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The Scout Movement forged a new partnership with UN Women's HeForShe initiative at the 41st World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan, inspiring millions of Scouts all over the world to strive for a more gender-equal world.

During the 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree in Tagum City, Davao Del Norte, Philippines from 27 November to 2 December 2017, over 1,300 Scouts and leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and

Thailand pledged to gender equality by signing up to <http://www.heforshe.org/commit/scouts>.

Over the next three years, both organizations will collaborate to increase awareness about gender equality and women's empowerment, and inspire young people to take action.

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APR Centre welcomes Scouts @6th ASEAN Scout JAMBOREE

The 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree held on 27 November to 2 December 2017 in Tagum City, Davao Del Norte, Philippines, was a huge success with more than 30,000 participants from south-east Asia and other parts of the world.

As the Jamboree opened, exciting activities unfolded and nights were filled with excitement fostering cultural exchange and showcasing talents of young people from different nations.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in the Asia-Pacific Region actively supported the event and set up the Asia-Pacific Region Centre highlighting events and projects such as APR Scout Bazaar and the introduction of the new partnership between WOSM and United Nation's HeForShe initiative to promote gender equality. Over 3,000 people visited and enjoyed the interactive booths, photo booths and games at the centre.



EduFor 2017: Together for a common goal

Creating a common understanding of Scouting's educational purpose was the primary purpose of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum (EduFor) held in November at the National Scout Training Centre in Mouchak, Bangladesh. The forum was a collaborative effort between Bangladesh Scouts and WOSM Asia-Pacific Region that served to gauge how National Scout Organizations (NSOs) are using the outcomes of the World Scout Education Congress held in May 2017.

Dr Md Mozammel Haque Khan, Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts who serves as Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, welcomed and addressed 60 participants from 17 countries.

To ensure the attainment of the participants' needs and expectations, a panel of resource persons were invited to facilitate sessions namely Paul Parkinson, Chairman of APR Scout Committee; Peter Blatch, Member of World Scout Committee; and Hany Abdulmonem, Director of Youth Programme at World Scout Bureau.

Key leaders of Bangladesh augmented the Forum with their views on where Scouting could widen and integrate its educational programme. Prof.



Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed, Chairman of National Programme Committee of Bangladesh Scouts, delivered the keynote on effective practices with non-formal education, while Md. Abul Kalam Azad, President of Bangladesh Scouts and Principal SDG Coordinator of the Prime Minister's Office, expounded on Sustainable Development Goals in relation to Scouting.

Before the forum, the APR Programme Sub-Committee met at the National Training Centre with its Chairman, Dev Raj Ghimire, presiding. The meeting highlighted the EDUFOR2017 Programme developed by a task team with Sub-committee Vice-Chairman Eric Lam as lead.





Hong Kong welcomes WOSM Secretary General



WOSM Secretary General Ahmad Alhendawi visited The Scout Association of Hong Kong (HKSA) on 19 November 2017 and met with the key leaders.

The Secretary General took the opportunity to personally meet the Scouts in a troop meeting.

HKSA is known for its good standing in developing resources and expertise in various areas especially its sound financial base, strong volunteerism and efficient professional support.



Enhancing quality of adult leaders of Nepal

“Dream big and work hard to achieve it” were the inspiring words of Nepal Scouts Chief Commissioner Rabin Dahal for the participants of the 6th Course for Assistant Leader Trainers (CALT) at the Kakani International Training Centre (KITC). With the scenery of the Himalayas as its backdrop, this CALT is a breakthrough for Nepal Scouts – having been organised for the first time in 12 years. The last CALT was in 2005.

The course had 56 participants coming from 21 districts of Nepal, and from Hong Kong, Singapore and Scouts of China-Taiwan.

“We need your cooperation and participation to achieve the roadmap of Nepal Scouts. Your participation here is not a guarantee of your eligibility. You need to work back in your district to invite more young people into Scouting,” said the Chief Commissioner.



