



**JULY 2009**

## What's New

### One more look at SA Japan through CNV

A solid foundation, well-kept traditions and tons of international goodwill may well describe the Scout Association of Japan (SAJ). On the other hand, there is plenty of work to do to keep SAJ as a valuable organization for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

At the Committee NSO Visit (CNV) that took place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Tokyo, a combined team comprised of Regional Scout Committee (RSC) members and Japanese leaders looked at eight key performance indicators and carefully assessed how SAJ meets the goal of delivering quality Scouting to Japanese youth. In conclusion, they reached a mutual agreement to look into areas needing further review, such as the SAJ constitution. The CNV commended SAJ for its cohesive style of serving Scouting locally and internationally and in particular for their achievements in adult resources management.

The CNV team comprised of RSC members Dr Yung Chaur-Shin, Fazlur Rahman, Prakorb Mukura, Kirsty Brown, and Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. Japanese counterparts was led by Osamu Hirose, Vice-Chairman of Board of Directors; Tamotsu Inoue, Chief Commissioner; Reiko Suzuki, International Commissioner and Toshihito Yoshida, National Secretary. Ms Mari Nakano, Chairman of SAJ International Committee together with Ms Luz Taray of World Scout Bureau/APR office supported both teams.

The joint CNV team appreciated the participation of Rover members for their impressive presentations on various exchange projects with different countries, especially that the Rovers themselves initiated and implemented those projects.

### Regional team meets with Mongolia's key leaders

A further CNV mission went to Mongolia from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June at the capital, Ulaanbaatar. This time, the team included Regional Scout Committee members led by John Ravenhall, Scouting Profile Chairman Shree Ram Lamichhane, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Director Syd Castillo. On the Mongolian side were Chief Commissioner Erdenejamiyan Erdenebileg, International Commissioner Adiyabold Namkhai, Executive Director Bayarjargal Damdingagva, National Training Commissioner Delgermaa Tsedsuren and National Rover Commissioner Ankhbayar Purevsuren, among others.

The regional team reviewed the progress of SAM based on eight key performance indicators used as standard criteria for every CNV. After a thorough but quick run of assessment on SAM's performance, CNV concluded that the association is doing well having been a WOSM member only in 1994. A recommendation paper was signed showing SAM's commitment to implement quality Scouting and for the regional office to continue supporting SAM until it attains the level of proficiency it desires.

## 2009 EVENTS

### APR Forum for Youth Program & Training Commissioners

7-10 July  
Cambodia

### 4<sup>th</sup> Preparatory Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### 6<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth Forum

22-25 October  
Malaysia

### 23<sup>rd</sup> APR Scout Conference

27 October –1 November  
Malaysia

### APR Disaster Management Workshop

16-19 November  
Indonesia

### 7<sup>th</sup> SAARC Chief Commissioners' Gathering

21 November

As part of the visit, the team spent time with young people for a dialogue.

### **Bringing Scouting to the community**

The Scout Association of Mongolia (SAM) has built a Scout community centre in Bayangol in Ulaanbaatar. Chief Commissioner Erdenebileg Erdenejamiyan and other SAM key leaders welcomed the CNV team to the inauguration of Bayangol Scout Community Centre. Here, open Scout groups will learn life skills, hold troop meetings and organize joint projects with the community. The APR Scout Foundation will support the centre during its initial stages by providing equipment for community projects and a children's playground.

Scouting in Mongolia is largely school-based and it has been difficult for SAM to introduce Scouting in the community due to lack of space. Now, a well-located and spacious Scout centre makes it easier to reach children who are out-of-school.

Also on this visit, the regional team inspected the proposed site for the construction of another Scout centre in Bayanzukh locality, also in Ulaanbaatar, with funding from Boy Scouts of America through United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS).

While in Ulaanbaatar, the regional team visited SAM's second troop of 26 children under the Ticket to Life (TTL) program so that more children in difficult circumstances could join Scouting. They are based in Bayanzurkh District at the city capital. At the time of visit, Scouts were having a summer camp and the team treated them with candies and chocolates.

### **Mongolia takes solid step to make youth program better**

The Scout Association of Mongolia has taken the first step by organizing a National Youth Programme Review Seminar from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June at the scenic slopes of Songinkhairkhan District.

A total of 25 Scout Leaders, mostly young adults, gathered and learned the process of reviewing and developing youth program, as well as tackling the needs and expectations of young people in their localities.

The seminar shows the seriousness of Mongolian Scouts to make their youth programme in tune with current situations. As regional support, RSC member John Ravenhall and Director Syd Castillo served as input speakers.

### **Scouts organize blood donation campaign in Nepal**

Scouts in Lalitpur, Nepal organized a blood donation campaign on 15th June to help hospitals that are facing blood shortage.

Before the campaign, Scouts had a grand rally, joining Nepal Red Cross Society and Blood Donors Association, to create awareness on the importance of donating blood. At least 100 people came to donate.

### **Thailand holds 2nd International Youth Forum**

Involvement in decision-making and interaction with Scouts from other countries were the primary reasons of the forum organized by the National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT) at the Phuket Scout Camp on 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June. The event gathered 51 young people including one from Korea and two from Singapore.

Young participants expressed the need to train teachers who are handling Scouting in schools especially with Scouting fundamentals, and to further develop the Scout program being offered. They also saw the need to

India

### **7<sup>th</sup> South Asia Friendship Camp**

20-26 November  
India

### **26<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree**

28 December –  
3 January  
Philippines

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promote awareness on the importance of Scouting among the community. International Commissioner Sutham Phanthusak initiated the event with support from APR office with the presence of Ms Arjay Cameros.

