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# Shaping the future of Scouting in the South Pacific



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total of 23 key leaders from different National Scout Organizations in the South Pacific gathered for the Council of South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA) Forum held at the Motu Moana Activity Centre in Auckland, New Zealand on 9-11 March 2018. They discussed issues directly affecting Scouting in the South Pacific.

With the participation of leaders from Fiji, Papua New

Guinea, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga and New Caledonia, mutual understanding and co-operation were strengthened. Representatives from other NSOs including French Polynesia, France, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand came during the forum signifying their support.

The CSPSA is a sub-regional alliance of NSOs in the South Pacific founded for purposes of engaging mutual co-operation, coordinating support from external organizations and partners, including the establish-

ment of contact and support the association and WOSM. It is supported by Scouts Australia and Scouting New Zealand.

During the gathering, John Naisau (Fiji Scouts Association) was elected chairman, Noelline Parker (Polynesia) as vice chairman and Noel Pinda (The Scout Association of Papua New Guinea) as secretary for CY 2018-2020.

The next CSPSA Forum will be hosted by Fiji Scouts Association in 2020.



Country coordinators of the Messengers of Peace (MoP) from the Asia-Pacific Region developed a manual

providing practical steps on how to implement the MoP Initiatives from the educational perspective, from the national down to the grassroots level. It also covers information and tools that will be useful to NSOs in engaging and inspiring more young people to be Global Active Citizens.

During the sessions, coordinators reported their work in their own country showing the impact of Scouting through Scout projects and community service partnered with Scouts, local communities, and non-governmental organisations. Since its launch in 2011, MoP has many

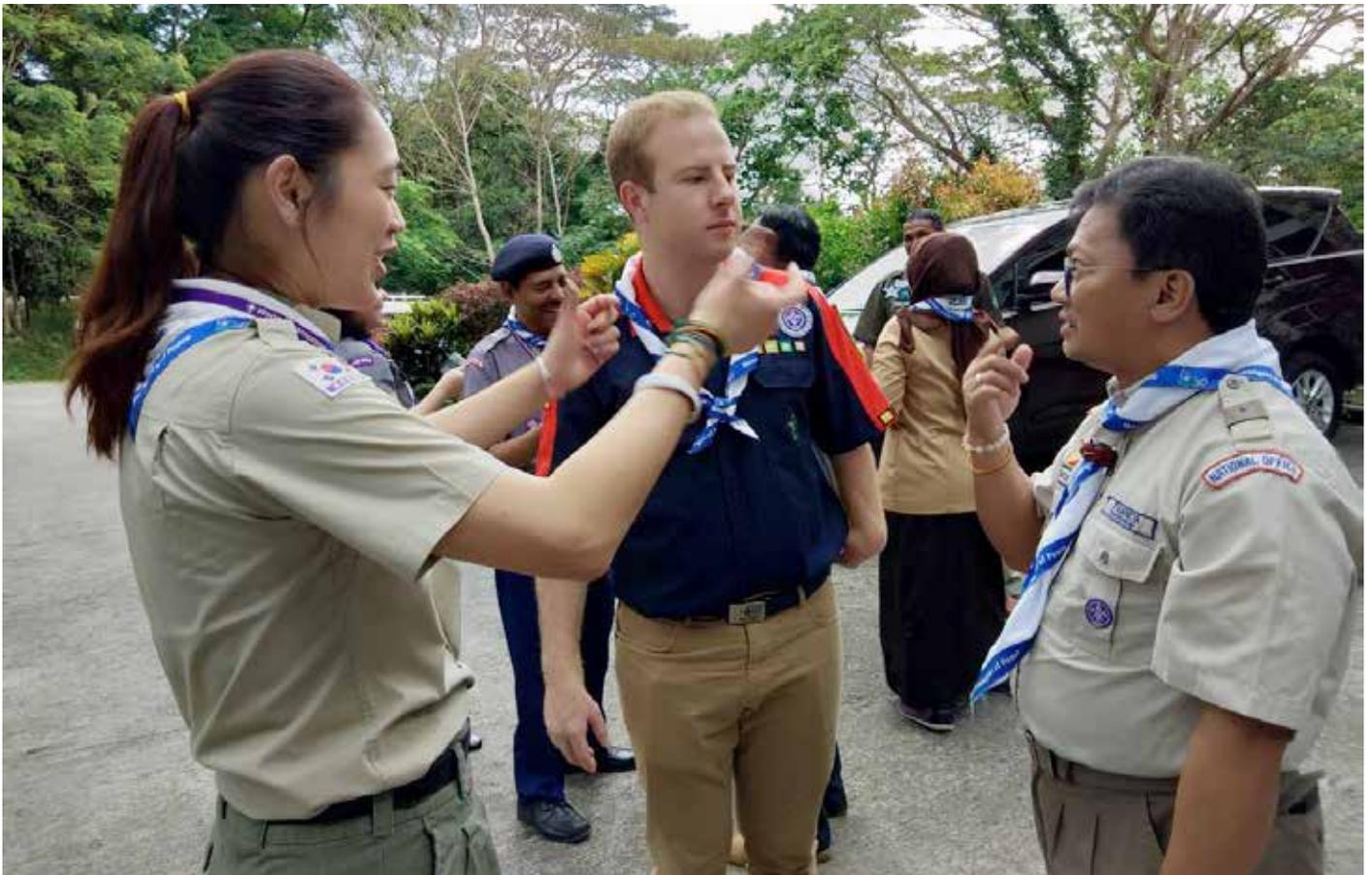
# MoP coordinators develop manual showcasing impact of Scouting in communities

