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Environment Education:

An advocacy and way of life

What are we doing as Scouts and leaders?

Citing what happened in Mexico City which was hit by a powerful earthquake, World Scout Committee member Janaprith Fernando asked this question to the participants to open the Environmental Education workshop that took place in Yapahuwa, Sri Lanka. During the workshop, participants gave a collective donation as a way of reaching out to the earthquake victims.



At this workshop, participants learned about the World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP) which offers tools, resources and initiatives to encourage Scouts around the world protect the environment. Other topics include Scouts Go Solar, Better World Framework and best practices of National Scout Organizations.

The workshop challenged the participants to learn whatever they can on the environment and apply them in their daily lives - as a way of life.

WSEP was discussed in depth and young people are encouraged to take day-to-day actions that can impact the world, instilling within them a strong sense of responsibility for the environment.

Aside from tree-planting, another outdoor activity was climbing the 300-foot historical rock ruins dating back to the 13th century.

Participants were thrilled, amazed, and in total awe as they visited an elephant sanctuary.

They witnessed the elephants bathing and playful. Interestingly, they learned innovative ideas how elephant dung can be transformed into various paper products, as well as elephant statues made of recycled elephant poo, and glue that could carry a man's weight!

Participants hailed from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Taiwan, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste and Afghanistan.

Supporting the event were WSB Youth Programme Director - Hany Abdulmonem, WSB Youth Programme Intern - George Botros, Eilif Wang from Scouts of China and Bernardo De Leon from Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The Asia-Pacific Region Youth Programme Director, Syd Castillo, coordinated the event.

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Synergy between youth programme and Adults in Scouting

Synergy is the combined power of a group of things when they are working together, that is greater than the total power achieved by each working separately.

At the APR Workshop on Adult Support to Youth Programme, held on 21-24 September 2017 in Hong Kong, participants tackled the synergy between the Adults in Scouting and Youth Programme policies by exploring the different roles of adult leaders. Moreover, the aim of the two policies is to support the Mission of Scouting.

World Scout Committee (WSC) member Peter Blatch discussed in his presentation that the quality of Youth Programme, and the impact that Scouting will have on society, depends on the quality of adult leaders we have.

A total of 43 participants came from 16 National Scout Organizations (NSO) in the Asia-Pacific Region, and Denmark from the European Region. Scout Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) hosted the workshop.

Joining WSC member Peter Blatch were Youth Adviser to WSC Mori Cheng, Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee Chairman Paul Parkinson, APR Adult Support Sub-Committee Chairman Dale Corvera, APR Programme Sub-Committee Chairman Dev Raj Ghimire, APR Adult Support Sub-Committee members Elston Hynd, Antong Shahrudin and Wilson Lai, RSC Consultant Kirsty Brown and SAHK Training Commissioner Dr. Mak, Wai-ming.

SAHK Chief Commissioner NG Ah-ming served as Workshop Director with SAHK International Commissioner Hubert HO as Workshop Coordinator. From the Asia-Pacific Support Centre were Thian Hiong-Boon, Syd Castillo and Fatima Amido.



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-- Peter Blatch, WSC member





APR Adult Support Sub-Committee meeting

Prior to the workshop, an APR Adult Support Sub-Committee meeting was also held in Hong Kong on 20 September 2017 and was attended by 11 out of 15 members. Most of these sub-committee members stayed on for the workshop and served as Resource Persons and Facilitators.

APR Staff focuses on Occupational Safety and Health

Occupation Safety and Health (OSH) was the topic of this year's staff development workshop of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre held in Baguio City, Philippines from 11 to 13 September 2017. Local experts in OSH explained why and how the management of health and safety in a workplace is very important. Along with protecting employees, OSH also increases productivity when employees are healthy and happy.

Adding fun in the workshop was the Art of Storytelling by Joel Arthur Tibaldo who shared tips on how to make a good story, particularly on digital storytelling. At the closing, each group presented their short video clip, showing some basic techniques learned at the workshop.

OSH expert speakers were Gilbert Rafer, Engr. Marivic Empizo, Dr. Anne Bandonill, and Catherine Cruz.





Welcoming
WOSM's
newest
member

After officially receiving the certificate of WOSM membership in Azerbaijan during the 41st World Scout Conference on August 2017, key Scout leaders of the Scout Association of Macau welcomed Chairman Paul Parkinson and other members of the Regional Scout Committee, together with Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan in Macau on 20 September 2017.

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Excited for another milestone in Asia-Pacific, seven Scout Shop Managers and leaders from Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Singapore met on 2-3 September 2017 in Makati City, Philippines and became the first audience of www.scoutbazaar.com, an interactive platform for online shopping of Scouting products in the region.



Play for a Good Cause



A Fundraising Event was organized by the Messengers of Peace (MoP) Team of the National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT) to support their MoP projects. Funds raised will also support the Ticket To Life Project to further expand this fledgling programme in the country.

