

JUNE 2009

What's New

Philippines' annual council meeting ends with historic conclusions

Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) held its 53rd Annual National Council Meeting on 19-21 May 2009 in Zamboanga City in the southern part of the Philippines, gathering over 400 Scout leaders and officials from BSP councils all over the country.

The annual meeting concluded with a resolution to start working on community-based Scouting, and the first step is to form at least one Scout troop in each of the 111 Scout councils. One primary reason for pushing community-based Scouting, apart from the present school-based system, is the opportunity to expand Scouting in other untouched places and to increase membership which currently stands at 1.6 million. A position for commissioner was created to support this activity by monitoring and coordinating the exercises in all Scout councils.

This resolution is fully aligned with the recommendations and conclusions of the Asia-Pacific Regional Summit held in Nepal and the decision of the Regional Scout Committee to include community and membership growth as regional priorities for 2009-2012.

Regional team visits Maldives

The regional team comprised of Regional Scout Committee Vice-Chairman Mohammed Ali Khalid, members Fazlur Rahman, Prakorb Mukura and Dr Mohammed Mukhyuddin, flew to Maldives from 10 to 12 May 2009 and completed another successful Committee NSO Visit. Assisting the team were Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Director Thian Hiong Boon.

The team had a dialogue with leaders of the Scout Association of Maldives on key performance areas. Presently the association has over 10,000 members and has one of the highest Scout densities in the region. The regional team appreciated the diverse range of Scouting activities in the islands and the active participation of young Maldivians in overseas events. After intense discussions, a set of actions were agreed upon, highlighting constitution, POR, youth programme and training schemes.

During the lively dialogue with young people, some issues raised were revitalizing the Rovers section, introduction of the World Environment Badge, Scouts of the World Programme and making youth programme more active. The young people articulated their experiences and gratefulness on how Scouting is becoming an essential dimension in their young lives.

Chief Commissioner Ahmed Ali Maniku expressed his gratitude to the regional team for their keen interest in the development of Scouting in Maldives.

2009 EVENTS

Committee NSO Visit
1-3 June
Japan

Program Review Workshop
12-15 June
Mongolia

Committee NSO Visit
17-19 June
Mongolia

APR Forum for National Program & Training Commissioners
7-10 July
Cambodia

4th Preparatory Meeting of the 26th APR Scout Jamboree
28-29 July
Philippines

APR Workshop on PR & Marketing
1-4 August
Maldives

International Scout Seminar on Intellectual Property
1-4 September
Thailand

APR Course for Leader Trainers
19-25 October
Malaysia

6th APR Scout Youth Forum
22-25 October
Malaysia

23rd APR Scout Conference

Asia-Pacific Regional Office Management Meeting

In the three-day Asia-Pacific Regional Office Management Meeting on 26-28 May 2009 in Makati City, Philippines, executives of the Asia-Pacific office, together with World Scout Bureau Executive Director Jim Sharp, reviewed at length the projects and activities that supported National Scout Organizations in the past year.

Joining the meeting were Regional Scout Committee (RSC) Chairman Jejomar Binay, RSC member Oh Sang Gyoon and Regional Treasurer Renato Paras. Chairman Binay said in his opening remarks " I am happy to be part again of this corporate planning where significant matters are appraised in a comprehensive way."

This gathering of executives and volunteers from the world and regional levels is a strategic thinking exercise held once a year in all the six regions where major review and decisions in all operational areas are made. It is also a way of aligning the work undertaken by the regional office in Manila vis-à-vis the global work done in Geneva.

Children in streets learn new things through Scouting

A group of children living in make-shift shelters near a garbage dumpsite in the outskirts of Zamboanga City, an island in southern Philippines, are finding new things to do other than sorting and re-selling garbage.

In his recent visit to Zamboanga, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed met a new Scout Troop under the Ticket to Life (TTL) program, together with Alan Zulueta, member of APR Scouting Profile Sub Committee and BSP Vice-President; J. R. Pangilinan, BSP Secretary General and Troop Leader Lamberto Santillan.

Riding in their garbage vehicles, 25 young boys and girls between 13 to 18 years old, attend Scout troop meetings once a week in a nearby school. During the visit, the team learned that the children help their parents collect recyclable materials from the dumpsite for re-selling to middle men.

