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**Vision of AsPac SGF Committee → By 2024, Asia Pacific Region of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship would reach all countries within the region in promoting the values of Scouting and Guiding and in serving in the community while actively supporting the World Organisation of the Scout Movement and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.**

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**This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Update = the last 3 months were quite progressive and result oriented. We received support from unexpected corners to establish and promote ISGF.**

## *Highlights of 2<sup>nd</sup> AsPac ISGF Committee Meet –*

- *The meet held in Manila on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014 officially hosted by Boy Scouts of Philippines lead by Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado and under patronage of APR/ WOSM Regional Director Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan*
- *The 3 consultants of APR/ WOSM officially joined the meet namely Mr. Abdullah Rasheed/ Maldives, Mr. M. A. Khalid/ India, Dr. Mukhuyuddin Sarwani/ Malaysia and all of them had informal meet on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 during lunch with Mr. Mecci.*
- *Mr. Brett Grant, Mr. Brian Jackson and Mr. Mr. Richard Stuart Smith from Australia, Mr. T.Gunaseelan and Mrs. Brenda Kaur from Malaysia, Mr. Satish R Khanna and Mr. Mecci from India joined welcome dinner hosted by Committee treasurer Mr. Guna on 31st Jan 2014. During the dinner they discussed outline of the 2 days agenda.*
- *On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2014 Mr. Eul Bryan de Gracia from APR/ WOSM and Ms. Justine Pangilinan from BSP at 0900 hours completed Registration*
- *At 0930 hours opening session began with personal prayers followed by welcome address by Mr. Yazer Sarona Programme Executive of BSP. He also introduced 6 Regional Directors of BSP who were invited to Manila only to know about ISGF and its promotion in all their 118 Councils across the country. Self introduction was given by all 18 members present in the meeting*



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- **AsPac SGF Scarf was presented to Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado by Mr. Khanna, to Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan by Mr. Gunaseelan, to Mr. M. A. Khalid by Mr. Brian Jackson, to Dr. Md. Mukhuyuddin Sarwani by Mr. Brett Grant.**
- **In the Opening remarks by Mr. Satish R Khanna Chairman AsPac SGF Committee he pointed out the expected outcomes of the 2 days meeting. He also highlighted on ISGF and its formation 60 years back, with brief history.**
- **Followed by the address of Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan Regional Director WOSM/ APR, who began with a humorous touch and spoke on 3 important things - one is APR/ WOSM and ISGF should come out with initiatives of helping each other, second as to how IFOFSAG turned in to ISGF and the reasons behind the same ( he was referring to MOU between WOSM & ISGF). Further he added about discipline within his third point and explained the about vision. He said WOSM is gearing up for Vision 2023 and ISGF can also have its vision for better image. He concluded by committing his support to ISGF in the region and will do his best to support.**
- **Installation of Mr. Abdullah Rasheed, as Consultant of AsPac SGF Committee where Mr. Richard Stuart Smith presented AsPac Scarf to him and he reaffirmed Scout Promise along with the rest of the participants. Mr. Khanna, officially introduced Mr. Rasheed as consultant and there was a unanimous applause and a warm welcome with the claps.**
- **Inaugural address was delivered by Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado, BSP Senior vice President & Acting Secretary General of BSP as well as member of the APR Scout Committee. He once again welcomed every to the Philippines and as well as to BSP. He said indeed it is a pleasure for BSP to host the meeting and will try their level best make it more memorable. He said BSP is completing 100 years of Scouting in 2014 and it has many proud moments in past 100 years. It will be another historical moment to introduce ISGF in the Philippines. He said in principal, BSP will accept ISGF establishment and a decision will be taken after Executive Board meeting. He assured that decision and action will be taken soon on ISGF and it will be positive.**
- **Message of Vice President of Philippines and President of BSP Honorable Hon. Mr. Jejomar C. Binay was read out to AsPac SGF Committee, in which it was clearly said that SGF is an open door of commitment to**



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support Scouting / Guiding, and it is for peace with the righteous and with a duty to humanity. He further questioned whether is it enough? He highlighted in his message – power to change and touching people's life with values of Scouting/ Guiding. Committee extended salutations to Hon. Mr. Binay for his message and also for being an active Scout even after reaching the highest level of office.

