



FEBRUARY 2007

What's New

India holds two special Jamborees in 2007

The Bharat Scouts and Guides India regularly holds national Jamborees every four years. This time India is having two special national Jamborees to mark 100 years of Scouting. The year started with a Jamboree in Kolkata, West Bengal on 02-08 January 2007 and another one will be held in December 2007 in New Delhi to conclude the celebrations.

Around 17,000 Scouts and Guides attended the recent Jamboree with contingents from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and Macau (Portuguese). Magnificent performances of girls and boys on opening day showed the various traditions and arts of India. Other popular activities challenged the young people's physical and mental abilities, particularly the challenge valley and the youth forum.

10th New Zealand Venture held

Some 350 Venturer Scouts, 55 leaders and 20 support team members attended the very successful V07 event held in the upper North Island of New Zealand between the 2nd and 10th January 2007.

Venturers from 7 nations attended, being 9 from Japan, 1 from Hong Kong, 1 from the UK, 1 from Germany, 1 from USA, 150 from Australia and 262 from New Zealand. The Venturers formed into 14 different expedition groups and undertook activities such as caving, sailing, canoeing, surfing, tramping, mountain biking, driving, a 4 wheel drive safari, a professional leadership course based on an outer island in the Hauraki Gulf, white water rafting, abseiling and high wire work and other adventurous activities.

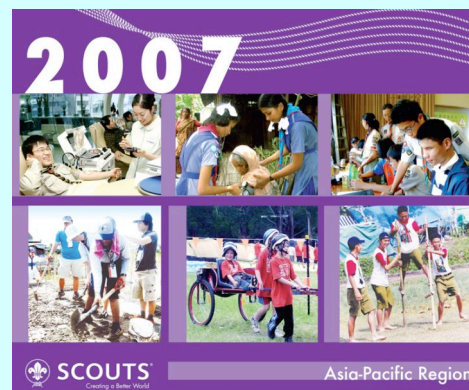
21st Australian Jamboree a success

The centenary of Scouting was launched in Australia at the 21st Australian National Jamboree (AJ2007) at Elmore in Victoria on 2-12 of January 2007. Governor-General and Chief Scout of Australia His Excellency Michael Jeffery opened the Jamboree and took a tour of the Jamboree site. Scouts also attended from Japan, Thailand, Maldives, New Zealand, Fiji, Kiribati, UK, USA, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and Finland.

The theme "Get in the Game" emphasized to the 11,000 participants the action-packed nature of the Jamboree with the diverse range of activities both onsite and offsite. Activities included abseiling, rock climbing, learning circus tricks, using an onsite air-strip with 15 planes for flying, learning to drive, heaps of mud-filled games, a water slide, and amusement rides amongst many other activities. Onsite and offsite, there was always something to get the Scouts' pulses racing.

There was a wonderful Interactive Museum of Activities and Fun showing the last hundred years of Scouting. Curators were originally not sure how young people would react to the exhibition but their appreciation of Scouting's heritage was most impressive.

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Lord Baden-Powell's grandson, Michael Baden-Powell was also in attendance. Find out more at the Jamboree website www.getinthegame.com.au

Chief Scouts and national leaders join regional peace baton relay

Thousands of kilometers were traveled and thousands of hands touched the Rover Peace Baton as it was passed on from one country to another since the relay started in September 2006. Now completing its journey across 23 countries, several Chief Scouts and national leaders actively took part, among them are President and Chief Scout Ratu Joseffa Iloilovatu of Fiji, Governor-General and Chief Scout Nathaniel Waema of Solomon Islands, Governor General and Chief Scout Anand Satyanand of New Zealand, President and Chief Scout Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia, President and Chief Scout Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of Maldives, and President and Chief Scout Dr Iajuddin Ahmed of Bangladesh. Many government and state dignitaries as well as national Scout leaders joined young people in the nationwide campaigns for peace.

This January, a delegation from Brunei Darussalam handed over the peace baton, from route 1, to the Philippines. From route 2, a delegation from Thailand will personally turn over the baton on 2nd February in Manila. The route 3 baton has been handed over from Hong Kong to APR office on New Year's Day. This completes the journey from the three routes covering south Asia, northeast Asia, southeast Asia and Oceania. The final merging point and grand handover will be at a historic shrine in Manila on the 10th of March (more under upcoming events).

