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Stretching Roads Widening Paths =>

is the theme of coming up 14th AsPac SGF Gathering in Bangalore. Let us come together for making the Aspac region strong and sustainable to face challenges ahead by stretching road for all countries in the region to join ISGF and also let us widen the paths so that everyone get a chance to walk with us hand in hand.

## Highlights of the quarter

3rd AsPac SGF Committee Meet => went on successfully on 27 and 28 March 2015 in Kuala Lumpur hosted by B P Guild Malaysia. The highlights are as follows: -

- Meet was attended by elected committee members from Australia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and invited members from Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Official invitees from APR WOSM and APR WAGGGS were also joined.
- Welcome dinner was hosted by Mr. Rabbani of Bangladesh NSGF residing in KL on 26th March 2015 at his residence. All the members enjoyed hospitality with various cuisines spread out to every ones taste. It was homely and friendly integration of all members.
- On 27th March 2015 the members assembled in Meeting room of WOSM KL Office at 0830 hours for technical deliberations, discussions and interactions. Mr. Abdullah Rasheed President of Maldivian NSGF and Consultant of AsPac SGF Committee facilitated the meet in WOSM. The house stood for personal prayer and all the members introduced themselves, Welcome address was delivered by Mr. Gunaselan T Treasurer AsPac SGF Committee and President of BP Guild Malaysia being official host. Then few members from APR WOSM and WAGGGS were formally welcomed by presenting them the special meet scarf. Followed by the agenda =>
  - ✓ Opening Remarks by Mr. Satish R Khanna Chairman AsPac Com was all about progress of the committee in last 3 years and he thanked all those who made it possible.
  - ✓ Prelude of ISGF was presented in a gist & Minutes of 2nd AsPac SGF Committee held in Manila in Feb 2014 were approved, points raised out of minutes were enlisted for further discussions by Mr. Mecci.
  - ✓ Action Taken Report was briefly explained including Progress of the region, plan and future vision, working with APR WOSM & WAGGGS, role of key leaders in the region to promote ISGF and other issues by Mr. Mecci
  - ✓ Updates of the Region, Regional History and profile was briefed by Mr. Brian Jackson, he said he could do much as he was busy with 27th World Conference. He gave few points about formation of AsPac Region, Regional gatherings and he requested members present to send any details available of AsPac Region for updating.
  - ✓ Constitution Review and new amendments to be proposed was discussed by Mr. Abdullah Rasheed. He highlighted the points from the constitution approved in 2012 in Bangladesh and new draft circulated. He said all the NSGF's can send their feedback for updating and getting approved during next Gathering in Bangalore India.
  - ✓ Work Relations with WOSM/ APR – was updated by Mecci, he said the meeting in Manila with Regional Director has given lot of support in promoting ISGF, AsPac



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Committee members joined the 8th APR Summit in Sri Lanka and the APR Scout Committee has nominated Mr. Janaprith Fernando as coordinating member with AsPac SGF. AsPac is looking forward to join the 25th APR Scout Conference in Korea. 1st Vice Chairman of APR Scout Committee Mr. **Shree Ram Lamichhane** gave his official message on behalf of Mr. Janaprith Fernando who could not attend. He said APR Scout Committee is happy with AsPac SGF and after their meeting in Korea in April 2015, official invitation will be sent to AsPac SGF.