With the increase of young people joining Nepal Scouts in the past few years, only 153 Assistant Leader Trainers were eligible to give support, which makes it timely to train more adult leaders.

The CALT was a collaboration of World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre with the APR Specialists Panel. National Train-

ing Commissioner Shiva Bahadur Bhandari was the Course Leader, with support from the training team comprised of Dr. Cyrus Wadia (India), Dr. Ekbert Yong (Malaysia), Dr. Leonides T. Son (Philippines); Mohd. Rafiqul Islam Khan (Bangladesh); Dev Raj Ghimire (Nepal), Thian Hiong-Boon and Cecille Tan from WSB Asia-Pacific Support Centre.

Bhutan Scouts build capacity through the MoP Network



In the last three years, Bhutan Scouts Association (BSA) has been gradually and firmly expanding the Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiative throughout the country.

Under the theme Globalizing Messengers of Peace, BSA organized a leader training program to expand the network and reach out to more young people in the districts. Forty seven participants from 24 districts, including Rovers from ten colleges, joined the training from 27 to 31 October 2017 at Damphu Resort Tsirang, located at a hilltop in southern Bhutan.

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Participants brainstormed and formulated a two-year Action Plan for 2017-2019 and discussed the role of National MoP Coordinators in strengthening their peace initiatives.

The workshop gained the support of His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. BSA leaders are giving full cooperation starting with Gholing Tshering, Chief National Commissioner and Karma Tenzin, International Commissioner.

The workshop was officially opened in Bhutanese ceremony led by the Chief Guest, Namgay Dorji -

Vice President of Tsirang District.

"We are heading to critical times and see rapid growth of globalization in the world today. My sincere appreciation to Scouting's support to Bhutan's national vision of seeing happiness in every community", said Namgay Dorji in his address.

National Coordinator from Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesia), Ms Venny Indri Christiyanti, and a support team from the Asia-Pacific Support Centre facilitated the training.



Scouts repack goods for typhoon victims



In the midst of holiday rush, Scouts do their good turns repacking relief goods and segregating food items, toiletries and clothing for the victims of Typhoon Urduja in the Philippines. *Text and photo credit: Dexter C. Villa, Boy Scouts of the Philippines*



Inter-regional partnership

Regional Directors Jose Rizal C. Pangilinan and Dr Atif Abdelmageed Abdelrahman meet to strengthen inter-regional cooperation between the Asia-Pacific Support Centre and Arab Support Centre of the World Scout Bureau with Khamis Al-Rasbi, Chairperson of the Arab Region sharing the same commitment.

Walk for A Cause Rally: A first for APR Ticket to Life



Several Scouting activities are being introduced in Thailand and a major initiative last 24th December was the "Walk for A Cause Rally", organised under the Ticket to Life (TTL) project which had a high turn-out of over 4,000 Thai Scouts and leaders.

Not only was the rally the first of its kind for TTL, it received strong support from the non-formal education department of the Ministry of Education. Many schools from 50 districts in Bangkok, which are under the non-formal education department, helped in selling close to 3,000 tickets with the help of Dr. Disakul Kasemsawas, Deputy Secretary General of National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT).

Through this project, NSOT is offering a Scout-based life skills program for children who have lesser opportunities in life. Prasert Boonruang, NSOT Secretary General, who headed the rally said "This is just the

beginning. We hope to inspire more children to join the Ticket to Life program."

Special thanks to TTL Thailand National Coordinator Mr Settanun Ungkulpasvich and his team for their efforts in planning, promoting and ensuring the success of this event.

Notable NSOT leaders joined the rally namely, International Commissioner Pansak Ransibrahmanakul, Mr Ut Sangjit, Mr Sommart Sungkapon, and Dr Anatchai Rattakul. Ms. Iza Capinlac represented the Asia-Pacific Support Centre.

Thailand is the seventh country that runs Scout groups under the Ticket to Life project and the National Scout Organization of Thailand will open four new Scout groups with 32 children for each group.

Developing collaboration and exchange programme



Kim Jong-Gyu, Mayor of Buan-gun, meets Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan to strengthen collaboration.

