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## Asia Pacific Link News

### Spotlight on .....Young Woman from Korea

'Camp Maniac' is the most suitable word to describe who I am. Girl Scouting, which I started at age 11, is one of the most valuable things in my life. I was a Junior Girl Scout and later a young Leader, which explains my passion and affection towards Girl Scouting.



Now, I am the president of Mugunghwa Girl Scouts of Korea. Mugunghwa means the rose of Sharon, the national flower of Korea. A Mugunghwa Scout is also the honor Scout like the Queen Guide of UK, the highest award a girl can obtain. I became a member of this association when I was 15. I had to learn basic Girl Scouting skills such as life-guarding, swimming and cycling through four days training.

I have planned summer events and winter gatherings as a staff member since I was a Senior Girl Scout. I had the opportunity to learn enterprising leadership from all these activities a little earlier than other girls.

One of my best memories is the 2005 International Camp, which was held in KangwonDo during six days in August. There were various programs like paragliding, yachting and rope course. Unfortunately, I didn't have the chance to enjoy the activities as I had to concentrate in my obligations as a staff member.

I have been in charge of greeting and hosting 4,000 campers and directors in the opening ceremony. Although I prepared it with a number of rehearsals, there was a delay in the arrival of VIP members. As we were waiting, an unexpected downpour showered us for about 40 minutes. As the awaiting time got longer, I was also getting nervous.

If it was to be as planned, I should have begun the ceremony bravely with the camp song, but the reaction was not that passionate due to the heavy rain and I could not get a cheerful response as I yelled: "Hello, everyone!". Actually I had no idea how I managed to continue at that time. However, once the ceremony was over, I managed to direct all campers and leaders back to the camp site in good order and safely.

This was an extraordinary event which showed my wise and calm management. Although my experience of hosting is short, I would not have caught the chance of speaking in front of a crowd if it were not for the Girl Scouts.

For me, Girl Scouting is always something that gives me wonderful experiences and chances to meet a variety of people. I am currently a member of the publishing division of the Korean Main Union with three other young leaders. We work as committee members by cooperating with directors and trainers in making decisions. I believe that Girl Scouts Korea supports and takes interest in young leaders, encouraging us to participate and take action. So I promise myself that I shall carry out my duties proudly as a young leader representing Korea.

Kim Seo Hyun  
President of Mugunghwa Scout (Rose of Sharon Scout)

## Six Areas

### Educational Programme

Guides of Australia imagine what it would be like to be a cosmonaut

A combined team of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from Australia will gain greater insight into space exploration when they participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Space Olympics in Russia next October. The event will be held in Korolev City, Moscow, and will be the first time Australia has participated, competing with teams from Russia, the USA, Greece, Europe and the United Kingdom.



The purpose of the annual International Space Olympics is to stimulate young people aged from 14 to 18 to develop their critical and creative thinking skills and to increase their knowledge of space exploration.

During the competition the teams will:

- Present their technical, economic and social projects using any subject matter connected with the field of space exploration
- Take part in competitions involving physics, mathematics and computer science
- Meet Russian cosmonauts
- Visit the mission control center and speak directly to cosmonauts on the space station
- Visit Star City and the Space Museum, see firsthand many space objects including Gagarin's capsule and the first Sputnik, and go inside the space station.

"I am very interested in space and the technology involved with exploring space and the offshoots to Earth. I was incredibly excited when I was accepted." says Amy Sparks, one of the three Australian Guides on the team.

Girl Scouts of Japan - Cha-Ranger (challenger) Camp

Ranger Girl Scouts from all over Japan gathered at Togakushi Girl Scout Camp Centre in Nagano to join in Cha-Ranger Camp from 3 to 7 August 2006. Eight Girl Scouts from Alaska, USA, also enjoyed the camp. The programme was planned by eight Ranger Girl Scouts committee with the support of some young leaders and trainers. The theme was 'My thought leading the future'.

The aim of the camp was to explore+ new possibilities and continue to develop as Girl Scouts through the programme 'Our Rights Our Responsibilities'. One hundred and sixty four Girl Scouts enjoyed hiking, cooking, star watching, and introducing each region's culture for five days.