- Mr. Mecci proposed thanks to every one for joining the meeting, especially to APR/ WOSM along with RD Mr. Rizal for giving an official tag by inviting ISGF and then to BSP along with Mr. Wendel for showing magnanimity by hosting the event. He said it is only a beginning and still it has to go a long way.
- Condolences – the house stood for a minute to condole the death of Sir Erik Khoo member of WOSM Scout Committee and International Commissioner of Malaysian Scouts

⇒ After inagural session committee dsicussed and analysed various facts and figures for making ISGF strong in AsPac Region. The main points of 2 days delibrations are Establishing & promoting ISGF in Philippines, power point presentation on ISGF/ aims and objectives, Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> AsPac ISGF Committee Meeting and Action taken report, Consultants remarks by Mr. Abdullah Rasheed, Feedback from Maldives NSGF was given by Mr. Rasheed as founder trustee of Maldivian NSGF. World Conference 2014 in Sydney Australia was reviewed and updates were given by Mr. Brian Jackson Chairman of organizing committee, Financial updates and future actions by Mr. Gunaseelan, It was proposed to establish AsPac ISGF Foundation, Strengthening and venturing of AsPac ISGF with WOSM/ APR, AsPac ISGF Gathering – Bangalore India 2015, AsPac ISGF Constitution review, ISGF World Committee election, Networking with WAGGGS/APR, New AsPac ISGF vision 2021. Feed back by Dr. Mukhiyuddin Consultant to APR Scout Committee and International Commissioner Malaysia Closing remarks by Mr. Khanna. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AsPac Committee Meeting came to end with prayers by Mr. Wendell for future of ISGF in AsPac.

⇒ special gathering & closing session was held in 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of BSP attended by BSP officials and APR/ WOSM representations along with Committee members and guests. Began with tea/snacks, action song by Mr. Yazer, Presentation of participation certificates and mementos Felicitations by AsPac Committee. Gratitude's to hosts were extended by AsPac with simple gesture to Mr. Rizal and Mr. Wendell.



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BSP arranged city tour of Manila for committee members and presented special souvenirs to all. Thus the 2nd AsPac Committee Meet was successful and memorable. On 3rd Feb 2014 all the members left Manila with full zeal to meet in Australia for World Conference.

**WOSM/ APR -** WOSM/APR Regional Director Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan attended the 2nd AsPac Committee Meet. Mr. Prassana Srivastava of APR/WOSM also joined the meet during gathering. Mr. Rizal took the committee in to confidence by reassuring that, he will continue to follow the guidelines issued by former RD Mr. Rasheed about ISGF in the region also by keeping in mind the guidelines of WOSM. To have mutual invitations to Regional Conferences and spare a presentation time to each other. He said in due course he will send their major events calendar to AsPac ISGF Committee for future collaboration. To nominate a member from Regional Committee of each other to coordinate with both organizations, he assured that he will take up follow up after discussing APR Scout Committee and surely a member will be nominated. AsPac ISGF role in the forthcoming World Jamboree in Japan during 2015 and APR Regional Jamborees are concerned, he will look wait for a concept paper on the matter what AsPac ISGF is looking for and then he will follow up with NSO Japan and in future APR Jamborees. Overall it was big bonus to AsPac ISGF from APR/ WOSM. APR / WOSM also hosted a lunch to committee on 2nd AsPac Committee on 2nd Feb 2014.

Mr. Mecci and Mr. Brian Jackson visited APR/WOSM HQ in Makati enjoyed lunch with professional team of APR in presence of Mr. Rizal RD, Mr. Wendell, 3 consultants. It was once again best moments and Mr. Thian Moon one of the Director discussed about how ISGF can become stronger by joining hands with Adult Key Leaders in WOSM. Mr. Rizal parted with us with educative souvenirs.

