



## APRIL 2007

### What's New

#### Peace baton completes journey around Asia Pacific

After traveling over 75,000 kms in 24 countries, the journey of the peace baton was finally completed on 10<sup>th</sup> March in Manila. Total participation in all the countries is estimated at 150,000 involving Scouts, government leaders and communities.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) hosted the grand handover ceremony at a heroes shrine in Manila. BSP President, Mayor Jejomar Binay, handed over the peace baton to Regional Chairman Eric Khoo. Joining thousands of Filipino Scouts were many regional and sub-committee members and Scout leaders from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Singapore. The event was covered extensively by the country's tri-media.

#### Partnership Visit to Nepal

In March, WOSM and WAGGGS key executives had their first partnership visit to Nepal Scouts where both groups presented their strategic priorities to have an understanding of how each organization's strategic plan fit cohesively. WAGGGS presented the re-brandings strategy launched in 2005 while WOSM informed about the new brand and explained the Scouting Centenary. WAGGGS and WOSM encouraged all where possible to include or update the re-branding of both organizations on promotional materials of Nepal Scouts. About 30 young people had a separate session with the team.

#### Scouts in Bangladesh join SAARC Car Rally

The ceremonial SAARC Car Rally, the first of its kind, began on 15 March from Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The aim of the rally is to focus on regional connectivity among the SAARC countries, with great expectations to improve regional trade and transport, infrastructure, people to people contact, investment and tourism opportunities and general goodwill. The Ministry of External Affairs of India in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry is the main organizers.

About 28 cars are used to rally across 7 SAARC countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Bangladesh Scouts played a significant role while the rally passed through Bangladesh, from Cox's Bazar to the Burimari border. Along the roads, thousands of Scouts greeted the convoy with banners, festoons and musical instruments all the way inside the country. The rally is expected to end in Male, the capital of Maldives, on 14 April 2007.

### UPCOMING CENTENARY EVENTS

21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree  
United Kingdom, 27 July – 7 August

Sunrise Event for the Centenary/  
Gift for Peace Project, 1 August

13<sup>th</sup> 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, 15-17 November

International Centenary COMDECA  
Bangladesh, 7-13 December

### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Europe Regional Conference  
Slovenia, 5-11 May 2007

Africa Regional Scout Conference  
Rwanda, 3-7 September 2007

Eurasia Regional Scout Conference  
Moscow, September 2007

22<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Ancillary events of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan

APR Course for Leader Trainers  
10-16 October 2007

5<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth Forum  
12-15 October 2007

## **"Youth Parliament" at creative camp**

The President of Bangladesh, Prof. Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed who is also the Chief Scout, witnessed the very interesting Scout's "Youth Parliament", a mock-up parliamentary debate on intellectual property rights. This was part of the 4<sup>th</sup> National *Srijoni* (Creative) Camp held from 12-16 March 2007 at the National Scout Training Centre in Mouchak, Gazipur, as the first of the several centenary events. A total of 548 Scouts and leaders participated in the camp.

## **7 Keys to Recruiting Volunteers**

The APR Adult Resources Sub-Committee reviewed and revised the document "7 Keys to Recruiting Volunteers" which was adapted by the A-P region many years ago from Scouts Canada. The seven R's of recruitment are found to be as relevant today as ever before. The 7 keys are recruiting, retaining, reclaiming, referring, recognizing, refusing/rejecting and rotating. The document is available at [www.scout.org/asia-pacific](http://www.scout.org/asia-pacific).

## **Registration opens for the 22<sup>nd</sup> APR Scout Conference**

Registration is now open for the regional conference in Tokyo on 18-23 October in Tokyo. Registration forms are available at the conference website <[www.22aprconf.scout.or.jp](http://www.22aprconf.scout.or.jp)>. This year's conference targets the participation of 700 to make it the largest regional conference ever.

## **Youth Forum interactive website**

Young people can take an active part online in planning the 5<sup>th</sup> APR Youth Forum. The youth forum website [www.5apryf.net](http://www.5apryf.net) has an interactive page where young people, whether or not they are attending the youth forum, are invited to contribute topics or issues of relevance and interest.

## **Search for APR Outstanding Scout is on!**

The third search for outstanding Scouts in the Asia-Pacific Region has been announced to all member NSOs. This is a triennial event organized every conference to choose from among the countries the top five Scouts who best exemplify the qualities of a role model to young people. The main purpose of the contest is to enhance the image and visibility of Scouting as an educational movement, and to emphasize the holistic approach of Scouting in the development of young people.

## **APR Poster Contest at the Conference**

APR office announced its invitation to member NSOs to participate in the poster contest during the regional conference. The contest has three themes: promoting Scouting programme, promoting membership growth, and promoting a fundraising event. Nine winners of the photo contest will be awarded during the conference special recognition ceremony.