Girl Guides Singapore - Be Prepared Quest 2006

The Be Prepared (BP) Quest 2006, organized by the International Committee of Girl Guides Singapore was held from 29 May 2006 to 3 June 2006 at our Guide House.

The aim of Quest was to promote knowledge and spirit of international Girl Guiding. This challenge was open to Girl Guide/Girl Scout members from Singapore and the Asia-Pacific Region.



"It was heartening to see 66 enthusiastic local teams participating in it," says Jessie Tan, International Commissioner of Girl Guides Singapore.

"The competition was very intense and the air of anticipation and excitement filled the hall of our Guide House throughout the finals."

The five teams competed zealously testing their knowledge on WAGGGS and the United Nations, Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region, Girl Guiding in Singapore and Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting skills like First Aid, knots,

outdoor cooking, fauna and flora. Members of the audience were also given a chance to participate in the open round at the end of the finals.

The results of the Finals of BP Quest 2006 were:  
Champion: FILIA from CHIJ St. Nicholas' Girls School

1<sup>st</sup> runner-up: Dynamic Fusion from Damai Secondary School

2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up: RGS 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy from Raffles Girls School

3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up: Team 1 from Nanyang Girls' High School

4<sup>th</sup> runner-up: Dynamic Fission from Damai Secondary School

#### Girl Scouts of Taiwan take part in 2006 Adolescent HIV/AIDS education workshop

To address two of the WAGGGS advocacy messages 'fight AIDS' and 'it's important to talk about sex', Girl Scouts of Taiwan held two adolescent HIV/AIDS education workshops in Hsin-Chu County on 18 and 19 March. The 19 March event was held in Hin-Chu City.

The workshop was based on the UNAIDS and WAGGGS AIDS Badge Curriculum, covering prevention, care support and human rights. It's hoped that adolescents not only have the right attitude and knowledge about sex but also know how to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS.

## Adult Training

#### Guides Australia National Training for Trainers

The "X factor" that defines the special nature and skills of Guide trainers was the theme of the recent National Training for Trainers held in Adelaide by Guides of Australia in July.

Participants had a wonderful three days sharing experiences and learning new training skills with two trainers from Scouts Australia (including the National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development elect) and Guide trainers from New Zealand (10), Singapore (6) and every State of Australia (22).

Although the weather was cool, the reception from Guides South Australia was very warm.

The Chief Commissioner for Guides Australia shared her vision for the future. The group also learned of recent successes for older Guides and adult leaders whose skills have been recognized by the community through the education systems and accredited training in Australia.

The 40 participants enjoyed half-day workshops facilitated by the Australian



training committee with the help of various state and national trainers. These workshops focused on using the

Girl Guide and Girl Scout method, making decisions, using PowerPoint for presentations, developing training resources, analyzing research, mentoring, planning training sessions, training trainers in training skills, assessing competence and safely enjoying the outdoors.

The group was also privileged to hear about Guide training in Singapore and New Zealand and to have fun with various activities from these interesting countries. Activities included a visit to a Hindu temple.

Friends from all over provided an additional 'X factor' that helped make the Guides Australia National Training for Trainers 2006 an extraordinary success.

#### Nepal Scouts (Girls) - Preliminary Training Course for New Leaders

Bhaktapur District of Nepal Scouts organized a unit leader training for 18 teachers from a private school. The principal of the school was attracted by the method of Scouting/Girl Scouting and hopes that all teachers in the school would participate actively in learning and sharing the

Movement with students of the school. He believes that the method of Scouting/Girl Scouting provides students what formal education is not able to provide.

During the training, participants learned activities of Scouting/Girl Scouting.

### Girl Scouts of Taiwan 2006 Trainer Advanced Training Workshop

Girl Scouts of Taiwan held the Advanced Training Workshop at the Girl Scout Activity Center on May 20, 2006. More than 50 trainers attended the workshop. Programs included lecture on trainer's self-expectation, practical experience sharing, group discussion on recruiting Girl Scouts aged 5 to 7, training project of trainers for Rangers and Senior Girl Scouts and promoting the community Huey-Chi Girl Scout troops.



Girl Scouts of Taiwan also presented the certificates of appointment to the new trainers who completed their follow-up assignments.