World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan accepted the Exchange Programme invitation of Hon. Kim Jong-Gyu, Mayor of Buan-gun, to advance the partnership between Korea Scout Association (KSA) and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement through the Asia-Pacific Support Centre.

The two leaders discussed the idea of an exchange programme as a way of establishing mutual support with the local and national government of Korea in preparation for the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in 2023.

Regional Director Pangilinan stressed on the importance of deepening the cooperation between KSA and the Regional Support Centre. This includes tapping potential partners, generating sustainable projects, and putting at the forefront the educational dimension of the World Jamboree.

He also had a series of meetings with Hon. Kim Yunduk, Chairperson of Jeonbuk Council; Hon. Lee Yeon Sang, County Sub chief of Buan-gun; and KSA Secretary General Kwon Gu Yeon.

KSA SecGen Kwon Gu Yeon arranged all the meetings between the local government, the Council board of Jeonbuk Council and other leaders. The three-day meeting was coordinated by Jo Kyeong Sik, Jin Ouk, Ko Dong Il, Richard Dohyun Kim and Andy Chung Suh Yong.



Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan with Hon. Lee Yeon Sang, Vice-Mayor of Buan-gun discussing the Exchange Programme.

Suncheon Asia-Pacific Centre provides opportunities for global leadership

Regional Scout Committee Vice-Chairman Reiko Suzuki joined the Regional Director in attending the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC) Board Meeting on 20 - 21 November 2017. Both leaders expressed satisfaction over the improvements of the centre's programme and activities, and the increase of international volunteers serving there.

SAPSC has been operating since 2009, providing young people opportunities for global leadership through outdoor hands-on programs, weekly English camp programs, and seasonal experiential programs. The Centre is being governed by a Memorandum between KSA, Suncheon City Government and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee.



Rekindling love for Scouting in Myanmar

Myanmar Scouts successfully concluded its 2nd and 3rd Basic Unit Leaders Training Courses on 28 November to 4 December 2017 at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw. This was a follow-up to the first basic training held in 2013 in Mandalay.

This batch had 109 participants with a training team from the APR Specialists Panel – Ivan CH Tam (Hong Kong), Lester Sy (Singapore), Lau Hooi Lin (Malaysia), Khoo Hong Kiong (Malaysia), Ekbert Yong (Malaysia), and Md Tauhidul Islam (Bangladesh). Thian Hiong Boon of Asia-Pacific Support Centre was the course leader.

Among the participants were two octogenarians who said they continue to rekindle their love for Scouting. U Aye Kyaw, 83 and U Khin Maung Htay, 83, both joined Scouting in 1945 and were recipients of Lion's Award in 1954



and 1949, respectively. U Aye Kyaw is currently involved in community-based Scouting where two troops are already formed. Htay recalls being part of Union of Burma Boy Scouts delegation to the 7th World Scout Jamboree in Austria in 1951.

Myanmar has a long Scouting history. It was introduced in 1922 and disbanded in 1964. More than 50 years later, in 2016, Scouting was fully re-established with 25,000 members.

New appointments

Singapore

Congratulations to new appointees of The Singapore Scout Association:

- Antong Shahrudin, Chief Commissioner (as of 1st December 2017)
- Dr. Jeffrey Ho, International Commissioner (as of 1st January 2018)
- Gary Lim, Executive Director (as of 1st January 2018)

And heartfelt appreciation to outgoing Chief Commissioner Tan Cheng Kiong and International Commissioner Chay Hong Leng who both completed their terms of office, and to Dr Mohd Effendy Rajab who is retiring after 11 years as Executive Director.

