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World Conference

Reflections from Girl Guides, Hong Kong Girl Guides Association

I still remember how we greeted Girl Guides from all over the world with warm welcomes, handshakes, and splendid smiles. I remember how much detail we talked through just on the short walk from the gates to the hotel. I remember how every single one of them is looking forward to the conference with passion



and faith. Up to this date this enthusiasm is still very much evolving and was definitely a rewarding experience.

To be honest, stepping out of our comfort zones wasn't an easy job. However, we underestimated our abilities because we never knew whether we have the potential to undergo such challenge. There is an old saying that "If you think you can, then you can", but I say, "If you think you can't, you still can". Despite it being strenuous and labour-intensive, our competence exceeded our expectations. To see the heartwarming smiles and to be greeted passionately by Guides from all over the world deeply touched my heart. Such experience was unforgettable and intangible, which will last an eternity in my guiding life to learn how to Connect, Grow and Impact.

*Wong Yuk Ki & Yuki Buki, from 157th W.KLN
Coy*

It has been a truly special and rewarding experience for me to partake in this conference as a planning committee member.

I was deeply touched when the Young Women's Event came to an end, receiving positive feedback from the participants who recognized and appreciated our efforts. Throughout the conference, not only did I improve my leadership and collaboration skills, but I also developed everlasting friendship with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the globe.

Antonia Yu-ting Yip

It was my pleasure to participate in the 35th World Conference. Although I was just a helper in the hospitality team for two days during the conference, I still enjoyed it a lot. I was so happy with my post because when the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts leaders arrived from the other countries I was one of the first Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to meet them. That is such a great thing! To conclude, the 35th world conference gave me a lot experiences and wonderful friendships. Now I can tell others who haven't had a chance to go to the WAGGGS World Conference that I have joined it once!

Carman Wong

The 35th World Conference headed by the Hong Kong Girl Guides

Association this year, and it was a pleasure to be

part of the hospitality team. We met so many people from different countries like India, Germany, and France. They were truly friendly and extremely excited to be here, and I was glad to be a part of it. This is the largest event that I have contributed to these few years, and I was honoured to represent Hong Kong Girl Guides Association. It was truly an exciting experience to learn more about other traditions and meet new friends from other countries.

Agnes Chew



Since this was my first time helping out at a WAGGGS World Conference, I was really shy. However, by the time my service ended, I became more confident, and was able to speak to people from around the world. From my conversations, I learned about a lot of different cultures and countries. This was a remarkable experience that I will never forget.

Melody Chan

I was really honoured to participate in such a huge WAGGGS event. I gained a lot from this conference, and I will definitely share my experiences with my fellow teammates. Throughout the conference, I communicated with lots of delegates from different countries. I enjoyed meeting women from all around the world and being able to ask questions about their cultures and traditions the most. This conference was a brilliant experience towards the rest of my guiding life.

Chan Wing Yi

I was glad to be part of the hospitality team during the conference. It was initially difficult to interact with



people from different places, but I grew from the experience and learned to be friendlier and braver. I learned to make small talk as we brought guests to the hotel and around the conference rooms. I had to be brave and friendly in order to successfully chat with all the others. I also broadened my horizons a lot and learned more about WAGGGS and different national cultures.

Wong Wai Sze, Cecil form 194NT COY

Character Development towards Happy Citizenship

Meet Natasha Hendrick – new member and deputy chair of the World Board, elected at the World Conference in Hong Kong in July 2014



For Natasha Hendrick, being a Girl Guide has had a profound influence in determining who she is and what she does today.

As a geophysicist and proud Girl Guide,

Natasha links Guiding to the success she has in her career and to the wide range of life experiences and adventures she enjoys.

Natasha has worked across the world – throughout Australia, in the USA, the UK, Norway and across SE Asia. She has received national research prizes and conference awards, developed new technologies, managed company research programs, trained and developed new geophysicists, and led technical teams across multiple countries.

“I have had a rewarding and successful career, and one of the main reasons for this is because I have shared in and learned from the fun and adventure of Guiding.”