## **Special events at the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 delegations  
18 October 2007

International Commissioner's  
Gathering, 19 October 2007

Training Team Members Gathering  
19 October 2007

APR Foundation Members Gathering  
19 October 2007

Fundraising Dinner  
20 October 2007

APES Gathering  
20 October 2007

ATAS Gathering  
22 October 2007

Centenary Gathering  
22 October 2007

Special Recognition Ceremony  
23 October 2007

## **UPCOMING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

National Events Management  
Workshop  
Bangladesh, 5-9 April 2007

8<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree  
Maldives, 15-19 April

23<sup>rd</sup> Australian Course for Leader  
Trainers  
Australia, 6-10 April 2007

International Agoonoree 2007  
Korea, 24-27 May

## Singapore Scouts lead Lunar Year celebration

Since the annual Chingay Procession started in 1973 to celebrate the Lunar New Year, this is first time in Singapore that a cross section of more than 300 Scouts were given the honour to lead the Presidential Float and received the special guests at the VVIP Viewing Area. The event was witnessed and well received by millions of local and international audiences.

## Leaders receive Awards

To celebrate Founder's Day on 22 February, Singapore Scouts Association held a Good Service Awards ceremony where the Chief Scout of Singapore conferred 29 awards, among them were the Silver Lion Award to Regional Chairman Eric Khoo, Malaysia's National Chief Commissioner Prof. Col Dato Kamarudin Kachar, Malaysia's State Commissioner Abd. Kader Bin Md Nor and Mr Jorgen Rasmussen of Denmark.

Bangladesh Scouts conferred the highest award 'Silver Tiger' to Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed in recognition of his continued support and assistance to Bangladesh Scouts. The President of Bangladesh and Chief Scout presented the award on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Top Scout Achievers' Update

Starting with around 20 initial members during its founding meeting at the APR Scout Conference in 2004, membership in the Association of Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS) has now soared to 185 in March. ATAS is comprised of Scouts who achieved the highest rank/award in Scouting. Visit the ATAS website at [www.atasapr.org](http://www.atasapr.org)

## Gone Home

*Prof. Dr. Koesnadi Hardjasoemantri* was a very senior Gerakan Pramuka leader. He died on 7 March from the plane crash at the Yogyakarta airport. He was the Chairman of the Scout State Law Plan of Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia.

## What's Ongoing

### Bangladesh holds National Events Workshop

Around 34 local participants and 4 from India, 2 from Malaysia and one from Africa Regional Office are attending the events workshop in 5-9 April at the Mouchak Training Center in Gazipur, Bangladesh. This is the first national workshop following the regional events workshop held in October 2006 in Korea. The workshop includes topics on event designing and planning, event coordination, event marketing and risk management in events.

### Regional Scout Committee meeting

The committee will discuss a voluminous agenda on its meeting on 14-15 April in Tokyo. This will include updates on the Regional Conference 2007, updates on the 2008 APR Leaders Summit, and the future scenario of regional Jamborees. Sub-Committee chairmen will present their proposed strategic plan for 2007-2009. A review will be made on the e-game proposal, bidding on world events and World

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

50<sup>th</sup> World Scout JOTI-JOTA  
Worldwide, 20-21 October

18<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Jamboree  
28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008

### For details of events

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Scout Committee elections, and the concept paper on the visit of committee members to NSOs.

Three ancillary events are taking place during the meeting. These are the 4<sup>th</sup> preparatory meeting for the conference focusing on conference agenda, special programs, registration update, hotels and accommodation and ancillary events; the APR Youth Programme Sub-Committee and the Youth Forum Planning meeting.

### **Maldives National Jamboree**

Maldives is organizing the 8<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree on the occasion of the association's 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The Jamboree is on 15-19 April in Hulhumale, the newly developing satellite capital about 10 minutes by sea from the international airport. International participants will enjoy fishing trips and excursions in the islands.

## **What's Upcoming**

### **Basic Training Course in Cambodia**

Two Scout leaders from Thailand will join the international team for the Basic Training Course to be held in Sihanouk Ville in Phnom Penh on 20-26 May 2007. Around 50 Cambodian Scouts leaders will participate in the unit leaders course for Scout section.

### **Scouts of the World Seminar**

Rover Scouts, Rover Commissioners, National Programme Commissioners, and Scout leaders in-charge of Senior Scouts and Rover Section are expected to attend the seminar on 28-31 May in Thailand. The seminar will take place at the Vajiravudh Scout Camp in Chonburi Province.

## **You're Invited**

### **International Agoonoree 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

### **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SAF Scouts Friendship Camp**

Who Girls and Boys of Rover age  
Host Pakistan Boy Scouts Association  
Where Punjab Training Centre, Ghora Gali, Muree Hills  
When 4-10 June 1007

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Mongolia National Rover Moot**

Who Rover Scouts who are at least 18 years old  
Host Scout Association of Mongolia  
Where Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia  
When 1-8 August 2007  
Fee USD200.00 covers food, souvenir, inland transportation and insurance

### **13<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **5<sup>th</sup> 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)

### **18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.scout.org.nz)