Nepal Scouts undergo changes

The Parliament of Nepal recently amended the Act of Nepal Scouts. The Prime Minister becomes the Patron and the organizational structure is modified. Under this structure, members of the National Executive Board are elected at the district level first, then to the region and finally to the national board. Except for the Chief Commissioner, the national board has been dissolved and an interim administrative committee has been formed by the Chief Scout who is the Minister of Education.

NSOs to appoint Baden Powell Peak Ambassadors

Baden Powell Peak is the new trekking route around the Ganesh Himal area in north Kathmandu in Nepal with a height of 5,825 meters. For the climbing and trekking expedition from 28 August to 16 September 2007, Nepal Scouts and WOSM Asia Pacific are inviting National Scout Organizations to appoint their ambassadors to promote the event in their countries. Scouts and non-Scouts from around the globe who are climbers, trekkers and outdoor enthusiasts are most welcome. A coordinator in Nepal, Mr Sujit Maharjan, has recently been appointed. He can be contacted at "nepscout" <nepscout@mail.com.np>. Visit www.nepalscouts.org.np for details.

APR Calendar 2007 and Posters produced

APR office produced the 2007 Calendar and three sets of posters featuring winners of the 4th APR Scout Photo Contest held in 2006. For this year's contest, winners of gold, silver and bronze prizes will be awarded at the Regional Scout Conference in October this year. As of 31 January, close to 250 photos have been received from eight

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UPCOMING CENTENARY EVENTS

Peace Baton Ceremony
Philippines, 10 March

21st World Scout Jamboree
United Kingdom, 27 July – 7 August

Sunrise Event for the Centenary
(Gift for Peace Project), 1 August

13th DMZ Peace Trekking (for
centennial celebration of world
Scouting), Korea, 9-16 August 2007

Baden Powell Scout Peak Climb
Nepal, 28 August – 16 September

International Congress on Scouting
Geneva, November

International Centenary COMDECA
Bangladesh, 7-13 December

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Europe Regional Conference
Slovenia, 5-11 May 2007

Africa Regional Scout Conference
3-7 September 2007

Eurasia Regional Scout Conference
Moscow, September 2007

22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout
Conference, Japan
18-23 October 2007

Arab Regional Scout Conference
Libya, 1-6 November 2007

Interamerica Scout Conference
Ecuador, 24-28 November 2007

countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines. Entries are still welcome until 20 February. Final selection of winners will be in March 2007 in Japan.

Young Adult Members to facilitate APR Youth Forum

Under the Scout Association of Japan's (SAJ) Invitation Programme, the six young adult members of the regional committee and sub-committees have been invited to facilitate discussions at the 5th APR Youth Forum on 12-15 October 2007. SAJ will fully sponsor the airticket and registration fees of the members. Before the youth forum, the plan is to upload a bulletin board system that would encourage young people to identify major topics of their interest.

Commemorative Book to Mark Scouting's Milestones

To mark the 50 years of Scouting in Asia Pacific as well as Scouting's centennial year, a commemorative book will feature the impact of Scouting in member countries. This is to be produced by August 2007. The book will also feature messages from heads of state, successful living personalities, Scout landmarks and structures or memorabilia recognizing the Founder (Baden Powell). Also for inclusion is the full story of the Rover Peace Baton and a list of people who have served the region in the past decade. Essentially the book is a sequel to the history book "Forty Years and Beyond" published in 1996, during the region's 40th year.

"Young People – Friendly" eGames

At the eGame Task Force meeting in Singapore on 13-14 January, the group agreed on young people-friendly games as the primary criteria for choosing e-games to be produced by IT companies. Such games are to reinforce Scout values and promote creative thinking and innovation. Life skills such as decision making, conflict resolution and effective feedback will also be incorporated. Negative points to avoid are senseless violence and religious discrimination. The eGames will be adaptive to new technology and its ultimate purpose is to provide an educational method emphasizing young people's responsibility as eGamers which is seen as a solution to social problems affecting young people's behaviour. The task force is comprised of Regional Scout Committee (RSC) member Oh Sang Gyoon as coordinator, RSC member Tan Cheng Kiong, RSC member John Hui, Programme Chairman Mari Nakano, Finance Chairman Paulus Tjakrawan, Scouting Profile member Alex Choo, and Programme member Jeffrey Ho. Regional support are RD Abdullah Rasheed and Syd Castillo.

