



MARCH 2010

What's New

Tell the Story: Scouts are making a difference!

World Scout Bureau APR office recently introduced the regional contest "Tell the Story: Scouts are making a difference!" beginning this March. The contest calls for greater participation of Scout members in story telling by collecting and publishing original stories that are inspiring, impact-creating, and reflective of Scouting ideals. Thus the Asia-Pacific Region has invited member National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region to promote this contest to their young and adult members and Scout Troops.

The contest is open to registered young and adult members or Scout troops in member National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region. Theme of the stories should accentuate why and how Scouts are indeed making a difference, and how their innovative educational programmes are creating visible impact in communities.

Participating individual members or Scout troops must submit their articles to the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office with the endorsement of their National Scout Organization – either the Chief Executive or the International Commissioner. Stories must be emailed to asia-pacific@scout.org

Every six months, a panel of judges will choose ONE BEST STORY from amongst the published stories. The panelists are members of the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee. For judging, 75% will come from the panel and 25% from popular vote from feedback through the WOSM website. For more details, visit our website at www.scout.org/asia-pacific.

Regional Chairman reports on his attendance at WSC meeting

At the Regional Scout Committee (RSC) meeting in Singapore on 27-28 February, Chairman Jejomar Binay briefed the committee on his attendance at the World Scout Committee meeting held in September last year. This follows the suggested practice for all Regional Chairmen to share their report at regional committee meetings. The content of his report was well appreciated.

The Committee also heard reports from all the sub-committee chairmen including the Chairman of the Young Adult Members Group. Various recommendations arising from the recently held regional workshops on intellectual property, Chief Scout Executives Meet, and disaster management were reviewed. Actions to be taken were endorsed.

Other invitees to the meeting were selected representatives from Scouts of China, Pakistan and Philippines who gave updates on the progress made in their NSOs since the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) were held in their countries over a year ago. This annual reporting on the CNV by the Chief Commissioners has become a regular feature of RSC meetings.

NEW!!!

EVENTS FOR 2010

Advanced Management Course

3-9 March
India

Roundtable on WOSM Federation

7-8 March
Hungary

Growth Promoters' Meeting

8-12 March
Geneva

Committee NSO Visit

11-13 March
Korea

World Scout Committee Meeting

19-21 March
Geneva

Extended WOSM Directors Team Meeting

12-18 April
Geneva

Executive Director's Meeting

14-17 April
Geneva

Committee NSO Visit

5-7 May
India

APR Workshop on Membership Growth

20-23 May
Malaysia

APR Seminar on Community-based Scouting

27-30 May
Philippines

Committee NSO Visit

10-11 June
Fiji

The Committee also dealt at length on the resolutions adopted at the Malaysia Regional Scout Conference and appointed a Task Force to review the regional constitution. The Task Force comprises of Nicholas Tang, Janaprith Fernando and Alex Wong who will report back to the Committee on all constitutional matters referred to in the various resolutions.

Next regular meeting of the Regional Committee is on 30-31 October 2010, possibly in Korea, just before the WSPU Gathering.

Singapore holds first major event for the centenary of Scouting

The Singapore Scout Association invited the Regional Scout Committee to hold its February meeting in Singapore so that leaders from different parts of the Asia-Pacific Region could join in the centenary dinner celebration to mark the 100 years of Scouting in Singapore.

The centenary dinner was held at the Suntec International Convention Centre attended by over 1000 scouters with the Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong as the Guest of Honour.

The Senior Minister said, "I thoroughly enjoyed my Scouting days and I dare say that being a Scout gave me an early opportunity to acquire leadership skills". He said he joined as a tenderfoot, became a patrol leader, and later a troop leader of the Second Raffles Troop. He further said, "Scouting has a mystical quality that embraces freedom, initiative, comradeship and character building." More importantly, he said that Scouting taught him to live up to its motto – Be Prepared – a valuable trait for his job later in the government. He also borrowed a Taiwanese phrase – Strawberries Generation – saying that young people today risk becoming "fragile-like strawberries", if they are too protected.

