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**LOOKING BACK** ↪ last quarter AsPac ISGF could able to join 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit and missed the 35th WAGGGS World Conference. We are happy we step in to Sri Lanka while in Summit, to rejuvenate ISGF and hope Chairperson of ISGF World Committee has done her level best to form and promote ISGF in Hong Kong while she was attending the WAGGGS conference. AsPac ISGF was also visible during inaguration of WOSM Secretariat in KualaLumpur in Malaysia being Ambassadors of ISGF.

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**This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Update = we did our best to march ahead by taking appropriate steps with slow and steady action to promote and strengthen ISGF in the region. Our well wishers and friends from WOSM and WAGGGS are extending full support and ISGF World Body Chairperson Ms. Mida and others also extending helping hand. We are proud that we are moving ahead.**



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## Highlights of the quarter –

Sri Lanka NSGF Committee was formed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – a combined meeting was convened comprising members of Sri Lankan Boy Scouts Association and Girl Guide Association held in Negambo Sri Lanka hosted by Boy Scouts Association. The meeting was attended by 47 members including 3 representatives from Trefoil Guild. Meeting began with prayers, formal welcome and introduction by Mr. Janaprith Fernando International Commissioner of SLBSA and Mr. Abdulla Rasheed Consultant of AsPac ISGF Committee, Mr. T. Gunaseelan, Mr. Mecci gave a combined presentation on ISGF, its objectives and fundamentals. With prior consent of key leaders of both Boy Scouts & Girl Guides a committee was formed having representations from both Associations. The committee consist of Mr. Kanchana Subhasiri, Mr. Basura Ramanayake and Ms. Iris De Silva, Secretary, Trefoil Guild to coordinate with AsPac ISGF Committee. The copy of the constitution and other details on NSGF formation were handed over officially to the committee formed, 9 out of 11 members present of SL NSGF Committee were presented with ISGF Scarfs and the new team reaffirmed the Scout/ Guide promise lead by Mr. Mecci. Mr. Shiraz Salih senior commissioner of Boy Scouts and Ms. Iris De Silva, Secretary, Trefoil Guild blessed the occassion and greeted all, they thanked AsPac ISGF Committee for the initiatives. Ms. Brenda Gunaseelan from Malaysia extended support to organise the meet and Mr. Lakshan Perera local Scout Leader from Negambo played a key role to conduct the meet. Mr. M. A. Khalid Consultant of APR Scout Committee was special invitee and it is the patronage of Mr. Janaprith Fernando the meet was successfull. Mr. Mecci and Mr. Guna took assurance that with in 6 months – 1 year the committee will form and promote full fledged NSGF in Sri Lanka.

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.

To realise the vision, The AsPac ISGF Committee decided during its 2nd Meet in



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**Manilla initiate the following actions and identified the 4 key areas to show better results: -**

- **AsPac ISGF Constitution – under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdullaha Rasheed Consultant AsPac ISGF Committee and founder trustee of Maldivian NSGF Mr. Md. Khalique Vice Chairman, Mr. Brian Jackson will work out amend the present AsPac ISGF Constitution for stronger region and effective functioning.**
- **Fund Raising & strengthening resources – under the chairmanship of our Treasurer Mr. T. Gunaseelan, Mr. Richard Smith Stuart will be initiating formation of Foundation to support the regional needs of ISGF.**
- **Strategic Planning - Mr. M. A. Khalid as Chairman Mr. Satish R Khanna will lay out a plan for next 10 years to establish and promote ISGF in the region.**

**All the 3 issues will be discussed and approved during 13<sup>th</sup> AsPac ISGF Gathering to be held in Bangalore India during September 2015. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of discussions will be held during forthcoming ISGF World Conference in Australia. If any NSGF or individuals from AsPac region is interested to contribute ideas/ suggest please be free to write us back in the interest of ISGF.**

**INAGURATION OF WOSM SECRETARIAT – Mr. T. Gunaseelan Treasurer of AsPac ISGF Committee attended the inagural ceremony of WOSM World Head Quarters in Kuala Lumpur being Ambassador of ISGF nominated by ISGF on 18th June 2014. Prime Minister of Malaysia was the chiefguest, attended by key leaders of Scouting from all over the world. The office is shifted from Geneva after the decision of World Scout Committee.**

**NEW INITIATIVE the Korea will have NSGF by September 2015 promised by Mr. Simon Rhee Chairman of World Scout Committee who is from Korea. He discussed with Mr. Mecci in detail during Sri Lankan Summit and he also invited AsPac ISGF Committee to Seoul during next APR Scout Conference in 2015.**