The TTL project is a flagship project of the Asia-Pacific Region with funding from the major contributors such as United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS), Scout Association of Japan through the World Scout Foundation, Queen Sylvia Fund and the APR Scout Foundation.

Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section

World Scout Bureau sent the new Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section to all National Scout Organizations. This guideline provides ideas for programme developers on how to develop and implement the Rover Scout Programme within the Rover Scout section and explains how the Scouts of the World Programme relates to the Rover section. This material is a work of volunteers and professionals in Scouting particularly the Adolescents & Young Adults Task Team of the Educational Methods Committee of the World Scout Committee. It also includes the collaborative work, feedback and comments made by different NSOs.

NSOs invited to nominate Young Adult Members

Each National Scout Organization is invited to nominate one young adult to the Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) for the term 2009-2012. Participants of the 6th APR Youth Forum will elect seven YAMG members from among the nominees. Subsequently, the YAMG will elect a chairman who will be join the Regional Scout Committee and the remaining six will be appointed to the regional sub-committees. Nominations must reach the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional office by 15 August 2009.

27 October –1 November
Malaysia

Ticket to Life Evaluation Workshop

1st week, November
Indonesia

APR Disaster Management Workshop

6-9 November
Indonesia

7th SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering

21 November
India

7th South Asia Friendship Camp

20-26 November
India

26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

28 December –
3 January
Philippines

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Search for Outstanding Scouts

The Asia-Pacific Region is in the process of searching for candidates for the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts. This contest is a regular feature of every regional conference that started at the Delhi conference in 2001.

Through a regional circular, all NSOs were invited to nominate one outstanding Scout for the award. The purpose of the award is to enhance the image and visibility of Scouting as an educational movement, and to emphasize its effectiveness in the development of young people at home, in school, and in communities. Deadline for submitting nominations is on 15 July 2009. The search will conclude at the 23rd APR Scout Conference on 27 October – 1 November in Kuala Lumpur where the winners will be announced.

APR Scout Foundation welcomes Acting President

Following the resignation of Eric Khoo as President of APR Scout Foundation Management Committee (FMC), Regional Chairman Jejomar Binay appointed the Foundation's Vice-President, Mr Zainal Abidin of Brunei Darussalam, as Acting President.

The Regional Scout Committee is devising the incorporation of the Foundation, and the FMC will also adopt a new Terms of Reference at the forthcoming conference in Kuala Lumpur, whereby the President of the Foundation will be elected from the Management Committee. In future the outgoing Chairman of the Regional Scout Committee will not automatically be the President of the Scout Foundation.

World Scout Committee Taskforce on fee system reorganized

Following the decisions of the world scout conference in Korea, the world Scout Committee has already reorganized the Fee System Taskforce in preparation for the 2011 Brazil conference. The new taskforce includes two members from the Asia Pacific Region, namely Chairman of Gerakan Pramuka Dr. Azrul Azwar and Secretary General of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines J. R. Pangalinan. The new taskforce is expected to meet in Geneva soon.

What's Ongoing

Committee NSO Visit

Who Key Commissioners and Regional Scout Committee members
When 1-3 June
Where Tokyo, Japan

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers

Who Unit Leaders of Sri Lanka
When 8-14 June 2009
Where Sri Lanka

Program Review Workshop

Who Commissioners and Scout Leaders of Mongolia
When 12-15 June
Where Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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Board of Directors' & Extended Executives meeting

Who Board of Directors and Executives of all six regions
When 22-26 June
Where Geneva

What's Upcoming

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Be Prepared

23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference

Who Delegates: Each member organization is entitled to send a maximum of six delegates.

Observers: NSOs may send adequate number of Scout Leaders and youth members as observers.

Accompanying Persons Spouses/friends are invited as accompanying persons to the delegates or observers

When 27 October – 01 November 2009
Where Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Fee
Delegates and Observers 1,000 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Accompanying persons 850 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Youth Participants 450 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
Youth Forum participants 135 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

Asia-Pacific Regional Course for Leader Trainers - Malaysia

Who Assistant Leader Trainer (ALT/3 beads holder) for at least 3 years
When 19 x- 25 October 2009
Where International Youth Centre (IYC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Fee Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 500.00 per participant

6th APR Scout Youth Forum – Malaysia

Who Members aged between 18 to 26 years old on date of the forum.
When 22 - 25 October 2009
Where International Youth Centre (IYC) - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Fee Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 350.00 per participant