## Membership

### Girl Guides Association Malaysia takes part in a rafting expedition

Girl Guides from Malaysia participated in a rafting expedition to promote the Girl Guide Movement in Malaysia and to create more awareness for recruiting and retaining girls in school as well as volunteers.



The rafts were decorated with banners of fun, adventure, challenge and friendship messages.

The team included one Commissioner, two Girl



Guides from the Malaysian association, the Signature Programme Communications officer, one Queen's Guide, one Ranger Guide and four male volunteers.

### Pakistan Girl Guides Association - ICT branch Guides and Senior Guides experience camping at Bhurban Hills

Seventy one Girl Guides, Senior Guides, Leaders and trainers from ICT branch got together at Bhurban Hills from 16 to 23 June 2006 to attend the camp 'Girls worldwide say we can make a difference'.

Guides participated in activities on:

- New image of Guiding and WAGGGS' seven key messages
- How to deal with stress and manage in emergency
- Building positive attitude in life
- Way to happiness



Mrs Tahira Ahmed, member of the AP training pool along other people from different organizations led the activities.

The girls received an update on the new image of Guiding, raising their awareness on issues they care about and helping them to acquire the skills that will enable them to make this world a better place to live.

Girl Scouts of Taiwan - 2006 girl scout uniforms pass Love - Lend-A-Hand Project

Girl Scouts of Taiwan have initiated an inner lend-a-hand project called '2006 Girl Scout uniforms pass love' to help girls from remote districts afford to join Girl Scouting.

In Taiwan, there are many girls from remote districts who can't join Girl Scouting due to economic reasons. For them it's even difficult to afford a uniform.

The Association encourages Girl Scouts or troops to take actions through donating uniforms or cash to those girls in need. With this project, Girl Scouts can also understand the true meaning of giving.

## Relationship to Society

Girl Scouts of Japan - New promotion film

Girl Scouts of Japan produced a new DVD to promote and give some basic information about Girl Scouting in Japan and WAGGGS for non-members. It contains an introduction about national and international activities for girls and young women and brief history about GSJ.

Girl Scouts Association of Mongolia - Visit by Noela Carr, Dallas and Marian Langdon

Noel Carr, and Dallas and Marian Langdon, supporters of Girl Scouts of Mongolia recently visited the Association and were able to see firsthand where and how their gifts have been used.

They agreed that the trip was very rewarding and said that they were royally entertained by the Chief Commissioner and had the opportunity to meet and spend time with leaders and girls.



"It was particularly rewarding to realize that they use ideas sent as examples and reproduce many of them in a way that will benefit the girls." says Marian.

"Girl Scouting for both leaders and girls is voluntary. However, it is school-based and meetings are held in school time with leaders being teachers also. The school we attended has provided a special room for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. In a country that is fairly poor and short on facilities, this indicates the esteem with which Girl Scouting in particular is revered as an organization with the ability to assist young girls in the development of community leadership skills."

She explained that the program is excellent but the Association still has two major dreams which they are trying to achieve. The first one is building their major headquarters office and the other is introducing an interesting badge program.

"We have come back home convinced that Girl Scouts Mongolia deserve all the help we can give them. We feel very honored to assist Mongolia to educate their young girls in this way," she says.

Girl Guides Association of Thailand - Girl Guides attend workshop on "Buddhist Women's participation in Sustainable Development"

Forty Girl Guides member including the president, Board committees, trainers, leaders, girls and staff attended the workshop on 'Buddhist Women's participation in Sustainable Development' to celebrate the United Nations Day of Vesak at the United Nations, Bangkok on 9 May 2006.

## Others

Girl Scouts of Japan - Establishment of "Friends of Board"

Girl Scouts of Japan (GSJ) has established a supporting group called 'Friends of Board' to support the development of Girl Scouting in Japan. It is formed by former and present Board members of GSJ.

They will meet once a year and talk about various issues regarding GSJ. They will also give their opinion on the management and the direction of GSJ

through their experience as Board members.

The group believes that the Board will provide a good opportunity for incumbent Board members to exchange with ex-Board members. The first meeting will be held in September.