WOSM-WAGGGS meet in Sangam

On the invitation of WAGGGS Asia Pacific Committee, the WOSM APR team had its very first visit to Sangam in India on 26 January in conjunction with the regional meeting between WAGGGS and WOSM. Sangam is one of the four WAGGGS world centres which has been operating since 1966.

The WOSM regional team was led by Chairman Eric Khoo and committee member Mohamed Ali Khalid with Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. This was the fourth gathering between the WAGGGS and WOSM Asia Pacific teams in the past 3 years. With the WAGGGS regional team, there was a mutual exchange of information on their supportive role to national Scout

Ancillary events of the 22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan

APR Course for Leader Trainers
10-16 October 2007

5th APR Scout Youth Forum
12-15 October 2007

Special events at the 22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan

APR Sub-Committee Meetings
17 October 2007

APR Scout Committee Meeting
17 October 2007

APR Scout Committee meeting
with heads of delegates
18 October 2007

International Commissioner's
Gathering, 19 October 2007

Training Team Gathering
19 October 2007

APR Foundation Members Gathering
19 October 2007

Fundraising Dinner
20 October 2007

APES Gathering
22 October 2007

ATAS Gathering
22 October 2007

Centenary Gathering
22 October 2007

Special Recognition Ceremony
23 October 2007

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

National Jamboree
Bhutan
31 January – 6 February 2007

National Events Management
Workshop
Bangladesh, 5-9 April 2007

organizations and joint opportunities for celebrating the 2007 Scout centenary. The visit concluded with a campfire with an open group in Sangam and volunteers working at the centre. The centre occupies 7 acres having accommodation facilities and an outdoor swimming pool good for over 50 people. It runs many international activities every year. Other WAGGGS centres are in Switzerland, Mexico and London.

APR Finance Sub-Committee finalizes plans

The APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee met and worked from the 26th to 28th January in Jakarta to accomplish their plans for drafting the Financial Resources Development and Management Handbook, the guideline on Protection of Intellectual Properties and Financial Management at Group Level. The sub-committee planned to organize a regional fundraising seminar and national camp and hostels workshop in India. Present at the meeting were Chairman Paulus Tjakrawan, Ian Langford-Brown, Kazumasa Maehara, Hj Radzwan Bin Hussain, Paul WC Ho, Zainuddin Jaafar, Peter Hsu, Eko Adrianto with the support of Director S Prassanna of APR office. Leaders of Gerakan Pramuka, Secretary General Dr Joedyaningsih and Vice Chairman Endy Atmasulistya hosted the meeting.

Gone Home: MALEK GABR

Former WOSM Secretary General, Malek Gabr, passed away suddenly last Sunday, 28th January, in Cairo. Malek is survived by an older brother. In keeping with the Muslim tradition, his funeral has already taken place. Malek was a long-time and well-respected Scout professional who will be remembered for his great contributions to world Scouting. Messages of condolence to Malek's family may be sent to the WSB office in Geneva at worldbureau@world.scout.org.

What's Ongoing

National Jamboree Bhutan

Since Bhutan Scouts became a member of WOSM on 26 July 1999, it is now organizing its first national jamboree to celebrate the centenary of world Wcouting. There are over 400 participants, 20 from each of Bhutan's 20 districts, comprising of an equal number of boys and girls. The Jamboree officially opens today (31 January) in Damphu. After this "dry run" national Jamboree, Bhutan will be host in February 2008 a coronation Jamboree in honour of the 5th Druk Gyelpo, the new King of Bhutan who assumed office this year.

Jamboree activities include, among others, arts and crafts, adventure, cultural activities and community Scouting. The closing ceremony is set for 6th February and will witness for the first time the presentation of national awards to adult leaders. At this ceremony, five leaders will receive the President's Award and 10 leaders to receive the Long Service award. To assist in the first national Jamboree, APR facilitated the deputation of Mr. L.S. Verma from India for 15 days who is currently working at the site.