A bowling tournament was held with participants of more than 50 players, who generously contributed to the fundraising. The tournament was a reminder that Scouting, while it is truly a fun activity, also teaches sportsmanship, camaraderie and humility. Another similar activity will be organized to train more MoP Coordinators and expand the MoP platform in Thailand.



APR Scout Foundation Fundraising Dinner – a success!

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Foundation (APRSF), in collaboration with the Scout Association of Hong Kong, marks another milestone after holding the successful fundraising dinner on 23 September 2017 at BP International House, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Through the vigorous efforts of the Scout Association of Hong Kong, led by Chief Commissioner Ng Ah Ming, WOSM Treasurer Joseph Lau and the organizing committee led by Dr. Dominic Chu, the event was attended by over 120 supporters from Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Denmark, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Myanmar, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. Over US\$67,000 was raised as membership contributions from 66 new members, including members who

upgraded their memberships.

One of the highlights of the event was having Mr. Michael Baden Powell, with his wife Joan, as the guests of honor, whose presence reminds a significant bit of history, the roots of Scouting. President of APRSF, Mr. Chao Shou-Po, extended his appreciation to all who supported the event and have generously contributed to the mission of the Foundation. He said that the APRSF will continue to commit in helping more young people, support the development of Scouting and fund more Scouting related projects. He also announced the acceptance of the National Scout Organization of Thailand to host the next fundraising dinner.

Scouts go Solar

In partnership with the World Organization of the Scout Movement, Solafrica organized Scouts go Solar training at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, participated by 10 participants from eight countries, including Kenny Ralph S. Fernando, Program Executive and Bernardo G. De Leon, National Commissioner for Community-Based Scouting from the of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, who are both actively implementing of the World Scout Environment Programme and Scouts Go Solar.

Advancing the work in Cambodia

Advancing the work in Cambodia, BOOKBRIDGE and Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) will set up more learning centres in the country after its signing ceremony on 6 September 2017. Present at the ceremony were His Excellency Dr. Hang Chun Naron, Minister of MoEYS and President of the Cambodia Scouts, and Abdullah Rasheed, President of BOOKBRIDGE Foundation.

Since 2011, seven learning centers have been set up in the Cambodia, bringing quality education to people in need, and serving as real life case studies through its Leadership Program for international executives.

WOSM has been helping BOOKBRIDGE identify the countries which are in need of libraries and provide access through its network of National Scout Organizations.



WHAT'S UP?

6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree

Camp Chief of the 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree, Mayor Allan L. Rellon of Tagum City, presented before Scout Leaders of the ASEAN Scout Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) the preparation of the City of Tagum for the upcoming 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree this November 27 - 2 December 2017.

The camp chief assured the readiness of Tagum City to stage the best ASEAN Scout Jamboree ever.

The Jamboree aims to provide a progressive, safe and enjoyable learning environment for the Scouts in order to enhance their physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual potentials.



Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Education Forum 2017

EduFor 2017 will serve as an evaluation on how the region progressed, as well as the National Scout Organizations, taking into consideration the outcomes of the World Scout Education Congress emphasizing the implementation of the World Youth Programme Policy in the NSOs' Youth Programme.

Date: 9-12 December 2017

Venue: National Scout Training Center, Mouchak, Gazipur, Bangladesh

Aim of the Forum: To create a common understanding of all educational matters that World and Regional Scouting are offering young people in the region.

Eligible participants:

The Forum is an opportunity for NSO leaders (volunteers or professional) responsible for topics related to education (youth programme, adults in Scouting, unit leader training, age sections, diversity, community development, etc.) to meet and share information as well as form partnerships and work together on topics of common interest.

Forum Fee: US\$150.00, which includes inland transportation between the international airport and the forum venue; food (from dinner of 8 December 2017 to breakfast of 13 December 2017); accommodation for five nights (four persons in one room); forum kit and documents; and a half-day educational tour.

If your participants are interested to visit this place, you may kindly communicate with Bangladesh Scouts directly on or before 15 October 2017.

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APR Workshop on
Environment Education
in Scouting 2017
29 Sept - 3 Oct, Sri Lanka

MoP Evaluation
8-10 October, Philippines

APR Scouting Profile
Sub Committee Meeting
9 October, Bangladesh

3rd Preparatory Meeting
for 26th APR Scout Conference
11 October

APR Workshop on Strategic
Partnership
10-13 October, Bangladesh

APRSC Youth Forum
Planning Committee
18-19 October

JOTA-JOTI
20-22 October

Regional Scout Committee
Meeting
21-22 October, Singapore

MoP Training Bhutan
27-31 October

Strategic Meeting with Nepal Scouts
3 - 4 October

CALT
6-12 November, Nepal

6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree
27 Nov-2 December
Philippines

Basic & Advanced Unit
Leaders Training Courses
28 Nov - 4 December,
Myanmar

GSAT Bangladesh
1 - 2 December

CSPSA Forum
7-10 December

APR Scout Education
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9-12 December, Bangladesh

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16 December



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