## **WAGGGS APR -**

- On 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 at 1500 hours, Mr. Abdullah Rasheed, Mr. M. A. Khalid, Dr. Mukhuyuddin Sarwani of APR/ WOSM along with Mr. Mecci visited Girl Scouts of The Philippines ( GSP ) in Manila. They met Dr. Saluda A. Bagalso, National President and Ms. MA. Dolores T. Santiago (Beng) National Executive Director of GSP along with their International Commissioner and other 5 members. The main purpose of the meet was to promote ISGF, Mr. Rasheed introduced the teams and they discussed





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for more than 45 minutes. The Girl Scout leaders confirmed that they had already established the Girl Scout Trefoil in 18 Councils within the country and with good membership. It was concluded that Girl Scouts will officially discuss the ISGF with Trefoil Guild members and their National Executive Board will be surely joining a combined committee to be formed with BSP. Mr. Rasheed assured to coordinate and help in forming Philippines NSGF. Dr. Saluda and Ms. Beng also agreed with Mr. Mecci to coordinate for future actions. The GSP hosted the meeting which concluded with snacks and group pictures. Then on 3rd Feb 2014 Mr. Mecci and Mr. Brian visited Girl Guides office to hand over mementos and souvenirs along with PRO Ms. Janice Cartago of BSP.

- on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Ms. Grace Tam Development Executive/ WAGGGS, Ms. Jen Barron - WCM Sangam, and Ms. Wajira Ranjika from Srilanka Asia Pacific Region World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts met AsPac Secretary Mr. Mecci at 1900 hours in New Delhi. Many issues related to WAGGGS, Sangam and ISGF were discussed in details. Participation in forth coming WAGGGS World Conference in Hongkong and to sponsor young Guides from economically poor countries being sponsored by ISGF to attend WAGGGS events in SANGAM were discussed. Also AsPac Committee members visit to Sangam Eevents to promote ISGF and better ties.

## NEWS FROM AsPac CORNERS

### Australia

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### Membership

The NSGFA is comprised of the Trefoil Guild (Girl Guides Australia), Australian Baden-Powell Scout Guild and the St George's Guild Australia The Australian Fellowship has performed service activities including, support and catering for scout and guide training courses, hall maintenance, archiving records and raising money to support scout and guide groups. Many were keen to participate in the toy drive, but with Australia being so remote, this has proved challenging to achieve.

### Statistics

The membership is 2852 as at 2013 census.

Trefoil Guild 2283

Baden-Powell Scout Guild 548

St George's Guild 21

### Activities



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Alongside service activities, there was time for activities such as lunches and games nights, snow skiing and socialising. The 60th Anniversary celebrations were a particular highlight.

**ISGF 27th World Conference – Friendship Beneath Southern Skies**

We invite all members to attend the ISGF-AISG 27th World Conference in Sydney from 10th October 2014. Please see [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org). Applications are open now and we look forward to welcoming you to Australia!

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**Newsletter No 4**

With eight months to go to World Conference the committee can report that a few registration forms have been received. We would like to stress that a copy of the bank transfer **MUST** be included with the registration form. If you have not done this please forward a copy to our secretary as soon as possible so that we can balance the accounts. It is essential that this be done so that the treasurer can extract the information applicable to the registration form. The Southee Complex at the Sydney Showground where the conference will be held is due for completion on the 07th March. The committee will be having an inspection on Thursday 13th March and photo's will be available after our inspection and will be posted on the ISGF website for all to view. A few enquiries regarding how to obtain a visa have been received. All the information for obtaining the correct visa is available on the ISGF website as well as from your National President or International Secretary. This information has been distributed to all countries by the World Bureau. Most countries require an e-visa 651 Business visa to attend the conference as explained on the website. The committee is liaising with the Immigration Department to assist all in making the progress easy so please follow what is required and there should be no trouble. A list of all registered members will be forwarded to the Immigration department who will in turn notify the Australian Embassies in all countries the names of people attending the conference. Those who are going on the Post Conference tours will need to book an extra night at the end of the tour as the bus does not arrive back in Sydney until approximately 06.00pm on the final day and will drop everyone one off at their