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**



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**WOSM/ APR - WOSM/APR Regional Director Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan & International Commissioner of Sri Lankan Scouts invited AsPac ISGF Committee to join 8th APR Scout Leaders Summit held in Negambo from 26th to 29th April 2014. Committee was represented by Mr. Mecci, Treasurer Mr. T. Gunaseelan along with Ms. Brenda Gunaseelan. They attended Inaugural Ceremony of the summit, they met World Scout Committee Chairman Mr. Simon Rhee, Dr. Chou Chairman of APR Regional Scout Committee, Mr. Tear Scott Secretary General of WOSM to seek support to promote ISGF in the region.**

- They joined Tea hosted by President of Sri Lanka Honorable Mr. Mahindra Rajapaksha as a part of Summit delegation in President House Colombo. They could able to meet His Excellency to greet and a photograph.
- They presented special souvenirs to key leaders who supported ISGF promotion in the region after November 2012. They are Mr. Habibul Alam of Bangladesh, Mr. Simon Rhee of Korea, Mr. Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado of Philippines, Mr. Alexander Wong of Hong Kong including Regional Director Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan. Same was presented to hosts along with special thanks certificate to Mr. Janaprith Fernando and Sri Lankan Scout Association.
- In the Chief Commissioners Gathering during summit on 28th April 2014 Mr. Abdulla Rasheed gave brief presentation on ISGF and its fundamentals including its achievements.
- Mr. M. A. Khalid played a key role in facilitating the above meets during summit and continued to support ISGF. They also attended ATAS International Gathering dinner on 26th April 2014 in Colombo.

## **WAGGGS APR –**

**Under the facilitation of Ms. Grace Tam Development Executive/ WAGGGS for APR, Mr. T. Gunaseelan, Mr. Mecci along with Ms. Brenda Gunaseelan met the Ms. Dushyanthi Perera, President and Ms. Yasmin Taj Chief Commissioner of Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association in their head quarters Colombo on 25th April 2014. The meet was also attended Ms. Dukshie Gunatilleke, President, Trefoil Guild, Ms. Kamini Seevaratnam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Trefoil Guild, Ms.**



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Iris De Silva, Secretary, Trefoil Guild, Ms. Priyashanthi de Soya, Treasurer, Trefoil Guild, Ms. Aruna Fonseka, Executive Committee Member, Trefoil Guild and other 8 members. The highlights of meet are: -

- **Presentation of ISGF Objectives and its formation in SL Copies of ISGF constitution and NSGF formation were handed over for official records.**
- **Interaction with members of Trifoil Guild and its office bearers, it was learnt that they has regular renewal with ISGF Wolrd Body upto 2012.**
- **President and chief commissioner of Srilankan Girl Guides were free to come out with many issues related to ISGF and its functioning, especially coordination from ISGF World HQ.**
- **They agreed to be part of ISGF in SL to form NSGF by joining hands with SL Boy Scouts Assn and also to depute 3 members to join the combined meet under the leadership of Trifoil Guild Secretary Ms. Iris De Silva**
- **AsPac ISGF Committee presented memento to SLGGA and souvenirs to all the members.**
- **President of SL GGA hosted lunch to AsPac ISGF team along with 2 other guests including Ms. Achni and Ms. Lakshmi. It was a lavish lunch with tradiotional dishes of SL.**
- **Ms. Dimanthi Gunawardhana, National Secretary of SLGGA and Mr. Amil Boy Scouts leader supported the AsPac ISGF Team to join the meet and make it success.**

**SUPPORT TO WAGGGS/ APR – AsPac ISGF Committee has established work relations with WAGGGS APR and official discussions on. Committee will extend its support by October 2014 to begin with as promised to Ms. Grace Tam Development Executive/ WAGGGS, Ms. Jen Barron.**

*Thanks Mecci.*

*I enjoyed reading the updates. The AP Region WAGGGS has been very fortunate to have the support of ISGF in several of our projects.*

*Thank you for meeting with Grace and Jen when they were in India. I look forward to an oppportunity where we can meet and discuss future plans of networking, support and promotion of Guiding and ISGF.*

*Regards,*



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***World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts***

## **NEWS FROM AsPac CORNERS**

### **Australia NSGF**

The NSGF is gearing up to welcome the delegations from all over the world to attend the historical 27th ISGF Conference in Sydney. Mr. Brian Jackson and his team have completed registration and are working to give the best possible facilities.