#### WAGGGS/WOSM APR meeting to discuss assessment process in SAGNOs

Volunteers and staff of WAGGGS and WOSM Asia-Pacific Region met for one and a half



days at the WOSM Asia-Pacific Region office in Manila, Philippines, in August 2006. They shared information about priorities and ways of work in the region. The

meeting chiefly was to discuss about SAGNOs in the Asia-Pacific Region and their relationship with both Movements. During the meeting it is decided that a joint partnership visit will be carried out in Bharat Scouts and Guides and Nepal Scouts in 2007.

#### Girl Guides Singapore - Donation of Stationery to School Children in Thailand

Sixteen Guides and two Guiders embarked on their first overseas community service project to Thailand from 28 November to 5 December 2005 to assist tsunami victims. Three schools sent representatives for the trip – Bedok Green secondary, Chai Chee secondary and Damai secondary school.

They took stationery items for the Baanbangsak, Baanbangmuang, Baannamkaem and TakuapaSenankul schools located in the Khao Lak region of southern Thailand, which was one of the worst-hit areas of Thailand.

#### Thailand - Library construction at Baanlaemtong School, Phi Phi, Krabi

Members of the Girl Guides Association of Thailand and members of Girl Scouts of the USA, including six girls and five adults from troop 832, Missoula, Montana, went together to Laem Tong School in Phi Phi Dom to help on the construction of the

school library. The school, situated in the southern part of Thailand, received books, science tools and school stationary. Activities such as songs, games, painting, etc., were carried out by both the Girl Scouts of USA and the Girl Guides of Thailand.



#### Solomon Islands Girl Guides Association - Na Komuda Dedication

Many people came to witness the official dedication programme at Na Komuda. The day broke with drizzling showers in the mid morning. Many silent prayers were admitted by several leaders, getting the programme off to an unexpected beginning.

The President Hazel Lulei and the Chief Commissioner Catherine Pule both spoke and the Australian High Commissioner and a representative of the Community Sector program who rehabilitated the area and the building both offered supportive replies.

The Australian high commissioner also donated to the Salomon Islands Girl Guides Association (SIGGA) a set of volley ball equipment and a net ball.

Prior to the dedication, there were two enrolment ceremonies with more than 70 Honiara Girl Guides.

"The dedication was an eye opener to a lot of parents and girls. We have already had positive comments from the public and it looks like our SIGGA will steadily grow in number in the near future," says Catherine Pule, Chief Commissioner Salomon Islands Girl Guides Association. "We now have the place – our programs and activities will now be a step further.

On the evening of the dedication, the leaders and members had a campfire and also cut the Na Komuda cake. The ash of the campfire was kept for history.

"SIGGA will have achieved its vision by 2007," says Catherine.

## Project 3L (Life Long Learning)

### Bharat Scouts and Guides (Guides Wing)

The second batch of the 3L Project (Life Long Learning) workshop was conducted at National Youth Complex, Gadpuri, Haryana from 12 to 14 July 2006. Twenty-seven girls from nearby villages such as Gadpuri, Sikri, Hariphali or Prithla attended the event.

In this workshop participants were taught different types of art such as flower making (out of cloth and stocking), artificial fruit making, Rakhi preparation, pottery painting, emboss glitter painting, stitching (cross stitch and chain stitch), and Mehendi, model making (out of ice-cream sticks and waste materials).

The participants, all from remote areas, were very talented and showed much appreciated interest.

On 13 July 2006 Kar Mei Lee, regional director of the Asia-Pacific Region; Ching Ching Wee Ong, field development trainer; Chief Commissioner (Guides), Mrs. Manik Barsaley; International Commissioner (Guides) Mrs. Pushpa Manas, and vice-president, Dr. Sudha Prakash and other senior members of Bharat Scouts and Guides visited the centre.



Ms. M. N. Machamma, ROC (G), Eastern Region; Mrs. Usha Garg, Chandigarh; Mrs. Anitha, Delhi State; and Ms. Bimla Devi, the instructor of tailoring center assisted with the workshop.

## Working with partners at Region level/External Relations

### All Together in Dignity

The Asia-Pacific Committee's external relations person, Mariko Asano, had the opportunity to meet some members of All Together Dignity (ATD)

in Japan recently to discuss potential cooperation between the Region and ATD.