Starting in the Australian organisation some 30 years ago, Natasha talks warmly about how her formative experiences in Guiding – as a Brownie – shaped her character. “I learnt how to share. I was encouraged to try new things and meet new people.

Natasha continued growing as a Girl Guide, and reflects upon some of the important moments of learning.

“I remember stepping over the edge of a cliff for the first time as I learnt to abseil. I can recall having to abandon camp at 3am in the morning due to torrential rain - even though we’d dug trenches for hours to try to keep the tent floors dry! With my Guiding friends we stayed up all night to help newly-hatched sea turtles find their way to the ocean for the first time. I learnt of my sister Guides from other countries and tried to understand the worlds from which they came.”

“All of these experiences have shaped the adult that I have become. I learnt to be a seeker of challenge and adventure. I came to understand the importance of planning, team work, leadership, and shared fun ... and most importantly I developed a great belief in myself.”

Natasha is perfectly clear about how her experiences as a Girl Guide have developed her character and skills; “The ability to think on my feet - it’s hard work to occupy 20 girls at a moment’s notice when thunderstorms cancel an activity! The ability to set a goal, make a plan and take on a leadership role; and the skills to work with strangers - who soon became friends - to get a job done.”

“The spirit of community at international gatherings is overwhelming!” she says “It reinforces what we are always taught through Guides – respect and honour people from all cultures and walks of life, and anything and everything becomes possible!”

Closer to home, Natasha has enjoyed roles that have included training young leaders, teaching canoeing and kayaking skills, facilitating adventure based-learning activities, and volunteering as an Assistant State Commissioner and an Assistant Chief Commissioner.

Her message to any Guide is simple: “Dare to be different. Dare to be a Guide! You will have the opportunity to do things and learn things and see things that your non-Guide friends won’t.”

Natasha joins Fiona Harnett (New Zealand), Shaleeka Abeygunasekera (Sri Lanka) and Teruko Wada (Japan) as elected World Board members from Asia Pacific Region.

Congratulations Natasha!



The 5th International Service Camp in Mongolia 2014, Girl Scouts of Korea and Girl Scout Association of Mongolia

The National Young Leaders' Committee of Girl Scouts of Korea (GSK) successfully implemented the 5th International Service Camp in Mongolia 2014' at Marry Ward Center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from July 1 to 9. Various educational programs were planned for Girl Scout Association of Mongolia after discussing with Mongolian young leaders through SMS and online messenger, and pre-trainings were organized five times in four months preparations.

During the camp, Korean young leaders built a ger, the Mongolian traditional nomadic house, for one Mongolian Girl Scout from a poor family with the financial support from GSK. So-Young Nam, the Chairman of National Young Leaders' Committee said that it is very sorry to build a ger for only one Girl Scout although there are many Mongolian Girl Scouts who need it. So-Young Nam is planning to raise

more funds with other young leaders at the Girls' Day Event.

During the troop meetings, Mongolian Girl Scouts enjoyed craft, physical activities and music and they earned interest badges. They also learned principles of science through play and received WAGGGS's Food Security and Climate Change Challenge badge. The Girl Scouts also



learned how to brush their teeth, through an important hygiene education programme where water

shortage is an issue. The most meaningful activity though was playing hand bells, the first opportunity in their lives for Mongolian Girl Scouts to play an instrument. Korean young leaders also painted a mural they designed on the wall of the troop meeting place and contributed to improve the environment of the Center.

The Korean young leaders developed their leadership by organising the assigned programs by themselves and achieving their goals. They also had a good opportunity to promote the sense of belonging as a member of WAGGGS though sharing their opinion and friendship with Mongolian Girl Scouts.

Creating tomorrow's leaders begins with Pippins, GirlGuiding New Zealand

As Pippins across New Zealand celebrate their 30th birthday, they also welcome an exciting new programme.

