



MAY 2016

What's New

Facilitators Training reinforces good governance

Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam (PPNBD) hosted 19 participants from 13 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region for the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) Facilitators Training, held from 21-23 May 2016 in Brunei Darussalam.

The GSAT is a quality standard tool developed by the World Organization of the Scout Movement in collaboration with the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) to provide a common cross-regional assessment that will identify the capacity, needs and strengths of its 161 NSOs worldwide.

WOSM is highly committed in ensuring the compliance of NSOs towards international best practices in good governance and quality Scouting within the Global Support System framework. To achieve this, a number of NSOs are invited every year to get assessed under GSAT. The purpose of the GSAT Standard is to serve as a reference and its application will enable NSOs to assess their strengths and areas of improvement and, as an outcome, to improve their accountability to stakeholders.

Participants of the GSAT training were from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee Chairman Paul Parkinson facilitated the training with the support of World Scout Bureau.

Sri Lankan Scouts assist in disaster relief efforts

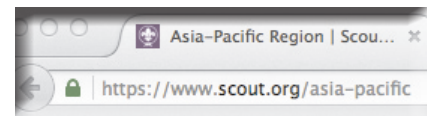
Severe floods and landslides affected more than 330,000 people or 100,000 families in Sri Lanka. The heavy downpour started on 16th May with reports of death and injury.

The deluge hit 14 of Sri Lanka's 37 Scouting Districts and approximately 10,000 Scouts and their families were affected.

Without delay, Sri Lanka Scout Association responded by providing assistance and relief to the victims. For the time being, Scouts, Rovers and leaders are doing admirable services to assist the victims by collecting and distributing relief items and supporting rescue efforts. – *by Jerome De Silva, NHQ Commissioner, MoP - NSO Coordinator of Sri Lanka Scout Association*



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2016 events

APR Strategy Connect Training

4 - 6 June
Philippines

Senior Management Team Meeting

29 May - 4 June
Malaysia

APR Management Meeting

7-8 June
Philippines

APR Staff Development Workshop

18-21 June

YP Development Workshop for Young People with Special Needs

26-29 June
Mongolia

3rd Prep meeting for 31st APR Scout Jamboree

30 June
Mongolia

Developing Membership Registraton System

11-14 July
Myanmar

Drafting of National Training Scheme

16-19 July
Myanmar

Myanmar Scouts Application for WOSM Membership

The World Scout Committee considered the application of Myanmar Scouts for recognition, as a Member Organization, by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) after taking into account the positive field visits conducted by the World Scout Bureau.

Myanmar Scouts complied with the constitutional requirements with a positive compliance review by the WOSM Constitutions Committee. The World Scout Committee recommends the acceptance of Myanmar Scouts through a circular sent to all member National Scout Organizations.

Under Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution, "if within three months the recommendation is unopposed or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Organizations," Myanmar Scout will be declared a Member, as the National Scout Organization of Myanmar, of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Winners of Photo Contest 2016

Scouts Australia's Elisha Pettit is the Gold Prize winner of this year's 14th APR Scout Photo Contest with the entry 'Kickin' up the dust'.

Silver Prize winners are Chen Po Hung, Scouts of China and Zhen De Lam of Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia. The three winners for Bronze prize are Chris Ballard, Scouts Australia; Eresh Rahman, Bangladesh Scouts; and Zahid Mahboob, Pakistan Boy Scouts Association.

A total of 11 countries joined this year's Asia-Pacific Photo Contest, a competition held annually since 2001.

Australian Scouts working in Fiji to rebuild after Cyclone Winston

A group of six South Australian Scout members have given much needed hands-on assistance to the cyclone-devastated Jean-Murray Scout Training Centre in Suva, Fiji. Arriving two weeks after the cyclone, the Scouts' helped rebuild two training huts. The service project, sponsored by the South Australian Branch, was an adventure for the six Scouts who worked tirelessly given their strict timeline and resources. During their visit, much needed fishing equipment, clothing and tools were donated when visiting the worst hit villages on the Koro Island with Joji, an executive member of Fiji Scouts.