Regional Committee confirms conference venue for 2012

24th APR Scout Conference. The Regional Committee confirmed the report on the ocular visit to the 24th Regional Scout Conference and ancillary events which was undertaken on 1 February 2010 in Bangladesh. The team comprised of the RSC First Vice Chairman Prakorb Mukura, Chairman of Management Sub Committee Mr Janaprith Fernando, and APR executives together with their counterpart from the Host Organizing Committee led by Mr Habibul Alam, as well as key officials of Bangladesh Scouts.

The team confirmed Dhaka Sheraton Hotel to host the conference as proposed in the Bangladesh bid to the KL conference, which has adequate facilities and amenities to host a conference of over 500 participants. The committee also requested the host NSO to report back to the Committee at its June meeting on the confirmation of booking and other arrangements.

APR Youth Forum. The venue for the 7th Youth Forum is the BRAC complex in Rajendrapur. The visiting team confirmed that the facilities at the complex meets the requirements of the Youth Forum in addition to nearby accommodation facilities that are easily accessible.

APR Course for Leader Trainers. The chosen venue is the National Scout Training Centre in Mouchak, and the team has recommended some major renovation to make it an ideal location for the training course.

RSC appoints Prakorb Mukura as first vice chairman for first half of triennium

In assigning job responsibilities between the two vice-chairmen of the Regional Scout Committee, the recent meeting concluded that Mr Prakorb Mukura is the

CSPSA Gathering

14-19 June
Tonga

Sub-Committee/ Regional Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 June
India

7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

24-27 June
Bangalore, India

4th Mongolia Scout Jamboree

2-7 July
Mongolia

Europe Regional Conference

17-21 July
Belgium

World Rover Moot

27 July – 07 August
Kenya

Suncheon Board Meeting

03 August
Suncheon, Korea

27th APR Scout Jamboree

04-09 August
Suncheon, Korea

APR Air/Internet Jamboree

07-08 August
Malaysia

APR Management Meeting

16-18 August
Philippines

World Scout Committee Meeting

4-6 September
Geneva

Ticket to Life Coordinator's Meeting

1-4 October
Nepal

APR Communications Forum

16-19 September
Bhutan

World JOTA/JOTI

16-17 October
Worldwide

first Vice Chairman for the first half of this triennium. His main responsibility is to coordinate the work of the Organizational Support Group consisting of the 3 sub-committees: Management, Finance and Scouting Profile. Dr Mukhyuddin is the second vice-chairman, and will take over the role as First Vice-Chairman at the second half of the triennium. Dr Mukhyuddin's responsibility is to coordinate the Educational Methods Group consisting of Youth Involvement, Adults, and Membership Growth.

Regional Committee selects next round of CNV mission

The Regional Committee concluded at its Singapore meeting the next batch of CNV mission for the second half of 2010. Countries to be visited are Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. By July this year, a total of 16 NSOs would have been covered. This makes the target of covering all NSOs by mid 2011 still feasible.

The CNV concept was adopted at the Japan conference in October 2007. In early 2008, CNV missions were undertaken at an average of five to six NSOs every six months. This initiative of the regional committee has been widely accepted in NSOs as a very useful exercise. It brings the NSO and regional committee together to jointly assess the direction and growth of the organization.

Programme framework for the APR Summit in Bangalore endorsed

At the meeting, the Regional Committee endorsed the proposed framework of the forthcoming Summit in Bangalore, India this June. The framework was based on the recommendations of the Management Sub-committee which met in Colombo in mid January. Main focus of the Summit is to envision Scouting in the region beyond 2013. Elements of the new vision will be identified together with the priority areas for triennium 2012-2015.

As part of the envisioning process, the Summit also expects to hear an input from the World Scout Committee on *Cause of Scouting*, which is currently under discussion at the WSC. The Summit will discuss matters leading to the Brazil conference based on governance issues arising from the recent World Governance Task Force initial papers earlier sent to NSOs.

The Scout executives update management skills

Scout Executives from different national Scout organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region participated in the 48th APR Basic Management Course at the National Scout Training Centre in Mouchak, Bangladesh.

The course, held on 2nd to 16th February 2010, focused on various Scouting elements in the areas of management, human relations in an organization, conflict management, PR and media relations, events management, among others.