With colourful workbooks and a key focus of encouraging self-esteem and confidence, Pippins aged five to six year olds are the first to sample the refreshed and revitalised programmes before they are introduced to Brownies, Guides and Rangers by the end of the year.

A key focus of the new programmes is for girls to develop their skills and abilities to take their place as



tomorrow's leaders.

"It's a really exciting time for GirlGuiding NZ. There's been a lot of work put into these new programmes and we know the girls are absolutely going to love them," says Sonia Faulkner, President of GirlGuiding NZ. "The Pippins certainly do".

As Pippins, the girls enjoy a wide range of activities including learning how to line dance, visiting fire stations, making kites and flying them or overnight adventures, says Sonia.

These are some of the comments from Pippins across the country about why they enjoy Guiding:

"Caring and sharing and that you get to touch things that you can't do at school"
Rebekah, Hokitika Pippins

"Playing with new friends and having fun."
Madeline, Pippin, Pencarrow

"Parties and playing games"
Joanne, Hokitika Pippins

Girl Scouts of Japan and U.S.A Cultural Exchange

On 19 - 20 July 2014, 17 Girl Scouts from the U.S.A. visited Japan for the "Destination Programme" that is a travel programme of GSUSA. They had cultural exchange programme with 17 Japanese Girl Scouts. Participants are all high school age and enjoyed international aspects of Girl Scouting.



The GSUSA's "Destination Programme" aims to visit places in and out of the U.S.A. and to learn about different culture,

tradition, history, geography, language. In the international travel programme, they also aimed to learn about the visited country's Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.

This year, members of the USA Girl Scout Overseas-West Pacific staying in Japan planned a Destination Programme to visit Japan and enjoyed the opportunity to learn and experience Japanese culture. The whole programme consisted of 12 days travel around Japan including climbing Mt. Fuji. Girl Scouts

of Japan joined this exchange programme for two days and participants had sessions to learn each culture, Japanese Tea Ceremony and how to wear yukata. Girls went out wearing yukata for the local town's summer festival and enjoyed Japanese food and culture. USA Girl Scouts stayed at Japanese Girl Scouts' place at night and experienced Japanese way of life. They made Promise in English and Japanese, sang the same songs in English and Japanese and appreciated their sisterhood and international Girl Scouting.



AP Region and Girl Scouts of the Philippines lead in the Scoping Visit to the Bangladesh Girl Guides Association

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) is playing a bigger role in the Asia Pacific Region as it takes on the challenge of becoming its partner in delivering membership strategy and capacity training to the Bangladesh Girl Guides Association (BGGGA).



On 3 to 6 May, the head of the GSP training team for this project, National Secretary and Training Committee

Chairperson Atty. Susan De Los Reyes went to Bangladesh for a scoping visit. She was joined by Training Director Ma. Carmen Gerundio.

The visit aimed to review the strategy and finalize the plan of action for the training tentatively scheduled in the last quarter of 2014. Development Executive for Asia Pacific Region Grace Tam and Development Executive for South Asian Association of Regional Countries (SAARC) Asia Pacific Region Prerana Shakya facilitated the visit.

Extensive discussions were made with BGGGA key officials and staff, headed by their National Commissioner Syeda Rehana Imam. Updates on membership status, database, marketing and management strategy were provided, clarifications on the educational programme and training scheme were made, and,

preparations for the upcoming training were firmed up.

The team also paid a visit to the slum area in Dhaka to observe Girl Guides in action for the “Mother & Child Personal Hygiene Project”.

Outcome 3:
**Improved Image and
 Visibility of GGGS
 every level**

Gardens by the Bay Ambassadors, Girl Guides Singapore

On 6 June 2014, the first batch of 29 Guides underwent training to facilitate educational tours for children at Singapore’s Gardens by the Bay (GBB). The training session focused on helping the Guides acquire knowledge about energy conservation and developing strong presentation skills.

This was the first step for the Guides to earn the GB Ambassadors Badge, which is a component of the “GB Ambassadors” programme co-developed by GBB and Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) to encourage the young to play an active role in Singapore’s natural heritage.