The Fijian Cyclone Appeal, co-ordinated by the South Australian Branch and contributed to by Scouts from around Australia, will also provide financial support in the order of AUD \$3810.40 to support Scouting in Groups most affected by Cyclone Winston. The Appeal ran throughout March and April.

Partnerships: Pakistan participate in Model UN 2016

The Balochistan Boy Scout Association based in Quetta, Pakistan shares a report on the 2nd Model United Nation 2016 conference held from 20th -22nd May 2016 with the participation of young people in Balochistan including Scouts.

National Risk Management Workshop

18-22 July
Cambodia

2nd Int'l Jamboree (Pre-Jamb for 31st APR Scout Jamboree)

25 July - 1 August
Mongolia

HoC meeting for 31st APR Scout Jamboree

29-30 July
Mongolia

GSAT Malaysia

1-5 August

14th Korea National Jamboree

3-9 August

APR Workshop on Revisiting the Scout Method

12-15 August
Taiwan

12th Nippon Agoonoree

12-16 August
Japan

10th Indonesia National Jamboree

14-21 August
Indonesia

Leave No Trace Master Educator Training Course

15-19 August
Taiwan

APR Workshop on AIS Performance Efficiency

3-6 September
Macau

APR Forum on Risk Management

5-8 September
Malaysia

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

19-23 September
Thailand

SWA Discovery Workshop

25-30 September
Maasin City, Philippines

BTC for Leaders of Adults of Cambodia Scouts

26-28 September

The report says that the event was organized to bring students of different social backgrounds to learn about diplomacy, international relations, and understand the functionality and role of the United Nations. They were also taught public speaking, debating, writing skills including critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership.

Scouts in Balochistan are very much involved in health and hygiene awareness, capacity and community building, disaster management and sanitation activities.

Gone Home: Sutham Phanthusak

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Honorable Sutham Phanthusak, former International Commissioner of the National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT). Sutham passed away Wednesday morning of 18th May 2016. He was 69 years old.

Sutham received the prestigious Bronze Wolf Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the World Scout Movement. In 2004 he was a recipient of the Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Distinguished Service and APR Chairman's Award in 1999. He served Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region in various capacities including as Vice-Chairman of the Regional Scout Committee from 1995-1998.

What's Ongoing

Appeal to help Sri Lanka flooding and landslide survivors

In Sri Lanka, hundreds of thousands of people have been forced from their homes by floodwaters after a major storm hit the country on 16 May 2016. Due to torrential rain and multiple landslides, over 300,000 people are now living in temporary shelters.

Appeal is made to all Scouts – individuals, groups, or as a national associations to offer assistance that would cater to short term, medium and long term needs of the survivors.

Short term assistance provides for emergency relief and contingency measures such as medicine, food, water and temporary shelter. Medium and long term will cater to recovery measures such as rebuilding social structures and infrastructure, training on disaster risk reduction, and environmental restoration.

For messages of support and assistance, please contact:

Prof T K N P De Silva
Chief Commissioner, Sri Lanka Scout Association
Email: tknpdesilva@gmail.com

For financial assistance, please send to World Scout Bureau, Asia-Pacific Support Centre at the following account:

Account name: World Scout Bureau/APR
Account number: 10 12000-40188
Name of bank: BDO UNIBANK, INC.
– V.A. Rufino-Sotto Branch
Bank address: V. Sotto Street cor. Rufino St, Legaspi Village, Makati City, Philippines
ABA: (No code - only Inward Remittance)
SWIFT: BNORPHMM
PHONE: +63 2 7594416
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The Asia-Pacific Support Centre will coordinate with Sri Lanka Scout Association on projects related to recovery and rehabilitation.

