

OCTOBER 2007

What's New

Fifteen climbers reach Baden Powell Peak

After much anticipation, the first batch of climbers made it to the top of the 5,890 meter Baden Powell Peak in Nepal. The first information was received from the base camp on 13th September relaying the message that those who made to the top were an Australian, seven Koreans, three Singaporeans, one Nepali, and three from Scouts of China. The climbers reached the top safely.

Malaysia gets good attendance for regional ICT workshop

Once again, the Scout Association of Malaysia hosted one of the largest regional events this year – the *APR Workshop on ICT in Scouting*. This is the third of a series of workshops to complete the work of the Scouting Profile Sub-Committee in their three-year term. The workshop was held on 5-9 September at Dynasty Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

The workshop covered the direct link of ICT in major Scouting operational areas such as management, membership system, training of adults, youth events, youth involvement, branding and communications, and marketing.

Around 40 participants represented 12 countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Malaysia, Philippines, Scouts of China and Thailand. Profile Sub-Committee Chairman Dr Mukhyuddin Bin Sarwani directed the workshop with the support of APR executives.

Five Scouts Pre-selected for 2007 APR Outstanding Scout Award

Members of the APR Scouting Profile and Programme Sub-Committees evaluated the qualifications of the candidates for the APR Outstanding Scout Award. Five candidates were chosen for the final selection in Tokyo during the regional conference. They are Law Ka Kit of Hong Kong, Prasanth Nanda Kumar of India, Eunseop Shim of Korea, Ahmed Hassan of Maldives and Bruce Willis Sing of the Philippines. The panelists were Richard Miller (Australia), Prakorb Mukura (Thailand) and Jeffrey Ho (Singapore).

Bangladesh Scouts help flood survivors

The recent huge flood in Bangladesh sent Scouts to work on rehabilitation activities. Floodwater gripped over 40 out of 60 districts in the country, forcing people to take shelter in high roads, schools, and embankments. Scouts and Rovers helped them to move to safer places and makeshift shelters. They collected food, candles, and primary goods. With very high diarrhoeal incidence, Scouts helped the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases to build a makeshift hospital with 70 beds. As the demand for

CENTENARY EVENTS

International Congress on Scouting
Geneva, 15-17 November

International Centenary COMDECA
Bangladesh, 7-13 December

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

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

Arab Regional Scout Conference
Cairo, 7-12 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

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

ORS was also high, the Scouts collected and distributed 200,000 packets of ORS and 100,000 tablets for water purifying. Bangladesh Scouts and UNDP signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a US\$44,000 project to produce, pack and distributed ORS packets.

King of Sweden visits Malaysia

His Majesty The King of Sweden, on his way to Tokyo, stopped over in Kuala Lumpur for a World Scout Foundation Fellowship. Malaysia's Crown Prince Raja Nazrin Shah, in his full Scout uniform, received the Swedish King.

As Honorary President of the World Scout Foundation, the King awarded gold pins and certificates to new BP Fellows in Malaysia including APR Scout Committee Chairman Eric Khoo.

Singapore holds first large-scale Intergenerational Bonding Event

About 50 trained "Seniors in Scouting" joined hands with more than 120 Cub Scouts and another 10 "Extension Scouts" (attending special education) in the first-ever large-scale intergenerational bonding event. Organized by the Singapore Scout Association (SSA), the event is funded by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) under the "Golden Opportunities" project.

SSA is the first Scout association in the Asia-Pacific to offer Scouting opportunities for seniors who are at least 50 years old. This initiative encourages seniors to be active and socially engaged through various opportunities to serve the community in a uniquely Scouting way. It also aims to promote lifelong learning, intergeneration-bonding, healthy lifestyles and volunteerism.

Awards Committee releases list of regional awardees for 2007

The APR Awards Committee, comprised of seasoned regional leaders headed by Kirsty Brown of Australia, released the final list of awardees for 2007 after the Regional Scout Committee endorsed the nominations. The awards have three categories – the APR Award for Distinguished Service (8 awardees), Chairman's Award (12 awardees) and the Certificate of Good Service, which is introduced for the first time with ten awardees.

These awards will be conferred at the forthcoming conference. In observance of the golden anniversary of regional Scouting and that of the centenary of world Scouting, this year's awards take cognition of Scout leaders who have rendered exemplary service to the region and to their NSOs over the past many years.