### **Newsletter No 5**

Only 4 months to go before the commencement of the World Conference and with applications closed we are still receiving late entries. Please remember that we cannot guarantee that you will be given what you have requested as most hotels are full. No 1 post conference tour is also full but a few seats remain for tour No 2, a 5 day tour of the Riverina District. The post conference tours which do not arrive back in Sydney until about 06.00pm on the final day so we have secured a night's accommodation for all taking part - you will be required to pay for this night direct with the hotel on booking out the next morning. A credit card imprint or AU\$100 cash security will be required by the hotel. It appears that some members have not read the registration form correctly. For the hotel accommodation in a twin or double, the cost is per person as stated at the beginning of the accommodation form. We have endeavored to match people on a share basis in the hotels if you have not nominated a person you wish to share with but have indicated you wish to share with someone on the form. Hopefully everyone has been able to obtain a visa to enter Australia. Please be aware that customs are very severe on people bringing in material that is prohibited so please read the Customs and Quarantine declaration forms and declare any item if there is any doubt.



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They will confirm if you are able to bring it into Australia. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.** The Scouts Air Activity Centre offered to take members on a sightseeing trip over Sydney in their planes during the conference. The cost will be \$150.00 for 1.5 hours or \$75 for a ½ hour flight. We can organise transport out to their base. If you want to take up this offer you should make contact with them on their website at [www.nsw.scouts.com.au/air/](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/air/) or email John Booth at [contactus@weeklytimes.com.au](mailto:contactus@weeklytimes.com.au) further updates will be forthcoming when we have finalised all the arrangements for the conference. Brian Jackson, Chairman, Organising Committee.

## **India NSGF –**

National Council – was held in Baroda on 8th June 2014 chaired by Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri and attended by 23 members.

New State – Indian SGF facilitated to form and hand over New State of The Bharat Scouts & Guides in Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli in western part of India on 9th June 2014. National Commissioner India Mr. B. I. Nagarale took over the charge and Mr. Satish R Khanna was also present along with others. Mr. Mecci initiated the process and completed the task with local support of SGF members.

13th AsPac ISGF Gathering the team of organising committee members met local Chief Minister of Karnataka State in Bangalore India on 26th and 27th June 2014 finalised the venue as Clarks Exotica Bangalore. The dates will be 12th to 16th September 2014 and other details being worked out. Mr. S. N. Sharma Chairman and convenor Mr. Mecci along with others including Ms. Munira Mistry IS and International Commissioner India Mr. M. A. Khalid met on the day.

## **Malaysia NSGF -**

## **TRIFOIL GUILD -**



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**Annual General Body Meet of Trefoil Guild Girl Guide Sarawak Branch was held on 12 April 2014** attended by more than 20 members. They also enjoyed lunch after the meet and

**"Easter Food Parcels" were distributed on 18 April 2014** among destitute families led by Ms. Dayang Mariyami and others. Best Community good turns to serve specially challenged, widows and orphans.

Courtesy call by Trefoil Guild Girl Guide, Sarawak branch to Puan Sri Datuk Jamilah Anu, the wife of their new Chief Minister was held on 10th May 2014.

**BADEN POWELL GUILD** on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Mr. Gunaseelan hosted lunch on behalf of Guild to Mr. B. I. Nagarale National Commissioner of India and Mr. M. A. Khalid Consultant APR Scout Committee in Kuala Lumpur.

**Nepal - Mr. Shreeram** Chief Commissioner of Nepal Scouts met Mr. Mecci in Sri Lanka during summit and invited the AsPac ISGF Committee to Nepal. He assured full support to promote ISGF in Nepal.

**Sri Lanka – Mr. Janaprith Fernando** International Commissioner of Srilankan Scouts is playing key role in SL to promote ISGF. After 8th APR Scout Leaders summit success story and formation of SL NSGF Committee, they have sent out invitation to ISGF to join their Colombo Centenary International Scout Jamboree during August 2014 in Colombo. Ind. SGF is sending 31 members delegation for 3 days and it will be another step integrate and strengthen NSGF in SL.

**Philippines – Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado** Senior vice president and Secretary General (Actg) of BSP informed Mr. Mecci and Mr. Guna in Sri Lanka during summit that the National Board has approved to form NSGF in Philippines. They need another 3 – 4 months to start the formations as per guidelines.

**Hong Kong – International Commissioner Mr. Alexander Wong** met Mr. Mecci and Mr. Guna in Sri Lanka during Summit. He said they need some more time to decide and promote ISGF as they have busy schedule for next half of the year.





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