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hotel. Those arriving before the conference starts will also need to book additional nights on their registration form. The organising committee is looking forward to seeing you all in eight months in Sydney by Brian Jackson Chairman Organising Committee

## **Bangladesh –**

**Annual Picnic 2014** – was held in Boat cruise near Chandipur Dhaka attended by families of SGF members. They had a good enjoyable time including games, songs and merry making. Mr. Md. Aftabur Rehman and Mr. Mukul Anwar played a key role along with reporter Mr. Shabbir Ahmed.

**Old Scouts Reunion** – during 9<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree of Bangladesh Scouts and 1<sup>st</sup> SAAANSO Scout Jamboree held in Mouchak Gazipur Bangladesh NSGF organised reunion for all its members and also to promote ISGF. Dr. Mihir kumar Mazumdar National President himself was present on the occasion, organized by team senior SGF leaders including Mr. Akbar Reza and Mr. Md. Aftabur Rehman. Many international guests also joined and reported by Mr. Shabbir Ahmed.

## **India –**

**National Council** – was held in New Delhi on 12th Jan 2014 chaired by Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri and attended by 27 members. Same day they also celebrated youth day and enrolled 20 mentally challenged children in to Scouting fold in presence of National Commissioner of Bharat Scouts & Guides Mr. B. I. Nagarale.

**A to Z service - 15th ALL INDIAN RAILWAY JAMBORETTE** Ind. SGF continue to serve young Scouts and Guides by organizing A to Z Service Centre and Railway Jamborette in Nagpur. More than 3000 Scouts/ guides were benefitted.

**APR / WOSM REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT** – Mr. Jose Rizal C. Pangilinan Regional Director of Asia Pacific/ WOSM from Manila Philippines visited Indian SGF NHQ New Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 accompanied by one of the Director Mr. Prassanna Srivastava from APR/ WOSM. Bharat Scouts & Guides / NHQ was represented by International Commissioner (S) Mr. M. A. Khalid.



At 1800 hours he was welcomed by 17 members of Bihar, Delhi & Punjab State SGF's in our office. After prayer and self introduction Mr. H. R. Kaoor Vice President of Delhi State SGF welcomed him with scarf and told about SGF activities in India. Mr. Harbhajan Singh Vice President / NHQ presented a traditional Indian Turban and Mr. Mecci honoured him with Kashmere Shawl along with souvenir. Mr. Avtar Singh presented scarf and souvenir to Mr. Prassanna. Mr. Khalid blessed the occasions and appreciated the role of SGF in India. Mr. Rizal in his address expressed his satisfaction to work with ISGF and he said APR/ WOSM is committed to support the cause of ISGF. Mr. Harbhajan Singh proposed vote of thanks with entertaining with Punjabi folk song. Snacks were served to one and all.

Dinner in honour of Mr. Rizal along with Mr. Khalid, Mr. Mecci and Mr. Prassana was held in Roashan Ara Club by Vice President Ms. Madhu kalia, Legal Advisor Mr. Ramesh Kumar. Other invitees were our Patron Mr. Satyanarayan Sharma and National Commissioner Mr. B. I. Nagarale accompanied by acting Joint Director Mr. Krishna Swamy. First the members discussed about various issues related to ISGF and its role over welcome drinks and snacks'. Followed by main course of dinner and every one expressed their happiness about food and varieties. Officially the dinner was hosted by Mr. Ramesh Kumar on behalf of Indian SGF. Overall the meeting and dinner boosted the work relations of ISGF, BS&G with APR/ WOSM.