successful projects: globalization network in Bhutan getting the full support from King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk himself; youth leadership summit and events, Philippines; nationwide peace day and online campaigns, Indonesia; and service camps during large scale international and religious events in India – leading to the



promotion of MoP to almost 100,000 people per day.

The core team meet was held from 19-23 March 2018 in Laguna, Philippines, with 17 coordinators from Australia, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines as the host NSO.



# 16<sup>th</sup>

## APR Scout Photo Contest 2018: Rover Scouting, a pursuit for life

Join the 16th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Photo Contest with this year's theme "Rover Scouting", a pursuit for life in celebration of the Rover Centenary.

We look forward to receiving entries capturing shared experiences in Roving such as active citizenship, service to others, adventure, etc.

The theme is aligned to the World Scout Committee's decision to celebrate the Rovers Centenary where National Scout Organizations in the region are highly encouraged to promote it in their respective media channels.

Deadline of submission of entries to the Asia-Pacific Support Centre is on **31 May 2018**.

**All entries must be endorsed by their National Scout Organizations.**

At the end of the competition, six winners will be announced: One Gold, two Silvers, and three Bronzes. Presentation of winners will be at the 26th APR Scout Conference this October 2018, in Manila, Philippines.

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## Myanmar starts promoting MoP peace network



**M**yanmar Scout, for the first time, organized Messengers of Peace (MoP)

training for its members to promote the peace network in local communities, and in the long run engage the young people across the country.

In his remarks, Chief Commissioner Tin Nyo shared how the Founder Lord Baden Powell had written in one of his books that "Myanmar has the happiest people in the world." With this writing from the Founder, the Chief Commissioner said that it was enough inspiration for Myanmar Scout to keep moving forward.

"I believe from my heart that the peace starting from

oneself can bring peace to our society and for creating a better world," he added.

The Training was held from 7-12 February 2018 at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center, in Yangon, with 47 participants from 14 provinces who learned practical ways of undertaking peace-related activities. As part of the practicum, participants ran modules for over 150 university students, which were hands-on exercises which they

can replicate in their own provinces, as they are expected to serve as MoP local coordinators in their districts or provinces.

Adults in Scouting Commissioner, Myint Swe directed the training with the support of Prassanna Shrivastava, APR Director for Organizational Development and MoP, Ms Virin Daenraj & Wandaya Budhtranon of National Scout Organization of Thailand, Mr Erwin Samili Ramli of Gerakan Pramuka/Indonesia and Nancy Ladores from APR.

Prior to the MoP training, a brief visit by the regional team composed of Asia-Pacific Regional Chairman Paul Parkinson, APRSC Member Rajalingam Ramasamy, Chairman of Management Sub-Committee Dr. Somboon Bunyasiri, and Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan had a discussion with the leaders of Myanmar Scout to know what services need for further development of Scouting in Myanmar.