India

Best wishes to new appointees in the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters

- M. A, Khalid, National Commissioner of Scouts
- Mohanty, IAS, International Commissioner of Scouts

Internship opportunities in Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Support Centre invites applications under the APR Internship/Executive Attachment Program for the following positions:

Support Assistant to the Asia-Pacific Scout Foundation

The successful candidate will support the AP Scout Foundation Silver Jubilee celebration 2017-2018. He/She will assist in:

- developing program concepts
- designing and implementing fund raising activities
- developing and maintaining database program for the Foundation
- promoting the Silver Jubilee Celebration

Expected profile of the candidate:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Effective verbal and written communication skills in English
- Good organizational skills
- Skills in needs analysis, research, writing reports
- Ability to manage data and information
- Ability to work with professional and volunteer colleagues at all levels of the Movement
- Good team player
- Previous experience in fund raising is preferred

Support Assistant, Development Support Executive

The successful candidate will be tasked to support the promotion of:

- Scouting in the South Pacific countries
- Messengers of Peace (MOP) Initiative

Expected Profile of the candidate:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Effective verbal and written communication skills in English
- Good organizational skills
- Skills in needs analysis, research, writing reports
- Ability to manage data and information
- Ability to work with professional and volunteer colleagues at all levels of the Movement
- Good team player All NSOs are encouraged to assign a candidate through APR-NSO sharing of allowance-expense.

For more details, contact asia-pacific@scout.org

Gone Home

Our last salute to two outstanding Scout Leaders who passed away in December 2017:

Manzoor ul Karim

Passed away 4 December 2017, aged 81

Chairman of APR Scout Committee
Chief National Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts
President and Advisor, Bangladesh Scouts
Recipient of Bronze Wolf

Yoshio Danjo

Passed away 20 December 2017, aged 70

International Commissioner, Scout Association of Japan
Member of Board of Education,
SAJ Member of APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee
Member of APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee

WHAT'S UP?

Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Date and Duration

7 – 10 July 2018. Four full days, inclusive of a half-day tour, excluding arrival and departure. Participants should arrive 6 July 2018 and may leave 11 July 2018. Please plan to arrive at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL).

Venue

Pax Hill Activity Centre in Ballarat, Victoria, north west of Melbourne. Pax Hill is a Scouts Australia camp site and adult training venue, about 90 minutes from Melbourne Airport

Workshop Fee

Fee is US\$150.00 which covers inland transportation between the international airport and work-

shop venue, food and accommodation for five days and workshop documents/kit, and half-day educational tour

Aim

This workshop is aimed to gather key Scout leaders from National Scout Organisations in the Asia-Pacific Region to look at how the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy is effectively implemented in NSOs

Provisional Objectives

At the end of the workshop, the participants will be able to:

- explain the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy
- understand the importance of Youth Involvement in Scouting

- analyse and consider the implications of this policy to their NSOs
- meet with people with different expertise and share experiences on different aspects of Youth Involvement in Scouting

Eligible participants

Commissioners of any level in an NSO or full-time executives responsible or in charge of Youth Programme; and/or Unit Leaders who are actively serving in their NSOs

NSOs are requested to send their reply slip to the World Scout Bureau, Asia-Pacific Regional Office Support Centre, copy to Scouts Australia, not later than 30 April 2018.

14th National Rover Moot: Rover lives, Being Different

The 14th National Rover Moot will be held in Tainan, the oldest city in Taiwan on 17-23 August 2018. Program of the Moot combines three elements, which are Communication, Nature and Adventures.

The Moot planning team wish to provide an unforgettable experience which every participant will discover a different "Me", find their own value and believe that they will bring positive attitude of life to their communities, and the world would be a little different because of Rovers.

Participants who are interested and willing to share and discuss ideas with fellow Rovers are welcome to join through their National Scout Organization.

For more information, visit the official Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TaiwanRoverMoot/>.



Asia-Pacific Regional SCOUT YOUTH FORUM



Consistent to the Guidelines of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, "participants of the APR Scout Youth Forum should represent the National Scout Organizations (NSO) well and therefore, participants should ideally be elected from a National Youth Forum or equivalent institutional structure like a National Rover Council. Some NSOs have young people in their National Executive Board. They, too, are ideal participants of the Youth Forum."

Each National Scout Organization shall appoint two delegates and a maximum of eight observers to the Youth Forum (total of ten participants).