Sri Lanka hosts regional countries for a week of adventure

The second most premier college of Kandy that fully supports Scouting – Kingswood College – has held the Kingswood Scouts Adventure and Orienteering competition for the past 23 years. For this centenary year, the college decided to invite international participation. Indeed, participants came from India, Pakistan, Maldives and Bangladesh who, along with 500 local participants, took the adventure challenge in the historic city of Kandy. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, as a special invitee, presented the trophies to the winning local teams along with Chief Commissioner Mr Chandrasena Batuwangala.

Training Team Members Gathering
19 October 2007

APR Foundation Members Gathering
19 October 2007

Launch of 50th World JOTI-JOTA
19 October

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 REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

APR Programme Development
Workshop, Pakistan
10-14 December 2007

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

For details of events

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During this time, on 1st October, the Kandy district organized the first Kandy Kuboree in commemoration of the centenary of world Scouting, with the Chief Minister of central province as the guest of honor. Both the Regional Director and Chief Commissioner attended the function with over 1,500 participants.

International Centenary COMDECA to use new approach

Bangladesh Scouts, host of the International Centenary COMDECA on 7-13 December 2007, created a planning team who will introduce new approaches for running a Community Development Camp (COMDECA) of an international scale.

The team will involve the expertise of individuals from the World Scout Bureau and experienced Scout organizations such as Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia which hosted the first World COMDECA in 1993. Gerakan Pramuka appoints Ms Susi Yuliaty and Mr Djatmiko Rasmin to the team.

New Zealand appoints new Chief Executive

Mr Chris Hooper took up his appointment as Chief Executive of Scouting New Zealand on 17th September. Chris was based in London for three and a half years as the CEO of Special Olympic Great Britain, part of the international volunteer movement providing year round sports training and competition opportunities for young people and adults with learning disabilities. He was a Cub and Scout with a group in England, and lived in New Zealand between 1993-2003 during which time he led the New Zealand Special Olympics movement.

What's Ongoing

APR Scout Conference Update

As of 1st October, there are 509 total participants based on registration forms and lists provided by NSOs and individuals. Out of this number, 415 are from National Scout Organizations, 7 from World Scout Committee, 18 from Regional Committee/Sub-Committees/Consultants, 30 from World Scout Bureau and other regions, 13 from NSOs of other regions, 8 from potential APR countries, 11 from other organizations and the rest are members of APR Foundation, ATAS and APES.

All overseas participants and guests will be met at the Narita International Airport by Japanese Scouts in uniform. On arrival, participants are requested to wear their Scout jacket or neckerchief for easy identification. For more information, visit www.22aprconf.scout.or.jp or email 22aprconf@scout.or.jp.

APR Youth Forum Update

On 12-15 October, close to 130 young people are gathering for the 5th APR Youth Forum in Tokyo. All 25 member-countries and associate members of the Asia-Pacific Region will be represented together with two from Afghanistan and two from Saudi Arabia. From the current list, around 60% are male and 40% are female participants.

APR Course for Leader Trainers Update

More than 40 participants from 15 countries will take part in the regional CLT on 10-16 October in Tokyo. A training team of ten members is comprised of Leader Trainers from Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, India, Sri Lanka and the World Scout Bureau/APR.

Schedule of Special Gatherings at the Conference

- *International Commissioner's Gathering*, 19 October at 17.45-18.45, Reception Hall of International Exchange Building
- *Training Team Members Gathering*, 19 October at 17.45-18.45, Lecture Room No. 403, Central Building
- *APR Foundation Membership Gathering*, 19 October at 19.00-20.30, Reception Hall of International Exchange Building
- *APR Fund Raising Dinner*, 20 October at 19.00-20.30 at the Reception Hall of International Exchange Building
- *APES Gathering*, 20 October at 17.45-18.45 at Lecture Room No. 403, Central Building
- *Centenary Gathering*, 22 October at 18.00-19.00 at Conference Hall (Gymnasium) of Athletic Building
- *ATAS Gathering*, 22 October at 20.00-21.00 at Reception Hall of International Exchange Building
- *50th JOTA/JOTI Official Launching*, 22 October at 20.00-21.00 at Reception Hall of International Exchange Building.

What's Upcoming

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.

Be Prepared

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.

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
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