The course was inaugurated by Mr Abul Alam Md Shahid Khan, Vice President of Bangladesh Scouts and Secretary of Primary and Mass Education of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh. Also present were Mr Janaprith Fernando, APR Management Sub-Committee Chairman; Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Md Mozzamil Haque, Bangladesh Scouts acting Chief Commissioner.

At the initial integration session, Regional Scout Committee First Vice-Chairman Prakorb Mukura spoke before the 38 participants from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Mr Mukura expressed his hope that every strategy learned from the course will translate into good practice in their Scout associations.

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
30-31 October, Korea

WSPU 6th General Assembly
1-4 November
Korea

Centenary Jamboree & 3rd ASEAN Jamboree
4-9 December
Singapore

For details of events Visit

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Md Nazrul Islam, Bangladesh Scouts Executive Secretary and Mr Prassanna Shrivastava, Director of WOSM/APR served as the Course Director and co-Director respectively. Among the experienced international resource persons were Dr Effendy Bin Rajab from Singapore, Abdul Manan and Col. Shah Ali (R) of Pakistan, Azuddin bin Rahman of Malaysia and Janaprith Fernando.

APR and BSP officials evaluate APR Scout Jamboree

Boy Scouts of the Philippines organized a Jamboree evaluation meeting of key Jamboree coordinators and APR representatives (Mari Nakano, Rajalingam Ramasamy, APR executives) on 18 February in Davao City, Philippines. Every department of the Host Organizing Committee prepared facts and figures, the challenges encountered, and the areas to be improved.

Apart from the meeting, the turnout of evaluation forms collected from participants was indicative of participants' general opinion about the Jamboree.

- Programmes were generally *delightful*, except for one which is *excellent* (extreme challenge)
- Jamboree events were generally *delightful*, except for Intercultural Presentation and Grand Campfire which were *excellent*.
- On facilities, the following were rated as *delightful*: Pre-Jamboree information, Airport Reception, Registration and Souvenirs, Jamboree Supermarket, Jamboree Market
- The following were *satisfactory*: Inland Transportation, Meals (for Leaders and ISTs), Troop Site Allocation
- Areas that need *improvement* are toilets and showers

A comprehensive Jamboree report has been presented to the Regional Committee for further evaluation.

WSB support to membership growth

World Scout Bureau executives from the central office and all Scouting regions who are responsible for membership growth are meeting in Geneva this March. The aim of the meeting is to focus on a holistic approach to support the growth of the movement and to develop a methodology, services and tools to implement this goal. The holistic approach will focus on three areas: the product (method, programme, activities), customers (young people, adults, the community), and the sellers (adult volunteers).

The APR office and the European Regional office are currently working to field test a much needed software package currently used in some NSOs in Europe for membership registration. The plan is to make the software available to NSOs in APR in time for the Membership Growth Workshop in Malaysia this coming May.

Photos pre-selected in Manila

After a careful scrutiny of 125 entries for the 2010 APR Scout Photo contest, a panel from a major photography club in the Philippines pre-selected the 15 best photos to be entered for the final selection. The pre-selected photos were entered by Scout members in Australia, India, Hong Kong, Korea and Philippines.

The photos were forwarded to the Scout Association of Japan for final judging by renowned Japanese photographers. Results will be announced in the next issue of Inbox and the awarding will be at the APR Scout Summit in Bangalore, India in June.

What's Ongoing

4th APR Advanced Management Course for Professional Scout Executives

Who: Professional Scout Executives at the national and sub-national levels and have already participated in the APR Basic Management Course for Professional Scout Executives. Top Scout Executives (National Secretary, Chief Scout Executives, Directors) are exempted from the requirement of attendance in Basic Management Course.

When: 3 – 9 March 2010

Where: Jaipur, India

Fee: US\$150.00 which will cover inland transportation (from Jaipur airport, bus/ train station) food, accommodation, course materials and educational tour.

What's Upcoming

Growth Promoters' Meeting

Who: Full time people in World Scout Bureau's central and regional offices who are in-charge of supporting Membership Growth

When: 8-12 March

Where: Geneva

Be Prepared

7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

Who: Chief Commissioner or equivalent, International Commissioner, Chief Scout Executive or equivalent;
All Sub-Committee members are invited to the meetings on 21-22 June

When: 24-27 June 2010

Where: Bangalore, Karnataka, India