- ✓ WAGGGS / APR was represented by Ms. Grace Tan, she gave official presentation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of APR, she highlighted various projects undertaken, she also narrated the success stories. Further she thanked AsPac SGF for the support extended for participation in Sangam events and she shown the action oriented pictures of Sangam participation. She also interacted with members present and AsPac Committee appreciated her role as well of APR/ WAGGGS support to ISGF in the region.
- ✓ Vision 2024 – the vision statement was presented among the committee for interaction and suggestions were invited from all NSGF's, Central Branches and others to approve the vision 2024. The priorities identified will be decided after getting SWOT analysis response and Mr. M. A. Khalid consultant of APR Scout Committee advised that 3 members committee constituted in Manila should meet once to propose the final draft during 14 Gathering in Bengaluru.
- ✓ 14 AsPac Regional Gathering – Ms. Munira Mistry & Mr. Mecci combined updated the detailed programme and agreements done. The PPT showing venue of the gathering and highlights were told. Mr. Rasheed said the programme should be circulated and gets it approved by committee.
- ✓ Updates on 28<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference – Mr. Djoko Hardono gave the details, he informed the recently meet held to take care of minute details to make the conference successful in one shelter.
- ✓ Committee elections – new committee to be formed during 14th AsPac Gathering in Bangalore was discussed including chairmen's elections. Members felt the draft preparing for constitution amendments should have clear guidelines for the elections and same should be amended.
- ✓ New NSGF's and Central Branches – Pakistan NSGF has assured the committee to get renewals done with ISGF and come back to normal working, Nepal and Sri Lanka will be getting in to process of completing formalities to step in as new NSGF, Philippines has sent the message that progress of forming NSGF will be getting done very soon, will getting Singapore is next destination to promote ISGF, Hong Kong, Korea and Thailand are being approached to promote and form ISGF.
- ✓ In any other matter –
  - ❖ Pakistan NSGF member requested to send their IRF payment invoice, as their draft has been returned twice by World Bureau and Sri Lankan Trefoil Guild is paying regular IRF payment, but receiving their official receipt. Mecci assured them he will follow up with World Bureau and update them.
  - ❖ proposal to promote Fellowship & Friendship Exchange Programme in the region was brought for discussion in continuation with Manila meet, Mr. Shageeb from Indian SGF gave a PPT showing various options and



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committee felt it is too early to think about such venturing, we should think twice and same can be discussed in coming up AsPac Gathering.

- ❖ Venue for 4<sup>th</sup> AsPac SGF Committee Meet was discussed, Mr. Mecci proposed the Male as next venue in Maldives and members discussed the pros and cons, finally Maldivian NSGF members present agreed, Aamaal Ali, Maniku and they will let know the final decision during coming up 14 AsPac Gathering.

As the first part of technical meet came to end, with formal announcements about visits and next day schedule was informed. Members took break to enjoy lunch hosted by B P Guild of Malaysia.

- On 2nd half of 27th March 2015 the members proceeded to Girl Guide Headquarters of Malaysia coordinated by Ms. Grace Tam. Members were received by Deputy Chief Commissioner Puan Seri - Zainon Zainuddin of Persatuan Pandu Puteri ( Girl Guides) Malaysia and members of Trefoil Guild. They welcomed with beautiful PPT presentation with grand history, told about various projects and gifted souvenirs to all the guests. Mr. Khanna greeted them being chairman and Mr. Mecci appreciated their gesture. Further we also handed over official documents of AsPac SGF, Deputy CC was presented with official scarf and souvenir. Ms. Zalilaha of Trefoil Guild spoke on the occasion. Followed by various games and skill learning demonstrations by young girl guides and it was the main attraction of the visit. Then we enjoyed the tea and snacks hosted and bid good bye to each other. On the occasion Australian team handed over the first aid kits brought for young guides of Malaysia.
- In the evening delegation was received for Fellowship Dinner by members of BP Guild in BUKIT KIARA EQUESTIAN & COUNTRY CLUB KL. With welcome drinks members settled for open discussion on detailed programme of 14th Aspac Gathering. International Commissioner of Boy Scouts Malaysia Dr. Mukhiyuddin Sarwani and Consultant APR Scout Committee and Mr. Rajalingam Ramaswamy Deputy Chief Commissioner of Boy Scouts Malaysia and member of APR Sub Committee were present. Both addressed the delegation of AsPac and expressed their happiness. After formal meet members enjoyed tea and snacks, went around the club and spending Fellowship time.
- 12 ATAS members from 7 countries came for AsPac Meet met for 30 minutes during break and exchanged ideas, enjoyed group photo.
- At 1900 hours members met in the Resturant of the club for dinner, Ms. Brenda welcomed all, BP Guild Malaysian Secretary Mr. Zanan and President Mr. Gunaseelan T Treasurer of AsPac Committee who hosted the dinner exchanged greetings and took care of all befittingly. Members enjoyed the dinner along with singing songs, remembering old scouting/ guiding songs and spend the time with relaxing mood. Ms. Grace Tan of APR WAGGGS and Mr. Srinath Venugopal of WOSM were also joined dinner as special invitees.

On 28th March 2015 all the members left for a mission of promoting and establishing ISGF in Singapore. Friends from Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh could not join the visit and all others left by special bus to Singapore. On their way enjoyed lunch and reached destination.

