

NOVEMBER 2007

What's New

5th Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum

The Youth Forum (YF) was held on 12th-15th October at the National Youth Center in Tokyo. There were 123 participants from 26 National Scout Organizations including guests from Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, of which 45 are girls (37%) and 78 are boys (63%) with ages from 18 to 26 years old.

Forum structure and content were modified based on recommendations from the past forum including the increase of topics from the previous 10 to 31. Discussion time also extended from 3.5 hours to nearly 10 hours.

Scouting's diversity as well as its universality became evident when the participants defined "What is Scouting". Different aspects of Scouting were revealed when they discussed the social responsibility of Scouts. Innovative views were shared when they dealt on the topic "new century of Scouting".

Early in the forum, a steering committee was selected from among the participants to formulate the recommendations. This committee was under the leadership of YF Chairman Edward Cook and YF Director Hiroshi Iwasaki. Cook led the committee in presenting their recommendations to the regional conference which covered youth involvement, gender balance, programme, environment and partnerships.

At the forum, participants elected six representatives – three girls and three boys – to the Young Adult Members Group (YAMG). They are Manabu Hiratsuka of Japan, Nikketah McGrath of Australia, Sarah Ho Wing Kei of Singapore, Muller Bato of the Philippines, Karma Chiden of Bhutan, and Rio Ashadi of Indonesia.

APR Youth Programme Sub-Committee Chairman Mari Nakano, sub-committee member Julie Creed and Syd Castillo of APR office supported the overall planning and management of the forum.

After the forum, 97 participants stayed on to attend the 22nd APR Scout Conference.

APR Course for Leader Trainers

A gathering of 35 participants comprised the Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) held on 10th-16th October at the NYC Tokyo as an ancillary event of the Regional Scout Conference. Countries and NSOs represented were Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Scouts of China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong and French Polynesia.

The CLT used the framework of the World Adult Resources Handbook covering five modules: Scouting knowledge, training skills, adult learning skills, leadership skills and personal development skills. The first three modules were designed to develop competencies in the training of trainers and the two remaining modules focused on equipping leaders with management and personal development skills.

An international pool of trainers handled the sessions – Peter J. Blatch of Australia (Chairman of Adult Resources Sub-Committee), Dr Wai Ming Mak (Vice-Chairman), Paul Parkinson of

CENTENARY EVENTS

International Congress on Scouting, Geneva, 15-17 November

International Centenary COMDECA Bangladesh, 7-13 December

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Arab Regional Scout Conference, Cairo 7-12 November 2007

Interamerica Scout Conference, Ecuador 24-28 November 2007

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

APR Programme Development Workshop, Pakistan 10-14 December 2007

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

Australia, Dr Mirza Ali Haider of Bangladesh, Lo Wai Shing of Hong Kong, Dr Cyrus Wadia of India, Toby Suzuki of Japan, Young Chang Kim of Korea and Shantha Madurawe of Sri Lanka, with the support of Thian Hiong Boon from APR office.

Various methods of delivery were used. Participants shared their knowledge, skills and experiences. They found the approach very enriching that allowed them to view issues from multiple perspectives.

22nd APR Scout Conference at a Glance

Japan hosted a regional Scout conference for the very first time from 18th to 23rd October at the National Youth Center in Tokyo. This conference set the highest record of participation since the first regional conference in 1958.

To mark the event, Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Akishino addressed conference participants at the opening ceremony on 18th October.

A total of 589 participants, staff and guests represented WOSM and associate members, potential countries, other regions and other organizations. Here are some figures: Australia 22, Bangladesh 17, Bhutan 4, Brunei Darussalam 15, Scouts of China 20, Fiji 4, Hong Kong 49, India 18, Indonesia 15, Japan 26, Republic of Korea 37, Malaysia 37, Maldives 5, Mongolia 6, Nepal 11, New Zealand 13, Pakistan 15, Papua New Guinea 4, Philippines 26, Singapore 29, Sri Lanka 10, Thailand 24, Macau 5, French Polynesia 5, Afghanistan 2, Belgium 3, Botswana 2, Cambodia 5, Canada 1, Finland 1, New Caledonia 2, Rwanda 2, Sweden 3, Uganda 1, UK 1, USA 4, WOSM 13, Interamerica Region 1, Africa Region 2, Asia Pacific Region 38, Arab Region 1, Kandersteg 1, other organizations 9, Scout Association of Japan's Host Organizing Committee and staff 79.

Out of 589 participants, 18% are delegates, 41% are observers, 8% are accompanying persons, 12% are guests, and 21% are committee/sub-committee members, host organization staff and WSB staff.