National AIS Workshop

29 September-2 October
Cambodia

APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management

9-13 October
Japan

World MoP Seminar

12-16 October
Hungary

GSAT Hong Kong

15-16 October
Hong Kong

RSC Meeting

15-16 October
Thailand

Everything is Possible Jamboree

14-21 December
Thailand

21st New Zealand Jamboree

29 December - 7 January
New Zealand

OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2016

(worldwide and all regions)

22nd European Scout Conference

17-21 June 2016
Norway

8th General Assembly of World Scout Parliamentary Union

3-5 August 2016
Sweden

5th World Scout Interreligious Symposium

September

International Day of Peace

21 September
Worldwide

3rd Eurasia Scout Youth Forum

4-5 October 2016, Armenia

What's Upcoming

Leave No Trace

Well-known for its great nature environment, Scouts of China invites wood badge holders from Asia-Pacific and full time executives working for community Scouting and environmental program to participate in the Leave No Trace Master Educator Training in Scouting from 15~19 August

2016.

The training aims to build the resources of LNT trainers and master educators and to promote outdoor ethics at the national level and benefit the implementation of the World Scout Environment Programme.

APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management

Date: 5-9 October 2016 (arrival early morning of 5th October, and departure on night of 9th October)

Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center, Ibaraki, Japan

Participants: Maximum of 40 national and sub-national level leaders who are involved/ responsible for/ have interest in the area of disaster management. Should be ready to accept the role of NSO coordinator and committed to further strengthen the NSO capacity

and establish a local network.

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 disasters locally and internationally.

Registration Fee: USD \$150.00 covers inland transport, food, accommodation during the event, programme materials

59th Jamboree-On-The-Air/ 20th Jamboree-On-The-Internet

14 -16 October 2016

2016 Theme — Discover Our World

The 59th Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) and the 20th Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI) will be held on 14 to 16 October 2016.

The traditional timeframe is Saturday 00:00h until Sunday 24:00 h local time. Each station can choose its own operating hours, including beginning on Friday at 00:00h, based on their local telecommunications regulations and authorization, as well as station and Scout availability.

This theme encourages reaching out to Scouts around the world to engage in conversations and create opportunities for discovery. These opportunities include similarities and differences both culturally and in Scouting programs.

JOTA-JOTI is a WOSM event to which members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) are kindly invited to take part and enjoy the international atmosphere together with the Scouts.

6th Eurasia Scout Conference

6-8 October 2016, Armenia

-59th Jamboree On the Air -20th Jamboree on the Internet

15-16 October 2016
Worldwide

5th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum

24-25 October 2016
United States

26th Interamerican Regional Scout Conference

26-29 October 2016
United States

3rd Arab Scout Youth Forum

1-5 November 2016
Oman

28th Arab Scout Conference

5-10 November 2016
Oman

II Interamerican Scout Camporee & XV Interamerican Scout Jamboree

27 December 2016
- 2 January 2017
Ecuador

National and International Jamborees around the Asia-Pacific

Several Jamborees are happening this year in six countries, in the months of August and December:

2nd International Jamboree
(Pre-Jamboree for 31st APR Scout
Jamboree)
Mongolia, 25 July – 1 August

14th Korea National Jamboree
Korea, 3-9 August

12th Nippon Agonoree
Japan, 12-16 August

10th Indonesia National Jamboree
Indonesia, 14-21 August

Everything is Possible Jamboree
Thailand, 14-21 December

21st New Zealand Jamboree
29 December-7 January 2017

2016 APR CIRCULARS

Circular No. 1, series of 2016

Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. and WOSM Partnership

Circular No. 2, series of 2016

APR Plan 2015-2018

Circular No. 3, series of 2016

Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Adults in Scouting Performance Efficiency

Circular No. 4, series of 2016

APR Workshop on Revisiting the Scout Method

Circular No. 5, series of 2016

APR Specialists Panel

Circular No. 6, series of 2016

10th Indonesia National Scout Jamboree

Circular No. 7, series of 2016

Appeal to help Tropical Cyclone Winston survivors in Fiji

Circular No. 8, series of 2016

APR Forum on Risk Management

Circular No. 9, series of 2016

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting 2016

Circular No. 10, series of 2016

Appeal to help Sri Lanka flooding and landslide survivors

Circular No. 11, series of 2016

APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management

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