All Together in Dignity (ATD) Fourth World is an INGO founded in 1957 by father Joseph Wresinski in France to find solutions to eradicate extreme poverty. The organization works in 26 developing and developed countries as a way of supporting families and changing policies.

Asia-Pacific Committee Chairman is the President of ATD.

### UNICEF

The Girl Scouts of Japan (GSJ) now have available a Councilor position for UNICEF on behalf of the president of the Girl Scouts of Japan Naoko Ishii. Also, Mariko Asano had the opportunity to meet some UNICEF members in Japan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan invited Ann M. Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF to Japan, where she was greeted with a reception hosted by UNICEF's Tokyo Office and the Japanese Committee for UNICEF. In her speech, Ms. Veneman expressed her appreciation for Japan as one of the leading supporters of UNICEF and made a point on further cooperation on maternal and child health and HIV/AIDS issues.

The 55<sup>th</sup> Councilors' meeting of the Japan Committee for UNICEF was held on 2 June 2006. Business reporting and announcement of financial statement of the last fiscal year were made and then it was reported that one million US\$ was sent to the victims of Java quake on that day.

"None of the people in the room seemed to know about UNICEF's partnership with WAGGGS, so WAGGGS' recent work on AIDS/HIV in corporation with UNICEF was briefed and shared," says Mariko Asano, Asia-Pacific Committee member External Relations.

Peace Forum "Watashitachi ni dekirukoto (What we can do to help)" was held. Discussion was focused on the role and

contribution of Japanese community for refugee relief activities and other international contributions.

#### Partnership with UNHCR

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) held a World Refugee Day photo exhibition 2006 from 19 June to 14 July at the UN House in Tokyo. Girl Scouts of Japan participated in the exhibition and displayed photos of the Peace Pack project.

On 24 June, a World Refugee Day forum was also held as a part of the exhibition. Mariko Asano, International Commissioner of GSJ and an Asia-Pacific Committee member, attended the forum as a panellist. They discussed international volunteer works under the theme 'What we can do' and talked about the works of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts' Peace initiative and the Peace Pack project.

Lots of young people who are interested in the issues of refugees gathered for the forum. An officer from Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said: "It is the best symposium I have ever had." The forum is going to be broadcasted on television.

#### Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Mahira Afzal, Development officer for women programmes from Pakistan Girl Guides Association Literacy Resource Center, Lahore attended the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This was the special session of the UN as this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of CSW.

On behalf of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Mahira had the honor of representing girls and young women of Pakistan and Girl Guides of the world during the NGO Intervention Session on 9 March 2005. This year, she won the Yvonne Hubert scholarship and was invited to attend CSW 2006 to represent Pakistani women by United Nation's Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) in collaboration with the NGO Committee on CSW.



She explained that the focus on selected topics allows the Commission to refine the global policy framework for gender equality in order to strengthen and accelerate implementation of the recommendations for practical action at all levels.

She also got the opportunity to present and share facts and figures on the situation of girls and young women in Pakistan and the Asia-Pacific Region with information from the Government of Pakistan and other UN agencies. This proved to be supportive in providing the participants with a genuine picture of the current situation and also enabled them to discuss the issues related to young girls and women more productively.

## Friends of Asia-Pacific, WAGGGS

Philippines - The Friends of Asia-Pacific in the Philippines held a membership ceremony in May 2006 to raise money. Due to the hard work of Girl Scouts of the Philippines and existing members of the Friends of Asia-Pacific in the Philippines, a total of US\$15,000 was collected.

Australia - A fun afternoon of croquet was arranged for Guide Leaders as a fundraiser for Friends of Asia-Pacific, WAGGGS. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a go, and pleasant company and good weather went well together.

During afternoon tea, there was an excellent opportunity to explain the operation of the Asia-Pacific Region and to introduce participants to Friends of Asia-Pacific, WAGGGS.

## Asia Pacific Focus

#### Visit of the Chairman to Girl Scouts of Taiwan

More than 12,000 Girl Scouts and Scouts attended the Joint National Camp for the centennial celebration of the World Scouting Movement from 27 July to 2 August 2006.

The theme of the camp was 'One World One Promise' and it was aimed to celebrate the big year of Scouting, to share Scouting experiences and skills, to develop individual and team potentials through various

activities and also to strengthen international friendship.