Conference Reports

At the early part of the conference, an overview of the last triennium on all aspects of operations, management and finance were covered in the reports of Regional Chairman Eric Khoo, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Regional Treasurer Renato Paras. APR Scout Foundation President Anthony Thng gave a report on the progress and on-going projects of the foundation.

At the world level, World Scout Committee Chairman Herman Hui started with the principles of Scouting, the on-going challenges and the innovations necessary to meet the challenges. He highlighted key issues on growth and development, brand communications strategy, membership development, youth participation, registration fee and governance.

WOSM Secretary General Eduardo Missoni shared his proposed vision of "one organization serving one movement" and the focus of WSB operations and strategic directions in the light of this vision. He cited the great success of the centennial celebrations.

New Regional Scout Committee

Appreciation to outgoing members. Five members of the Regional Scout Committee who served from 2001 to 2007 completed their term at the conference. They are immediate past Chairman Eric Khoo, past vice chairman Zainal Abidin, past vice chairman Ross McKenzie, Committee members John Hui and Koji Oguri, and young adult member Edward Cook. All outgoing members were recognized for their high level of commitment during their 6-year term of office.

Current members. The remaining five who are completing their term until 2009 are John Ravenhall, Dr Yung Chaur-Shin, Mohd. Ali Khalid, Oh Sang Gyoon and Tan Cheng Kiong.

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Newly elected members. Out of nine candidates who stood for election to the Regional Scout Committee, five were elected for the term 2007-2012. They are M. Fazlur Rahman (Bangladesh), Mohd. Mukhyuddin Bin Sarwani (Malaysia), Jejomar C. Binay (Philippines), Syed Parvez Ali Shah Jillani (Pakistan), and Prakorb Mukura (Thailand).

Regional Scout Committee for 2007-2009

A new Regional Scout Committee was reconstituted on 20th October after the members elected their chairman and vice chairmen, as follows:

Jejomar C. Binay	Chairman
Mohammad Ali Khalid	Vice-Chairman
Tan Cheng Kiong	Vice-Chairman
John Ravenhall	Member
Dr Yung Chaur-Shin	Member
Oh Sang Gyoon	Member
M. Fazlur Rahman	Member
Dr Mohd Mukhyuddin B Sarwani	Member
Syed Parvez Ali Shah Jillani	Member
Prakorb Mukura	Member
Manabu Hiratsuka	Young Adult Members Group

Young Adult Members Group

Following their election to the YAMG, the young adults were appointed as members of the following committee/sub-committees for 2007-2009:

Manabu Hiratsuka	Regional Scout Committee
Nikketah McGrath	Youth Programme Sub-Committee
Sarah Ho Wing Kei	Adult Resources Sub-Committee
Muller Bato	Management Sub-Committee
Karma Chiden	Financial Resources Sub-Committee
Rio Ashadi	Scouting Profile Sub-Committee

YAMG members have the same Terms of Reference as that of a regular committee or sub-committee member.

New Regional Sub-Committees for 2007-2009

The new Regional Scout Committee confirmed the appointment of individuals who will serve in the five regional sub-committees and expanded membership from the previous 10-12 members to 14-15 members for each sub-committee. All appointees were nominated by their NSOs. Each sub-committee has a chairman and two vice-chairmen, as follows:

Programme Sub-Committee

Alfian Amura/Indonesia (Chairman)
Dr Jeffrey Ho/Singapore (Vice-Chairman)
Julie Creed/Australia (Vice-Chairman)

Adult Resources Sub-Committee

Reiko Suzuki/Japan (Chairman)
Mirza Ali Haider/Bangladesh (Vice-Chairman)
Stuart Fleming/New Zealand (Vice-Chairman)

Management Sub-Committee

C. Batuwangala/Sri Lanka (Chairman)
Dr Kuan Chih Ming/Scouts of China (Vice-Chairman)
Mari Nakano (Vice-Chairman)

Financial Resources Sub-Committee

Horace Ho Man-Kit/Hong Kong (Chairman)
Ian Langford-Brown/Australia (Vice-Chairman)
Enrique Lagdameo/Philippines (Vice-Chairman)

Profile Sub-Committee

Shree Ram Lamichhane/Nepal (Chairman)
N.A. Khan/India (Vice-Chairman)
Syed Mahmood Hashimi/Pakistan (Vice-Chairman)

APR Scout Foundation Management Committee

Eric Khoo/Malaysia (President)
Haji Zainal Abidin/Brunei Darussalam (Vice-President)

APR Scout Foundation recruits new members and raise funds

New members. New Foundation members were recruited during the conference:

Bronze Palm (USD 3,000): Hong Kong 1 , USA 1

Donor (USD 1,000): Singapore 11, Pakistan 7, Bangladesh 2, Taiwan 2, Indonesia 1, Greece 1

Associate (USD 500): Japan 27, Australia 1, Bangladesh 1, Pakistan 1, UK 1

Fundraising dinner. With a dinner ticket worth US\$100 each, the Foundation raised 21,200 USD at the fundraising dinner on 20th October.