The trained Guides led sessions during the last two weekends of the June holidays for 80 children to learn about the

importance of sustainable gardens. They conducted various experiments to showcase the six Energy Conservation Strategies adopted by GBB, including:

- Cooling only occupied zones in the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest
- Using aquatic filters in the Dragonfly Lake and the Kingfisher Lake
- Minimising heat gain through the façade in the Conservatories
- Using a biomass furnace to generate energy and harness waste heat on site
- Enabling efficient dehumidification in the cooling process
- Installing solar collectors on the Supertrees

The Guides were rewarded for their efforts as the children showed a deeper understanding of the key issues through their correct answers to the quiz conducted at the end of the tour. The Guides also benefitted from cross-cultural interactions with tourists at GBB.

Members of the public and parents praised the Guides for their efforts. Compliments included: *“The Guides did a great job educating my kids. Well done!”* *“Excellent efforts by the Guides. Way to go!”* *“Great explanations by the students. Encourage more of this activity.”*

Girl Scouts of the Philippines Cadet Katrina Lerios receives Young Achiever Award

Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) Cadet Katrina Mae Legaspi Lerios was chosen as the recipient of the Young Achiever Award at the 2014 Dangal ng Pasig Awards held at Tanghalang Pasigueno, Pasig City, Philippines last 24 June.

Katrina believes that being a part of the Girl Scout Movement helped her achieve the award. Katrina is the Central Luzon Region Girl Representative to the GSP Central Board Triennium 2012-2015.



She was chosen as the Girl Representative after serving as Senior Planning Board President (at a school level), Pasig City GS Council Senior Planning Board (for the entire Pasig City), and Regional Senior Planning Board President (for the entire Central Luzon region). Her role takes on representing the region at a national level.

In addition to that, she was in Hong Kong as one of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines representatives at the 35th World Conference from 4 July to 13 July.

Aside from being the Central Luzon representative, Katrina has also shown excellence in her academics. Being inclined to journalism ever since grade school, she involved herself in competitions such as radio broadcasting and scriptwriting, and has participated in a number of national competitions and events such as the Children’s Museum and Library (a non-profit foundation for the youth) affairs and the National Secondary School Press Conference

(highest competition for Journalism) wherein she won as grand champion.

She says her success at the awards night couldn't be possible if it weren't for the exposure she received in school and in her organizational work.

She shares that she is lucky to have been chosen for the award despite having other nominees whom she thought were more deserving than her. Katrina dedicates her win to her parents for their never-ending support and to her affiliates in the Girl Scout Movement for honing her to be a responsible citizen.

Rangers gift children's packs to hospitals, GirlGuiding New Zealand

Children in hospitals throughout New Zealand have received activity packs created by GirlGuiding New Zealand Rangers earlier this year at FLAME, their national event in Auckland.



The girls, aged 12 to 18 years put together the 1000 packs as part of their community service and they have been

distributed to hospitals in Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. With ten different themes, the packs include a range of age appropriate activities for children aged from five to ten years old who need something to occupy themselves while they are waiting for surgery or undergoing medical procedures.

With sponsorship from OfficeMax for many of the items included in the packs, the themes included rainbows, jungle, bugs and robots and included a variety of fun activities such as masks, puzzles, word finds and crafts like pencil toppers, pom pom caterpillar magnets, robots made from bottle tops and building a catapult from craft sticks.

"The activity packs were made at FLAME as a way of helping other people in their local communities. We encourage Rangers, and our younger members, to engage in service for others and make a difference in the world," says GirlGuiding NZ president Sonia Faulkner.

"These packs were certainly made with lots of love and kind wishes for the children in hospital."

Feedback from the hospitals has been really positive and they have asked for more packs as children often spend time waiting while they are in hospital - the activity packs give them an opportunity to create new crafts or test their brains.

"There is definitely potential there to make creating these activity packs an ongoing service activity in various units around the country as, with the large numbers of children in hospitals throughout the country, there is obviously an ongoing demand," says Sonia.