The year 2018 marks the 100th year of Rover Scouting and National Scout Organizations have different ways of celebrating it. For Rover Scouts from

Taiwan, they gathered from the 3rd until the 7th February 2018 at the Fo Guang University (FGU) for the National Rover Conference (NRC) with the theme "Unlimited" focusing on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. NRC serves as a platform for young people to take part in youth involvement, and to discuss and express their opinions on different issues.

The event was participated by 144 Rover Scouts from Hong

## Rovers 100 launched in Taiwan

Kong, Japan, Korea, Philippines and Taiwan, including WOSM Youth Advisor Mori Cheng and Chairperson of Asia-Pacific Young Adult Member Group, Belinda Wang.

"The NRC provided a perfect chance for Rovers from different areas to gather together and share their thoughts on Rover policies and provided them with the opportunity to exchange their ideas with other Rover Scouts in other coun-

tries! A place where Rovers can engage in decision making and decide the future direction of Rovers," said Mori Cheng.

Chairman and Chief Commissioner, Mr. Lin, Yu-Chang, said that the youth, being the power of the country, are offered avenues to practice teamwork, leadership, decision-making and appreciate global citizenship through the NRC.



## Rekindling the fire of adult training

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o upgrade the trainers with new approaches in Scouting's educational methods, Bangladesh Scouts organized a 7-day special training program using the framework of World Adult Resources Handbook.

Course leader Md. Kalam Azad, President of Bangladesh Scouts, shared that it took them eight months to plan and prepare for this special training program, explaining that apart from the typical topics on Scouting knowledge and training skills, the event integrated adult learning with relevant advocacies such as Sustainable Development Goals, environment education, information communication technology, among others.

The Asia-Pacific Support Centre fully supported this initiative of Bangladesh Scouts from planning to completion to refresh the old-timers Leader Trainers (LT) and train the active serving Leader Trainers with recent adopted WOSM's policies related to education methods, and in a way reinforcing one of the themes "Quality adults for quality programme".





## APR Ticket to Life walk for a cause rally



**S**everal 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 NSOT will open four new Scout groups with 32 children for each group.

## Indian and Bangladeshi Scouts' memorable train ride

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total of 800 Scouts, joined by volunteers and officials of Bangladesh Scouts and Bharat Scouts & Guides (India) as they embarked on a memorable train ride from Mouchak, Bangladesh to Kolkata, India in this Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Camp from 6-16 February 2018.

The joint camp started with an inauguration ceremony at the National Scouts Training Centre, in Mouchak, on 7 February 2018 with Bangladesh State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Zahid Malek MP, as the Chief Guest. After completing a series of activities, Scouts left Mouchak on 11 February and headed to Ganganagar, Kolkata, India where they camped for five days.

-- Sarwar Mohammad Shahriar, National Commissioner for Public Relations, Bangladesh Scouts



## Indonesian Scouts are the first batch of responders during landslide

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ommunity service has always been one of Gerakan Pramuka's strength as a Scout organization, and during the landslide that occurred in March this year in central Java, Indonesian Scouts once again showed its commitment to help even in the midst of danger.

A total of 200 Scouts, from the Movement's "Pramuka Peduli" (Scout Care) unit, worked in 24-hour shifts alongside emergency services and local villagers to search for victims buried in the mud, using their hands to remove

trees and other debris.

"As long as there is an undiscovered victim, and there is an evacuation and rescue effort we do not stop working," National Commissioner on Community Service and Disaster Preparedness said on Monday, according to Pramuka Pos. Rescue efforts were suspended a number of times amid heavy rain and lightning.

Five people are known to have been injured in the disaster with 13 declared missing, according to the country's disaster response agency.

"Even one life lost is a huge loss



to the Indonesian nation," Kak Eko Sulistio said, explaining the Scouts' involvement. "Scouts must be present in the community including during times of disaster or difficulties that can befall the community. Assistance can vary, including even the smallest thing."

# APR Seminar on Disaster Management



Get to know the different humanitarian works being done by various NSOs across the Asia-Pacific Region. Join and be a part of the APR Seminar on Disaster Management and equip yourself with the technical knowledge and practical skills on how to best prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

## **Date**

21 - 25 June 2018

Participants are expected to arrive on Wednesday, 20 June, and may depart on Tuesday, 26 June.