The logo for this camp consisted of a colorful bird including the colours purple, representing WOSM, blue for WAGGGS, yellow for the Chinese people and green meaning peace, nature and environmentalism.

There were seven sub-camps. More than 1,500 girls from Girl Scouts of Taiwan and overseas were in sub-camp 1. The majority of the participants were from Taiwan but there were also Girl Scouts from the United Kingdom (Girlguiding Midlands and Girlguiding Brickhill); USA (Great Plains Council); Japan (Aichi, Saitama and Miyazaki Council); Singapore and two leaders from Thailand. Two young leaders (both aged 25) from the United Kingdom also worked as an International Service Team during the camp. They set up a workshop at the global village to introduce the culture and specialties in the United Kingdom to campers.

Heading the camp were Kao Chang Ming-Luan, Chief Commissioner of Girl Scouts of Taiwan and Yung Chaur-Shin, Chief Commissioner of Scouts of China. The Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Committee attended the welcome reception and gave a brief message at the opening ceremony. She was invited to give a message at the Evergreen Scouts reception as well as the international evening. This was an opportunity to meet the leaders of Asia-Pacific WOSM National Organizations. Among them were Jejomar Binay, President of Boy Scouts of the Philippines; Katsura Kuno, President of Asia-Pacific Evergreen Scouts, BOD, Scout Association of Japan; George Huang, Secretary General and International Commissioner of Scouts of China and Taiwan Firewood Open Scout Group; Anthony Thng, former Asia-Pacific WOSM Chair of Scouts Singapore amongst other National Organization Scouts.

Ming Luan, Christine Cheng, International Commissioner I-An Hsu and officers of the Tainan County Girl Scouts hosted an special lunch.

During the camp there were simultaneous module activities for four days which included community service, life education, global development and folklore culture. There was also a special sub-camp for very young Scouts of Taiwan.

There was a daily camp newspaper with some exposure to the media. A vibrant international night was also held. The spirits were high during the event, a clear indication that the Girl Scouting movement is alive.

The Chairman extends her thanks to both the Girl Scouts of Taiwan and Scouts of China for this opportunity to be part of an historic jamboree.

## Forthcoming Events

The Strategic Leadership workshop. This will be held from 6 to 10 November 2006 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Please remember to send in all your forms as soon as possible. For more information please contact the Asia Pacific Regional Director or the Girl Guides Association of Cambodia.

### The 50th Anniversary Camp of the Girl Guides Association of Thailand

Date: 10 to 17 December 2006  
Theme: 'Peace, Pleasure and Progress'.  
Venue: Vachiravuj Scouts Campsite, Chonburi, Thailand

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## Announcement

### Bangladesh Girl Guides Association

Phulrani Sarker was elected for a three year term as National Commissioner of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association at its 29<sup>th</sup> General meeting held from June 29 to



July 1 at the Guide House, Dhaka. Rehana Banoo was elected as treasurer and 21 other members were elected. Phulrani has been a successful Guide in her long career rendering dedicated service to Bangladesh Girl Guides Association in the capacity of District Commissioner, additional Regional Commissioner, Regional

Commissioner, Deputy National Commissioner and member, Executive Committee of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association.

### Girl Scouts of Philippines

Dr. Estefania Aldaba-Lim, life member of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and mother of Asia-Pacific Chairman, Dr. Cristina Lim-Yuson, passed away on the morning of 7 March 2006 at age 89. Our deepest condolences to the family.

### Baden-Powell Peak

The Government of Nepal named a new trekking route around the Ganesh Himal area as the 'Baden Powell Trek' and the 5,825 metres high Urkema Peak at Langtang Valley, situated north of Kathmandu, as the 'Baden Powell Peak'. This high mountain has been named after the founder of the Scouting and Guiding Movement to commemorate the Scouting centenary next year.

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The official climb will be held from 28 August to 16 September 2007. For more information about the climb visit this website: <http://nepscouts.blogspot.com/calendar/>

### Asia Pacific Awards

The closing date for the nomination of the Asia-Pacific Leadership Award, Asia-Pacific Young Leader Scholarship and Asia-Pacific Region Appreciation Award is 30 November 2006.