In total, the Foundation raised US\$61,134 from the new members and from the fundraising dinner.

Breakout Group Presentations

Conference participants joined six breakout groups of their choice. Breakout groups had an average of 50 participants.

Governance. The work of the WOSM Governance Task Force was introduced and the debate had a wide-ranging sharing of opinions. Discussions in small groups led to suggestions that include greater youth involvement, respecting different cultures and traditions, maintaining strong links with stakeholders, among others. David Bull and Nicholas Tang of the WOSM Governance Task Force led the session.

World Scout Conference. The group agreed on some topics and innovations such as streamlining the agenda for business items and easing the Resolutions process. They suggested to include opportunities for spiritual development and promote more participation of women and young people. WSC member John Gemmill and WSB Executive Director Anne Whiteford facilitated the session.

Branding. Input was given on the Branding for Scouting and e-communications strategy. Factors affecting branding image were explained and the elements of brand protection was introduced. WSB Director Richard Amalvy was the resource person with Richard Miller and Edward Cook as facilitators.

New Fee System. The proposed new fee structure was presented with 54 people from 20 countries. The group considered the proposal fair with some points of clarification on flexibility, clear definition of membership, membership cap and an option for annual fees by category. WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod and WSC member Habibul Alam were input speakers.

Qualities of NSOs. The background and purpose of the Committee Visit to NSOs (CNV) was introduced. After group discussions, the group agreed in principle to the CNV paper with suggestions for improvement. Ms Emma Barker was the input speaker with Aaron Wardle as facilitator.

Regional Plan 2007-2009. The draft of the APR Plan was presented at the conference plenary consisting of nine strategic priorities with statement, objectives and action steps

within a two-year timeframe. Around 60 participants discussed the plan in four smaller groups. New ideas shared to enhance the plan which was adopted by the conference plenary after presentation. John Ravenhall, Alex Choo and Dr Mukhyuddin were the session leaders.

Action Time Presentations

Much of the substance and the practical impact of Scouting were shown at the 10-minute action time presentation of NSOs – Australia on new marketing approaches, Bangladesh on partnerships, Korea on young people in decision-making, Philippines on environment and ecological projects, Indonesia on Scouting and the community, Nepal on self-reliance, Singapore on revitalizing the Rover Section, and Hong Kong on enhancing the personal development of adult leaders.

Conference Resolutions

The conference adopted business resolutions related to youth program, fee system and financial resources management, training policies, marketing of Scouting, management, event management, risk management, ICT promotion, adult resources, communication program, Unit Leaders Roundtable, Special Needs, Capacity Building, Governance, Next APR Conference, and recognition of Baden Powell Scouts Peak. Full text of the resolutions was distributed at the conference and a pdf version has been sent to all NSOs.

Resolutions Committee members were Mihir Kanti Majumder of Bangladesh as coordinator, Brata Tryana Hardjosubroto of Indonesia, Reiko Suzuki of Japan, Dale Corvera of the Philippines, and Ghulam Ali Shah Pasha of Pakistan.

Recognition Ceremony

Outstanding Scouts Award. Out of the five finalists, four candidates joined the final interview and selection in Tokyo. Winners of the 2007 Outstanding Scout Award are (in alphabetical order) Ahmed Hassan of Maldives, Eunseop Shim of Republic of Korea, and Bruce Willis Sing of the Philippines. Law Ka-Kit of Hong Kong is runner-up.

Bronze Wolf. Kirsty Brown (Australia), Toby Suzuki (Japan)

APR Distinguished Service Award. Neil Westaway (Australia), Mohammad Abu Hena (Bangladesh), Yoritake Matsudaira (Japan), Ko Yoshida (Japan), Kim Suk-Won (Korea), Seo Eun Bae (Korea), Shree Ram Lamichhane (Nepal), Rabi S.S.J.B. Rana (Nepal), Jorgen Rasmussen (Denmark).

APR Chairman's Award. Paul W.C. Ho (Hong Kong), Eddie Hui (Hong Kong), Pau Shiu-Hung (Hong Kong), Dr Azrul Azwar (Indonesia), Kuniichi Komachi (Japan), Mari Nakano (Japan), Dato Hj Kaharudin bin Hj Momin (Malaysia), Tuan Hj Abdul Kader bin Hj Md Nor (Malaysia), Dr A Francis Small (New Zealand), H.S. Weerakoon (Sri Lanka), Sommart Sungkapun (Thailand), Luz Taray (WSB-APR).