## **Venue**

Julpo Bay Tidal Flat Ecological Park, Buan, Jeollabukdo

## **Fee**

USD\$150.00 which covers inland transport, food (from dinner on 20 June to breakfast on 26 June) and accommodation during the event (check-in on 20th June and check out on 26 June), and programme materials.

## **Aim**

To bring understanding on the nature of global risks; identify the best preventive methods in disaster management, and how best to prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster both locally and internationally.

## **Objectives**

- To share the work being undertaken by various NSOs in the Region
- To introduce key concepts in disaster management
- To identify the role of Scouts at pre, during, and post disaster stage
- To develop system of networking amongst and within NSOs in managing relief work

## **Participation**

This Seminar aims to gather a maximum of 40 national and sub-national level leaders who are involved, responsible for, or have interest in the area of disaster management. Participants should be ready to accept the role of an NSO coordinator who will commit to strengthen further the capacity of an NSO, and must work to establish a local network.

21-25 JUNE  
KOREA





# APR Workshop on Diversity & Inclusion



Diversity and Inclusion is one of WOSM's Strategic Priorities.

Over the years, WOSM has made efforts to make Scouting inclusive by valuing the diversity of local and national communities.

- **ESTABLISH** a common understanding of the principles of diversity and inclusion in all aspects of operation at region and national levels
- **IDENTIFY** specific and generic issues for NSOs
- **PROVIDE** participants the practical tools in reinforcing diversity and inclusion at all levels of Scouting
- **USE** train the trainer approach that enable participants to train others and duplicate the workshop in their countries
- **DEVELOP** action plans for NSOs to implement their common learnings

## Participation

This workshop is expected to gather key leaders, volunteers and professionals who are responsible for diversity and inclusion and who are willing to commit as their NSO's focal persons for D&I in the long term. Program Commissioners, Scout officials and full-time executives responsible for membership for community-based Scouting, Scouting for the differently-abled, Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (CEDC), among others are welcome to join.

## Fee

Each participant will be charged with a workshop fee of USD150.00 to defray expenses for meals (from dinner of 22nd June until afternoon snacks of 26th June), accommodation (triple or twin sharing, 6 days and 5 nights, from 22nd June until 27th June), workshop materials, souvenirs and educational tour.



22-26 June 2018  
PHILIPPINES



# APR Workshop on Youth Involvement



7-10 JULY  
AUSTRALIA



-  **EXPLAIN** the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy
-  **UNDERSTAND** the importance of Youth Involvement in Scouting
-  **SHARE** experiences

This workshop aims 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.

#### **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

#### **Fee**

Fee is US\$150.00 which covers inland transportation between the international airport and workshop venue, food and accommodation for five days and workshop documents/kit, and half-day educational tour

#### **Participation**

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

# 2018 events



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## MAY

APR Adult Support Sub Committee meeting  
1 May, Singapore

APR Workshop on Quality Training of Adults  
2-5 May, Singapore

RSC Visit to Vietnam  
2-5 May

APR Scouting Profile Sub Committee meeting  
6 May, Malaysia

APR Workshop on Creating Impact  
through Branding Positioning & Advocacy  
6-10 May, Malaysia

## JUNE

MoP Taiwan National Coordinators  
Training  
1-3 June

GSAT Assessors Training  
14-17 June, Azerbaijan

APR Seminar on Disaster Management  
21-25 June, Korea

APR Workshop on Diversity & Inclusion  
22-26 June, Philippines

APR Management meeting  
26-28 June, Philippines

## JULY

APR Programme Sub Committee  
meeting  
6 July, Australia

APR Workshop on Youth Involvement  
7-10 July, Australia

## AUGUST

17th Nippon Scout Jamboree  
4-10 August, Japan

International Youth Day-Rover  
Centenary  
12 August

51st APR Basic Management Course  
for Professional Scout Executives  
14-25 August, Thailand

APR Environment Educational Workshop  
21-25 August, June

## 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  
15 October, Philippines

26th APR Scout Conference  
15-20 October, Philippines

JOTA-JOTI  
19-21 October, Philippines

## NOVEMBER

Staff Devt. Workshop/Outing  
19-23 November, Suncheon, Korea

## DECEMBER

International Volunteer's Day  
5 December

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