**APR/ WAGGGS Team visit-** on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Ms. Grace Tam Development Executive, Ms. Jen Barron - WCM Sangam, and Ms. Wajira Ranjika from Srilanka Asia Pacific Region World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts met National Secretary Mr. Mecci at 1900 hours in Ind. SGF NHQ. Many issues related to WAGGGS, Sangam and ISGF were discussed in details. It was also discussed the role of Indian SGF in promoting the Sangam events. Mr. Mecci handed over souvenirs to all the 3 guests and as a first step of interaction with WAGGGS/ APR we had a fruitful time concluded with hopes for future strong work relations.

**Indonesia** - Pengurus Pusat Hipprada / Indonesian Scout Fellowship National Committee on 8th of February 2014 organized Annual Meeting of National Board at Haryono Suyono Center as reported by Mr. Rio Ashadi





the Main Goals of Hipprada 2014 are

1. Annual Meeting of Hipprada, attend by provincial and branch committee
2. Training for Family Welfare
3. TOT of Scout on Instructor Scout Skills, collaborate with Indonesian Scout Movement
4. Indonesian Fellowship Youth Camp 2014
5. Delegation Preparation to World Conference of ISGF
6. and other programs at 2014

**Maldives** – the NSGF held their Annual General Body Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 in Youth Center Male. Good number of members participated and this is historical meet as Maldives will step in as fully fledged NSGF during 27<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference. Reported by Mohamed Ibrahim.

Mr. Abdullah Rasheed founder trustee of Maldivian NSGF completed the formalities with ISGF World Body to become NSGF.

### **Malaysia -**

**TRIFOIL GUILD** - On 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 near Kampung Bintangor, Malaysia members of Sarawak Trifoil Guild visited the reahilitation center for challenged people. They entertained them with songs and games, handed over them gifts/ eatables and made a best day for them to enjoy.

The NSGF National gathering was held in Kuching Sarawak hosted by Trifoil Guild of Sarawak from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Many senior members and Guild members attended to enjoy the activities related to theme "Fostering Friendship Through Fellowship". The camp fire, cultural events and dinners were highlights.

**BADEN POWELL GUILD** On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 members joined the CNV visit by APR/ WOSM to Malaysia in their National training centre. Mr. Gunaseelan lead the BP guild team in the discussions and intractions.

**New Zealand** – NSGF had oragnised 60<sup>th</sup> Year ISGF celebrations on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Waihi New Zealand. They had cake cutting ceremony and gathering with lighting up of candles attended by many seniors. It is reported by Mr. Mike Crane along with few photographs.



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**Sri Lanka** – Mr. Janaprith Fernando International Commissioner of Srilankan Scouts has taken a lead as he promised, on 25th April 2015 official meeting is convened by inviting members from local Scout guild and Trifoil Guild in Goldie Sands Hotel Negambo Srilanka. Mr. Mecci and Mr. Rasheed are in constant touch to make it fruitfull. Mr. Satish R Khanna and Mr. Gunaseelan will be joining the meet along with Mr. Rasheed and Mr. Mecci.

**Philippines** – the AsPac Committee has done level best to convince during their committee meet in Manilla during Feb 2014 Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado Senior vice president and Secretary General (Actg) of BSP and Dr. Saluda A. Bagalso, National President and Ms. MA. Dolores T. Santiago (Beng) National Executive Director of GSP to form and establish NSGF. Mr. Abdulla Rasheed is requested to cordinate and follow up actions with assistance of Mr. Mecci.

**Hongkong** – Mr. Mecci visited Hongkong Scout centre on 4th Feb 2014 and met International Commissioner Mr. Alexander Wong. It was brief meet and still a good begining for ISGF. Mr. Alex agreed to support and promote the ISGF after listening to Mecci's appeal to form local NSGF. Mr. Abdulla Raheed made this meeting possible and hope in Srilanka during 8th APR Summit we wil see results.

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Secretary/ ISGF – AsPac Committee