Participants from NSOs must be endorsed by the National Scout Organization and must be between 18 to 26 years old during the period of the forum. Other youth organizations from the host country may be invited to join.

NSOs are encouraged to hold a National Scout Youth Forum to select participants who can properly represent their NSO. The Asia-Pacific Region, through the APR Programme Sub-Committee, is willing to assist in conducting National Scout Youth Forums, if requested.

Fee: USD150.00 per participant

The fee includes forum kit and materials, inland transportation, and accommodation for five nights (check-in 8 October and check-out 13 October), food for five days (dinner of 8 October to breakfast of 13 October), educational tour and forum documents.

All announcement and other information will be disseminated through the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/9APRScoutYouthForum/>

Deadline: Accepting applications is not later than 30 June 2018



APR Course for LEADER TRAINERS

In conjunction with the forthcoming 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in 2018 - Philippines, the WOSM Asia-Pacific Region is organizing the Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leader Trainers (APR CLT) as an ancillary event.

The purpose of having the training prior to the conference is to provide participants the opportunity to attend the conference after the course. Home Hospitality program will be offered by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines to the participants. NSOs are encouraged to include their CLT participants in the country delegation to the conference, either as delegate or observer.

Since the course participation is limited to a maximum of 50 participants, NSOs are requested

to nominate their candidates well ahead of time to ensure their participation by nominating 2-3 candidates per NSO. NSOs may also send in their reserved candidates, on priority list/basis, subject to the availability of slots after the closing date.

Date: 6 - 12 October 2018

Participants should arrive 5 October 2018 and may leave 13 October 2018 morning if not attending the 26th APR Scout Conference.

Venue: B-P International Hotel, Mt. Makiling National Scout Reservation, Los Baños, Laguna, PHILIPPINES

CLT Registration Fee: US\$250.00 per participant
Deadline: not later than 31 May 2018

2018

EVENTS

JANUARY

WSB All Staff meeting
14-20 January, Malaysia

TTL Leaders Scout Wood Badge Training
22-27 January, Thailand

Course for Leader Trainers
25-31 January, Bangladesh

FEBRUARY

20th International Adventure Programme
2-8 February, India

MoP Local Coordinators Meet and APRSC Visit
7-11 February, Myanmar

MoP Local Coordinators Gathering
20-24 February, Bangladesh

Founder's day
22 February

MARCH

APRSC Visit to Timor Leste
1-5 March

CSPSA Meeting
8-10 March, New Zealand

APRIL

WSC Meeting
6-8 April, Malaysia

24th WSJ HoC meeting
12-15 April, Virginia, USA

RSC meeting
28-30 April, Philippines

MAY

APR Adult Support Sub Committee Meeting
1 May, Singapore

APR Workshop on Quality Adult Training
2-5 May, Singapore

APRSC Visit to Vietnam
2-5 May

Intellectual Property Seminar
5-7 May, Malaysia

APR Scouting Profile Sub Committee Meeting
5 May, Malaysia

Branding & Comm. Advocacy Workshop
7-10 May, Malaysia

JUNE

APR Management meeting
26-28 June, Philippines

JULY

APR Programme SuC meeting
6 July, Australia

APR Workshop on Youth Involvement
7-10 July, Australia

AUGUST

International Youth Day –Rover Centenary
12 August

SEPTEMBER

International Day of Peace
21 September, worldwide

OCTOBER

WSC meeting
5-7 October, Switzerland

APR Course for Leader Trainers
6-12 October, Philippines

9th APR Scout Youth Forum –
9-12 October, Philippines

Chief Scout Executives Meet
13 October, Philippines

SuC meetings / RSC meeting
14 October, Philippines

RSC meeting with HoD – Phils
15 October, Philippines

26th APR Scout Conference
15-20 October, Philippines

JOTA-JOTI
19-21 October, Philippines

NOVEMBER

Staff Devt. Workshop/Outing
4-8 November, Suncheon, Korea

Interamerica Scout Conference
27 Nov-1 Dec

DECEMBER

International Volunteer's Day
5 December

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