Certificate of Good Service. Peter Blatch (Australia), Dr Kuan Chih Ming (Scouts of China), Kazumasa Maehara (Japan), Simon Hong Bock Rhee (Korea), Kim Chong Il (Korea), Sonny Kim Seung Soo (Korea), Dr Mohd Mukhyuddin (Malaysia), Lesley Anderson (New Zealand), M.F.S. Muheed (Sri Lanka), Dr Amnat Changrien (Thailand).

Poster Competition

As a triennial event during the conference, NSOs have been invited to join the poster competition based on three themes. The winners:

- Theme: Promoting Scouting Programme
Gold – Korea, Silver – Brunei Darussalam, Bronze – Sri Lanka
- Theme: Promoting Membership Growth
Gold – Brunei Darussalam, Silver – Korea, Bronze – Sri Lanka
- Theme: Promoting a Fundraising Event
Gold – Korea, Silver – Hong Kong, Bronze – Brunei Darussalam

Conference Evaluation

A good turn out of conference evaluation forms were received from delegates and observers as well as from accompanying persons on the overall conduct of the conference.

From the delegates, observers and guests, around 70% submitted the evaluation form which is in the process of analysis. Among accompanying persons, 75% made their evaluation.

Centennial celebrations launch commemorative publication

During the centennial celebrations, the 150-page commemorative publication was launched by outgoing Regional Chairman Eric Khoo and incoming Chairman Jejomar Binay. The first copy was auctioned for US\$110, and the first 50 copies were sold out. More copies are available at the regional office at US\$20 each.

Conference Newsletter

Five issues of the conference 4-page coloured newsletter were produced during the conference. These can be downloaded from www.scout.org or www.22aprconf.scout.or.jp/ in pdf format.

ATAS and APES Gathering

Members of the APR Association of Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS) took the opportunity to gather at the conference. Since its creation in 2004, ATAS started with 41 members in Brunei Darussalam to 289 in Tokyo. In addition, 30 top Scout achievers from other regions joined the ATAS. Founding President Simon Rhee was re-elected until 2009.

The Asia-Pacific Evergreen Scouts (APES) met in Tokyo. John Hui of Hong Kong now leads the APES as President. Starting with 20 founding members, in three years APES has grown to 65 members.

Hong Kong appoints new Chief Commissioner

Mr Anthony Chan has been appointed as the new Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Hong Kong effective 3rd November 2007. Mr Chan is the former Deputy Chief Commissioner and was an active member of the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee.

What's Ongoing

COMDECA Preparatory Meeting

A joint meeting of Bangladesh Scouts Host Organizing Committee and the APR Planning team are meeting from 6th to 8th November in Dhaka to prepare for the forthcoming International Centenary COMDECA. Part of the meeting is an ocular visit to the site in Cox'bazar, around 500 km from Dhaka. The planning team is comprised of Djatmiko Rasmin and Susi Yulliaty of Indonesia, Ms Mari Nakano of Japan and Syd Castillo of APR office.

National Strategic Planning Workshop and CLT, Pakistan

Pakistan Boy Scouts Association will hold its planning workshop in Islamabad on 26-30 November. This will be followed by a Course for Leader Trainers on 1-7 December at the same venue.

World Scientific Congress

The congress will take place in Geneva on 16-17 November 2007. Before that, a youth event will commence on 13 November also in Geneva.

The World Scientific Congress is a key event of the Centenary of Scouting. It aims to provide WOSM a solid foundation in the domain of education and acts as an instrument for the work of Scouting in the area of non-formal education. At the same time, it provides a comparison with Scouting partners, institutions and the academic community. The congress will reflect

on two areas: Social Development and Personal Development. There will be plenary sessions and thematic workshops to explore these areas.

Before this congress, young people aged under 30 are invited to participate in a youth event that will be a forum for exchange and debate. The event could help draw out a community of young researchers and young practitioners in non-formal education.

What's Upcoming

International Centenary COMDECA (Community Development Camp), Bangladesh

Who Scouts aged 14-17 years old and Rover Scouts aged 18-25 years old
Host Bangladesh Scouts
Where Cox'bazar, Bangladesh (about 500 kilometers southeast of Dhaka)
When 7-13 December 2007
Fee US\$150 covers tent accommodation, food, inland transportation (airport to venue), souvenir and tour

APR Youth Programme Development Workshop

Where Islamabad, Pakistan
When 10-14 December 2007
Fee USD100 covers inland transportation from airport to workshop venue, food, accommodation, workshop kit and educational tour.

Be Prepared

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

6th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, Chief Scout Executive or equivalent. Chairmen and members of APR
Sub-Committees are encouraged to attend.
Where Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal
When 7-10 April 2008
Fee USD150