### **Sri Lanka holds 9th National Course for Assistant Leader Trainers**

"Unity of South Asian Countries" was a fitting theme of the CALT held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June in Thulhiriya, Sri Lanka, as participants shared cultural items that added flavor to a fast paced 6-day course. The work paid off as all 26 participants completed the course.

The course is the first stage of Training of Trainers which elaborates on managing training courses and developing skills of adults in Scouting. They will be appointed as Assistant Leader Trainers upon completion of six assignments as required by the training scheme of Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA).

The SLSA National Training Team led by the Training Commissioner Shantha Madurawe was assisted by overseas team namely - Dr Cyrus Wadia, Dr B D Sharma, both from India, and Director Thian Hiong-Boon from the WSB/APR office.

### **"Book Bridge" between German and Mongolian Scouts**

A group of German Scouts, through their national Scout organization VCP, initiated a project called "Book Bridge Mongolia" which aims to fill the lack of English textbooks for young people in Mongolia.

The project was developed after German Scouts from a troop in Neumarkt, a district in Bavaria, visited their sister troop in Arvaikher, Mongolia four years ago, where they noticed the lack of a local library and English school books. That visit left a significant mark leading them to create an annual youth exchange program between the two countries.

The partnership generated a voluminous collection of 12,000 English textbooks by Scouts in Neumarkt who tapped schools, libraries, publishers and private individuals for donations. This has been matched with a newly renovated and furnished library in Arvaikher.

After sorting, labeling and packing the books, a handover ceremony will be organized on 10<sup>th</sup> July where German Scouts to be led by Carsten Rübsaamen will present the books to the Mongolian Ambassador. These will be transported to Mongolia for the library's inauguration on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the opening of a new school year. The books will be distributed to 26 schools throughout Mongolia.

To see the complete information on the project, visit the website below.

<http://www.bookbridgemongolia.org/bookbridge/welcome.html>

### **Scouts in Sri Lanka walk for the environment**

Celebrating the World Environment Day in Sri Lanka, over 750 Cubs, Scouts and Girl Guides joined an environmental walk on 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Pallekele town passing more than two km with boards and banners bearing messages on the effects of global warming. Sri Lanka's Environmental Ministry supported the event.

The walk aimed to stimulate national awareness on environment issues. Walking with the Scouts were over 500 environmental students, parents, teachers and government workers. There was also a demonstration on environmental protection and the reduction of global warming. Around 500

different varieties of plants were distributed for planting.

### **July 1 is important day in Thailand**

The first day of July marks the most important day for Scouts in Thailand as Scouting in this country turns 98 this year.

In a jovial atmosphere, Scouts and their leaders renewed their commitment to the Scout Promise and Law. Guest of honour was His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, who gave his remarks on behalf of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. He talked about the need for unity in the country, the impact of Scouting through its long history, and its effect on the lives of young people. He reiterated the vision of creating a better and peaceful society through Scouting.

A unique scene in this celebration was to see every Scout member, both young and old, wearing Baden Powell hat, traditional shorts, high brown stockings, green garter taps and neatly polished brown shoes. Every year since Scouting was began in Thailand by King Rama VI, a full Scout troop carrying a traditional Scout staff with patrol flag, from the 76 provinces across Thailand, march in perfect rhythm accompanied by Scout bands.

Among the guests were many dignitaries including the Minister of Education, the Minister of Environment, the Governor of Bangkok, Secretary General Boonrat Wongyai and key leaders of National Scout Organization of Thailand.

### **Board of Directors and WSB Executives meet in Geneva**

Renewed enthusiasm and energy to serve Scouting was the underlying aim as well as the desired outcome of the first gathering of key executives of World Scout Bureau after the appointment of Mr Luc Panissod as Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

Luc Panissod headed the Board of Directors and executives meeting held in Geneva from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June, attended by the Regional Directors and executives of the five regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and Inter-america, and the central office in Geneva. Luc shared five objectives as take-off points for his vision, and this includes supporting National Scout Organizations, membership growth, a focused attitude, among others. World Scout Committee Vice-Chairman Mario Diaz also stressed that both engines – volunteers and professionals – are for the service of the movement.

Another reason to meet was to strengthen relationships between staff in all offices worldwide and to discuss in-depth the WSB staff's professional role in supporting governance, strategy of scouting, the World Scout Foundation, educational methods and scouting profile, budget and proper coordination between the central and the regional offices.

During the same period, all Regional Directors collectively and individually met for the first time the Chairman of WOSM Audit Committee Martin Burbridge together with the newly appointed Internal Auditor Ian Langford-Brown.

At the final session, individual sharing of thoughts and insights wrapped up the meeting largely in an upbeat note and the desire to carry on with a commitment to have the same gathering in the coming year.

### **Scholarship for Scouts in developing countries**

APR office has circulated an offer from Michael Files of *A Brighter Future*

*Foundation* for a scholarship to Scouts of developing countries who are graduating high school students.

The *A Brighter Future Foundation Scholarship* is an international scholarship program that was created to stimulate student's independent thoughts on solving societal problems and needs, ultimately encouraging global citizenship. The Foundation will provide scholarships to graduating high school students, from developing countries within the region, who are active members of their National Scout Organization and attain the rank of Eagle Scout, or the country's equivalent.

Those who are qualified and are interested to apply may contact their National Scout Organizations.

## What's Ongoing

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## Be Prepared

### **23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**6<sup>th</sup> 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

