



MAY 2007

What's New

Bangladesh holds first events management workshop

Bangladesh Scouts took the initiative to hold the first events management workshop at national level with representatives from Africa Regional office, Scout associations in India and Malaysia and from other non-Scout organizations, having a total of 39 participants.

Workshop contents were designed to highlight the importance of events management in Scouting being primarily activity-based in its educational method. Topics covered were types of Scouting events, principles and best practices in events, management process that include planning, coordination, marketing, risk management, administration, designing and promotion. Zainul Abedin, Vice-Chairman of APR Management Sub-Committee, was director and Prassanna of APR office was co-director.

Maldives celebrates 50 years

To celebrate 50 years of Scouting in Maldives, the 8th National Jamboree was organized on 15-19 April in Hulhumale, Maldives. A total of 1279 Scouts and adult leaders from the atolls of Maldives participated including Scout leaders from Malaysia.

There were five main themes at the Jamboree, which are Global Village, Peace and Culture Village, Sea Paradise, City of Science, and Adventure and Challenges. Based on these themes, participants chose activities from 60 workshops. The 18th of April was parent's day where parents of the Scouts were given a chance to visit the camp and take a look at the activities.

Guest of Honor at the Jamboree was the Minister of Education, Hon. Zahiya Zareer accompanied by the President of the Scout Council and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Dr. Mahmoodh Shaugee. The minister congratulated Scout Association of Maldives for its 50 years.

Course for Leader Trainers in Australia

The 23rd Course for Leader Trainers was held at Gilwell Park in Gembrook, Australia. Forty-four participants came from 5 countries: Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Vietnam with a representative from APR office. Paul Parkinson, newly appointed National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development of Scouts Australia, led the course to its successful completion.

Nepal Prime Minister invested

Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala was invested as Patron of Nepal Scouts on 24 March at his residence in Baluwatar. On this occasion, Chief Commissioner of Nepal Scouts Shree Ram Lamichhane presented the Scout scarf to the Prime Minister. Koirala, the first PM of Nepal to be invested in Scout uniform, cited the importance of creative activities in Scouting for nation building.

UPCOMING CENTENARY EVENTS

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, 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

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

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

PP Malaysia appoints new International Commissioner

Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia announces the appointment of Dr Mohd Mukhyuddin Bin Sarwani as the new International Commissioner effective 30 April 2007. Dr Mukhyuddin currently chairs the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee.

Regional Scout Committee meets in Tokyo

The Regional Scout Committee chaired by Eric Khoo met in Tokyo on 14-15 April. Joining the committee were sub-committee and task force chairmen, regional consultants and World Scout Bureau executives. Updates were given on the upcoming regional conference, the APR Leaders Summit in 2008, and the progress of sub-committee work.

Regional Conference Update

Conference registration is on-going with over 500 persons indicating their participation. Three sets of forms have been circulated to NSOs consisting of conference registration form, hotel accommodation form and transportation form. These forms could be downloaded from conference website <http://www.22aprconf.scout.or.jp>. All forms have to be submitted to the National Scout Organization.

The Scout Association of Japan recently released conference bulletin no. 3 with the latest information on the conference. The bulletin, along with the conference agenda and list of candidates for the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, can be downloaded at the above website.

APR Youth Forum Update

The APR Youth Forum Planning Committee met in Tokyo ensuring that the youth forum on 12-15 October would create a learning environment for youth participants. The committee discussed the initial topics as proposed by participants and agreed on logistical details. Currently 102 young people, including 26 from Japan, have registered. General information will be published and posted on the Youth Forum website www.5apryf.net.

Committee NSO Visit

In the light of WOSM Governance, the Regional Scout Committee approved the general concept of "Committee NSO Visit" (CNV). The purpose of CNV is to assist NSOs in delivering and continually improving the quality of Scouting. The CNV concept originated from an exercise on "Qualities of an Effective NSO" at the 5th APR Leaders Summit in May 2006. It was identified that countries who are working towards becoming members of WOSM are required to comply with a certain set of criteria before their official membership. Once a member, the CNV would ensure that NSOs maintain minimum standards to effectively achieve the mission of Scouting. The CNV is targeted to take effect after endorsement by the Regional Conference in October 2007.