What's Upcoming

Manila: Merging Point of the Peace Baton

The final merging point of the Peace Baton will be in Manila, Philippines on 10th March 2006. The city has been home to the Asia

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

23rd Australian Course for Leader Trainers
Australia, 6-10 April 2007

International Agoonoree 2007
Korea, 24-27 May

Malaysia Centenary Exhibition
25-26 May 2007

Scouts of the World Seminar
Thailand, 28-31 May 2007

Unit Leaders Roundtable
Philippines, 5-8 June 2007

APR Air/ Internet Jamboree
4-5 August 2007

50th World Scout JOTI-JOTA
Worldwide, 20-21 October

18th New Zealand Jamboree
28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008

For details of events

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Pacific Regional office since 1956. The handover ceremony will involve thousands of Scouts who will undertake peace activities with the presence of key leaders of the Philippines and from various parts of Asia Pacific. The whole day programme will end with the winning piece "Isang Mundo Isang Pangako" as a Filipino rendition for "One World One Promise".

You're Invited

National Events Management Workshop

Who Scout volunteers and professionals in the area of events management
Host Bangladesh Scouts
Where Mouchak, Bangladesh
When 5-9 April 2007
Fee US\$75 covers inland transportation, food, accommodation, workshop materials, tour

23rd Australian Course for Leader Trainers

Who Assistant Leader Trainers (3-bead holders who have fulfilled the requirements of their national training scheme and recommended by their NSO)
Host Scouts Australia
Where Gilwell Park, east of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
When 6-10 April
Fee US\$275 to cover transport from Melbourne to Gilwell Park and return, food, accommodation, course documents and souvenirs

International Agoonree 2007

Who Young people both boys and girls with special needs, aged 12-18; adult leaders
Host Korea Scout Association
Where Jeju Island, Korea
When 24-27 May 2007
Fee US\$100 to cover food rations, tents, activities, souvenirs, insurance and inland transportation

6th Historical Melaka Jamboree 2007

Who Registered Scouts between 13-17 years old. Each patrol of 10 Scouts should be accompanied by a Leader
Host Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia
Where Melaka Scout Camp, Bukit, katil, Melaka, Malaysia
When 26-30 May 2007
Fee US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, program activities including tours and Jamboree kit. Transport to be provided from Kuala Lumpur International Airport to the Jamboree site and back.

3rd APR Unit Leaders Roundtable

Who Unit Leaders, preferably below 35 years old and actively looking after a unit in the NSO.
Host Boy Scouts of the Philippines
Where Asiaten Hotel, Tarlac City, Philippines
When 5-8 June 2007

Fee US\$100 to cover inland transportation, food, accommodation and souvenirs

13th DMZ Peace Trekking in Korea (for centennial celebration of World Scouting)

Who 55 Boys and Girls from overseas, aged 12 to 18 years and Scout Leaders
Host Korea Scout Association (KSA)
When 9-16 August 2007
Where DMZ (Demilitarized Zone in Korea)
Fee Participation fee will be waived for overseas participants. KSA will provide meals, accommodation, insurance and inland transportation.
Purpose To enhance the will of the nation towards reunification and peace.

Be Prepared

22nd APR Scout Conference

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
Tokyo, Japan
When 18-23 October 2007
Fee Delegates and Observers US\$320
Accompanying persons US\$220
Youth Delegates/Observers US\$140

5th APR Youth Forum

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
Tokyo, Japan
When 12-15 October 2007
Fee US\$100 to cover materials, accommodation, food inland transportation and souvenirs
Youth Forum participants who will attend the Regional Conference need to add U\$100 as registration fee. This additional fee does not include food and accommodation during the conference.

APR Course for Leader Trainers

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
Tokyo, Japan
When 10-16 October 2007
Fee US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, materials, inland transportation and souvenirs
Participants who will attend the regional conference will have to register separately and pay the conference registration fee as part of their NSO delegation (delegate or observer)

18th New Zealand Jamboree

Where Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch, South Island, New Zealand
When 28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008
Fee NZD\$590 covers meals and activities
Website www.scout.org.nz