- The visited the Girl Guides of Singapore head quarters received by Chairperson of Trefoil Guild of Singapore. Dayang Mariani Abang-Zain coordinated on behalf of AsPac and she introduced all, gave a formal info about AsPac to members of Trefoil guild. Chairperson of



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guild Ms. PK Choy welcomed every one, members of trefoil guild gave a ppt presentation on their history and various milestones, they also presented souvenirs to guests and from BP Guild of Singapore Roney K L Tan Scout Council Member with one more member were also present. Mr. Mecci appreciated the gesture of them, told about NSGF in Singapore and its important, requested Ms. Choy to join the meet in Boy Scouts HQ after the meet and she gracefully agreed. Then Mr. Khanna being chairman congratulated them and AsPac presented special souvenir along with ISGF documents to chair. Mrs. Wah Teng Siew Adviser to Girl Guides was also present. Members enjoyed tea and snacks hosted by Guild.

- Then delegation went to Boy Scouts of Singapore Head quarters and all are received by International Commissioner Mr. Chay Hong Leng along with his team. Members assembled in board room, Mr. Chay Hong Leng welcomed the members of AsPac ISGF and expressed their happiness to see meet SGF delegation from all over AsPac, further members stood in silence in respect of Lee Kuan Yew. He introduced their chief commissioner Mr. Tan Cheng Kiong to the house, then all others gave self introduction. Mr. Chay Hong Leng invited Mecci to speak and handle the interaction among the members. First Mecci thanked the Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner and Singapore Boy Scouts for making this meeting possible. Then told about ISGF and AsPac mission to visit Singapore is to establish ISGF. He further informed the house about meet held in Girl Guides HQ, introduced Ms. PK Choy and appealed the Chief Commissioner to help in formation of ISGF. Mr. Rasheed joined the discussions and appraised about APR/ WOSM role in supporting the cause. Then the complete set of ISGF documents were handed over to Chief Commissioner officially and special souvenir was presented to him. In his address Chief Commissioner Mr. Tan Cheng Kiong appreciated the gesture of AsPac SGF committee and thanked Trefoil guild chairperson for joining, he assured that he will discuss the matter with his team and positively he will support it. Finally Mr. C hay Hong Leng invited the AsPac SGF team to their special centenary Jamboree to be organised and took all the members to show their museum which is one of the best in Asia pacific region, after group photo members enjoyed dinner hosted by Boy scouts and Singapore Scouts Association presented their official souvenir to AsPac committee, coffee table book of centenary celebrations to every guest. Malcom Tan Chairman of APR Management Sub Committee just gave a flying visit to meet all of us. Hiprada Indonesian NSGF team left the group and also one member of Maldivian NSGF said good bye.
- From Singapore the members left back to Malaysia at Johra Baru to enjoy th night stay. It is a coastal town and dinner hosted by Mr. Gunaseelan T Treasurer of AsPac Committee was very good. Freinds from Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh joined back.
- On 29 March 2015 members reached back KL and bid good bye to each other. On the way of 4 hours journey Mr. Guna, Mr. Richard Stuart Smith and Mr. Mecci briefed about the formation of AsPac SGF Foundation formation and details of of its basics.
- On 30 March 2015 the 3 members of AsPac Committee Mr. Khanna, Mr. Guna Mr. Mecci along with Mr. Abdullah Rasheed and Mr. M. A. Khalid met Chief Scout TAN SRI DATO' SERI PADUKA Dr. HJ. Sahfie B. HJ. Mohammed Saleh of Persekutuan Pengakap (Boy Scouts of Malaysia) in their HQ KL. It was a courtesy visit and also informed him about ISGF in AsPac region, presented him official scarf, documents and souvenir. We also appealed him to support the cause of ISGF in Malaysia. Meet ended with cup of tea. Ms. Munira Mistry and DATO' Raja Ruslan Bin Raja Samah Chief Executive of PPM were also



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present in the meet.

