations Volunteers (UNV) said on their website that 'on IVD 2012, we celebrate our commitment and hope for a better world'. The Scout Movement, with its millions of volunteers from around the world, and with a Vision of 'Creating a Better World', has been contributing to this goal - everyday of its existence for over 105 years now. UN Secretary General, and a Scout, Ban ki-Moon said on the occasion, 'I applaud all people who volunteer each year for the benefit of their communities'. Click on read more for the 'International Volunteer Day 2012' message from Luc Panissod, outgoing Secretary General of World Scouting.

Message from Luc Panissod, Secretary General, WOSM - International Volunteer Day 2012

Every day, millions of volunteers across the globe who are committed to the core values of Scouting contribute through their competencies, skills and resources, to make a big impact on the Scout Movement, despite everything - despite crises and conflicts, and despite many challenges we face in the world today - so that young people are empowered to make the world a better place.

Volunteers are transforming their local communities through their efforts and are taking on leadership roles at various levels of Scouting. In this era of innumerable challenges, our volunteers are providing grassroots service and leadership to millions of boys and girls in more than 200 countries and territories where the Scout Movement is established.

Thanks to the contributions of many volunteers, Scouting continues to be one of the biggest youth organisations in the world. Today, after 105 years, it is still one of the most popular Movements offering a robust and up-to-date youth programme with volunteers offering value-based leadership in various capacities.

The World Scouting family relies on dedicated volunteers to promote its Mission of preparing and empowering young people to create better world.

Volunteerism is, of course, its own reward. But the International Volunteer Day is a wonderful opportunity for us to remind all volunteers out there - selflessly seeking to improve our world - that we indeed recognise and value their contributions. Personally, on my last International Volunteer Day as the Secretary General of this great Movement, I express my sincere gratitude to all my sister and brother volunteers who share their skills and talents with the Scouting world, and hope that many more will follow in their footsteps in the years, decades and centuries to come.

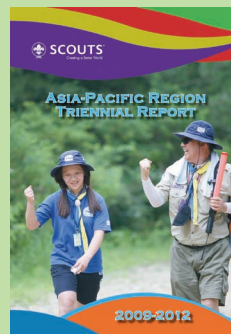
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APR Specialist Panel

This concept paper is about forming a team of experts who are prepared to provide services/support in the areas of Youth Programme, Adults in Scouting, Communication and Marketing, IT, Fundraising experts, Governance and Strategy, Management, Event management, Consulting and need analysis etc. Members of this panel have the competencies, knowledge, skills and experience to provide formal consultancy service to national Scout organizations at the national and regional levels.



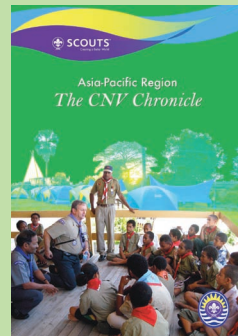
APR Triennial Report 2009-2012

The report is an overview of our undertakings as a region from November 2009 to November 2012.



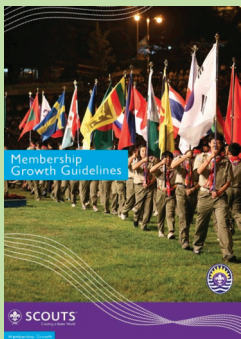
Concept for NSOs services

The APR Management Sub-Committee developed a concept paper on Services from National Scout Organizations emphasizing the services provided by NSOs to its members in the context of today's customer-oriented world. The paper is prepared as a ready reference for NSOs in understanding their customers and strengthening their services.



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It is a collation of all Committee NSO Visits made to National Scout Organizations since it began in March 2008.



Membership Growth Guidelines

Membership Growth Guidelines is a tool to develop a membership growth plan, which includes strategies to guide National Scout Organizations through the process of developing strategies that affect them.



APR Scout Foundation Triennial Report

The report covers the projects, events and activities of the APR Scout Foundation for 20 years.

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1, 7-12	HK\$ 1,100	HK\$ 1,200
2-3, 20-24, 27-31	HK\$ 800	HK\$ 900
4-6, 13-19, 25-26	HK\$ 900	HK\$ 1,000

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