APR Scout Foundation new TOR

The Regional Scout Committee approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Foundation Management Committee, reverting back to the TOR adopted in Brunei. As a result, the outgoing chairman of APR Scout Committee becomes the new President of the APR Scout Foundation.

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 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

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

APR Executive Attachment

APR office, through its executive attachment program, has deputed Mr Fabio Amoncio, a Scout executive of Boy Scouts of the Philippines, for 3-6 months assignment in Papua New Guinea starting this May. The attachment program assists NSOs in strengthening their operational and management structures using the expertise of seasoned executives from other NSOs.

Invitation is open for NSO executives or fresh university graduates for a 6-month executive attachment/internship at the APR office in Manila.

Survey of Regional Services to NSOs

With a view of sustaining or improving the different areas of services provided by the regional office to NSOs, a survey is now undertaken focusing on five areas – support to NSOs, staff services, communication, relations with committee and sub-committees, and new initiatives. Result of the survey could be useful for assessing the areas where services are most needed and practical within the given financial resources, and will be the focus of discussions at the June management meeting in Manila.

Bronze Wolf Awardees

Two prominent Scout leaders in the region, Kirsty Brown of Australia and Toby Suzuki of Japan have been awarded by the World Scout Committee with the Bronze Wolf. Both leaders were awarded for their outstanding services of the most exceptional character to the World Scout Movement.

What's Ongoing

French Polynesia celebrates the centenary

The Conseil du Scoutisme Polynésien is opening the festivities of the centenary of Scouting in French Polynesia in Tahiti on 5th May. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed has been invited as guest of honor.

51st Annual National Council Meeting - Philippines

Boy Scouts of the Philippines is holding its 51st Annual National Council Meeting on 23-25 May 2007 in Leyte. This yearly gathering is participated by members of the National Executive Board, Regional Commissioners and representatives of Local Scout Councils from all over Philippines. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed will attend the council meeting.

International Agoonoree in Korea

The beautiful island of Jeju in Korea will be home to young people with special needs aged between 12-18 years. Around 1,500 Scouts and leaders are expected from all over the country and from 30 other countries. Participants will engage in environmental and challenging activities, and skills development.

For details of events

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Melacca Jamboree

The 6th Historical Melaka Jamboree is taking place from 26th May to 30th May at Bukit Katil in Melaka, Malaysia. Within this period, on 25-26 May, the Scout association in Malaysia is organizing a Centenary Exhibition.

Basic Training Course in Cambodia

Cambodian Scout Leaders will get their Basic Training Course on 20-26 May at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Regional trainers is comprised of leaders from Thailand, India, Philippines and the APR office. Nearly 50 potential Scouters, including national leaders, will attend the course.

Scouts of the World Award Seminar

Part of the seminar will be a sharing on the development of Scouts of the World Award in national Scout organizations. The seminar will take place on 28-31 May at Vajiravudh Scout Camp in Thailand.

What's Upcoming

SAF Scout Friendship Camp in Pakistan

Over 100 Scouts, both girls and boys, will participate in the 5th SAF Scouts Friendship Camp on 4-10 June in Ghora, Gali, Pakistan. The Scouts will come from SAARC area – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka with sponsorship from South Asia Foundation. Purpose of the camp is cultural sharing and goodwill, as well as developing tolerance and cooperation.

Unit Leaders Roundtable in the Philippines

Around nine countries, i.e. Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives, PNG, Sri Lanka and the Philippines will be represented at the APR Unit Leaders Roundtable. Boy Scouts of the Philippines will host the Roundtable on 5-8 June in Tarlac City.

World Scout Bureau meetings

Two meetings of World Scout Bureau staff are taking place in June. The Board of Directors (BoD) will meet on 11-15 June in Geneva. BoD is comprised of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and six Regional Directors. At the regional level, executives of the Asia Pacific Regional office will have their management meeting on 25-27 June in Manila. They will be joined by the Regional Scout Committee Chairman Eric Khoo, and sub-committee chairmen of management and financial resources.

You're Invited

3rd 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

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