- Finally the last stop was at WOSM KL Office meeting Secretary General Mr. Scot Tear on 30 March 2015. Met by 3 members of AsPac Committee Mr. Khanna, Mr. Guna Mr. Mecci along with Mr. M. A. Khalid, Ms. Munira Mistry. The meeting became very important when we received so much of information about ISGF and its venturing all over in various areas and projects. Further it was a interactive meeting, Secretary General gave few guidelines to AsPac SGF Committee to be success in the region and he expressed his happiness over the meet. Mr. Mecci gave brief of the SGF presence in the region and progress so far, he handed over the official documents of AsPac SGF along with presentation of official scarf. We also discussed about ISGF role in coming up world Jamboree in Japan 2015, Mr. Srinath informed that they have sent the official letter to ISGF world body and this time a slot is being allotted in GDV for ISGF to organise interactive stand for youth to educate about community services ISGF has taken up. After the meet Mr. Scot himself took all to show some of the paintings on Scouting exhibited and finally Mr. Khanna and Mr. Guna handed over the official souvenir to Mr. Scot and we took bid good bye to each other.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

WOSM/ APR - Mr. Khanna and Mr. Mecci met key leaders of APR WOSM in New Delhi India on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 during their visit to receive highest award bestowed upon them by Bharat Scouts & Guides, India. They are Dr. Chao Chairman of APR Scout Committee, Mr. **Jose Rizal C. Pangilinan** Regional Director APR/ WOSM, Mr. **Shree Ram Lamichhane**, Mr. Alexander Wong. The formal discussions were about ISGF promotion in the region. AsPac is getting ready to join the 25 APR Scout Conference to be held in Korea and 3 members team will attend.

Further the 2 consultants of Mr. Khalid and Mr. Rasheed have extended us technical guidelines during the 3<sup>rd</sup> AsPac SGF Meet.

WAGGGS APR – AsPac ISGF Committee members were delighted to see the report of Sangam – World Guide Centre appreciating sponsorship by AsPac SGF Committee. The report says “Because of your scholarship donation, in March 2015, we brought 2 young women from Maldives and Sri Lanka to Sangam World Centre for the Be the Change event. Sadha, Maldives and Lakmina, Sri Lanka are the beneficiaries” Reported by Christa Ochocki, Deputy World Centre Manager: Operations Sangam World Centre.

Further role of Ms. Grace Tam during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aspac Committee meet was worth to mention and thank her.

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This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Update => AsPac SGF Committee after 3<sup>rd</sup> meet in KL/ Singapore looking ahead to build stronger, sustainable NSGF's and for which constitution of the region will be amended, regional profile will be relooked for updates, vision 2024 document will be released during the next gathering in Bengaluru India. From every corner of the region our teams and key leaders are extending full support to us to mention Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, New Zealand and now Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal have joined us for more stronger region.



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NEWS FROM AsPac CORNERS

Australia NSGF

Report: Australia NSGF released special bulletin highlighting the AsPac Committee Meet achievements, further they gave brief details about forthcoming events especially 14th AsPac Gathering in Bengaluru and next World Conference in Bali Indonesia.

Indian NSGF –

Our senior veteran and Chairman of AsPac SGF Committee Mr. Satish R Khanna was presented with highest award of Bharat Scouts & Guides in President House New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 presented by President of India Honorable Sri Pranab Mukerjee in presence of chief national commissioner Mr. B. I. Nagarale. It was an annual award ceremony for young Scouts and guides including selected key adult leaders.

Indian SGF felicitated two key leaders from APR Scouts namely Mr. **Shree Ram Lamichhane**, Nepal and Mr. Alexander Wong Hong Kong on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 in our NHQ New Delhi by presenting souvenirs and official scarfs. On the occasion Mr. Mecci welcomed them and gave highlights of Indian SGF along with appeal to join ISGF. Mr. Satish R Khanna also gave details of ISGF and International Commissioner (S) Mr. M. A. Khalid of BS&G was present on the occasion. Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Asha Khanna joined to exchange ideas.

Malaysia NSGF – Trefoil Guild of Sarawak hosted Mr. Brian Jackson of Australia for 2 days after the AsPac Committee meet and showing his many projects undertaken by them especially to serve the community. Dayang Mariani Abang-Zain and her team made it memorable.

M. A. K. Mecci  
Secretary General / ISGF – AsPac Committee

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ 28 July to 8 August 2015 - 23 World Scout Jamboree – Kirara Hama, Yamaguchi City Japan
- ❖ 12 – 17 September 2015 – 14 AsPac SGF Gathering – Bangalore India
- ❖ 3 – 8 November 2015 – 25 APR Scout Conference – Korea