Outcome 4: **Increased Funding**

London Biscuits Berhad Group Partners with Girl Guides Association of Malaysia

Members of Girl Guides Association Malaysia (GGAM) are enjoying brisk sales of the 144,000 boxes of Guide Rolls courtesy of London Biscuits Berhad Group (LBBG). LBBG is a confectionary conglomerate which holds its presence in Malaysia food industry. It is well known with its comprehensive cakes production line.

The Guide Roll is the tasty ready to eat Swiss Roll. It comes in two flavours, vanilla and chocolate, and is beautifully packed in



attractive boxes specially designed by Heng Vee Yen, a 16 year old Girl Guide from GGAM Selangor Branch.

"It's a great gift to give to friends", echoed Guide leader Thammy Chong who has been generously sharing the rolls with sister Guides and Scouts from other countries.

LBBG acknowledged GGAM's values-based approach to non-formal learning in developing girls and young women to reach their full potential.

“GGAM is a great organisation with an established history of providing girls and young women with life skills, challenges and adventures. LBBG is pleased to help GGAM develop and empower girls and young women to achieve their hopes and dreams in life. I hope our partnership will enable GGAM to provide more activities and programs,” said Dato Seri Liew Yew Chung, CEO of LBBG.

GGAM Chief Commissioner, Cik Hajah Normala Baharudin applauded LBBG for their sponsorship for the Guide Rolls and transportation cost to all the branches in the country.

“GGAM requires at least RM700,000 annually to carry out trainings and other meaningful activities for its members of all ages. A percentage of the proceeds from the sales are channelled to the branches and grass roots for them to fund their programs and activities throughout the year,” she said.

Girl Guides Australia assists with Uniforms for Myanmar Girl Guides

Australian Girl Guides from the North Pacific Coast Region of New South Wales were keen to assist with the purchase of uniforms for their sister Girl Guides in Myanmar.

They were pleased to have their contribution presented on the occasion of Girl Guides Myanmar being recognised as an Associate Member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at the World Conference in Hong Kong in July 2014.



The Guides and Leaders raised funds through a variety of activities including:

- Myanmar or Asia Pacific programs where Guides learned about countries in the Asia Pacific Region which included the different cultures and sampling typical food available in these countries
- Baking and selling cakes and cookies – the cake stalls were a great success!
- Looking after canoes and kayaks at a community paddling event
- ‘Bring and Buy’ night with an added bonus – a sleepover!
- Sausage Sizzle
- A campfire night

- Individual donations from girls and Leaders

The efforts of this Guiding Region will help over 65 Myanmar Girl Guides!

Outcome 5: **Increased and Diversified Membership**

Development of Community Guiding by Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association

Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association’s (SLGGA) Social and Community Development sub-committee targeted school drop outs and children who do not have access to Guiding in their schools.

The first step was to train 15 youth in the Eastern province including the Guide Leaders as a new method of getting girls



interested in Guiding with a focus on less test work and more activity based. They were divided into groups as they can make new friends and adhere to daily responsibilities through a residential programme.

We started up with the expectation that they had when they came. They were not aware of Guiding and they thought that they had come for a programme where you sit and listen to lectures. As the participants were from different religions we start each day with religious observation, meditation and exercises. We started with an introduction to Girl Guiding. They were taught about the Guide flag through a group activity, and team spirit among the girls was developed. The Leaders were trained on table etiquettes, manners and hospitality. For handy crafts they used waste materials, old socks and they were shown how to make aprons, dusters and dolls using old frocks. These were done for thrift.

Then they were taught about the environment, garbage separation; 3Rs of reducing, reusing and recycling and how they can practice it on their own, for example making cards using recycled paper.

We taught them how to generate income by making juices from fruits available during the season. They were taken on a hike. During the hike they sat beside a lake, to listen to sounds, to observe. The participants also visited a farm for the observation activity.

The participants informed us that they really gained more knowledge than they expected and that they would implement Community Guiding in their area with the permission from the relevant authorities.

Girl Scouts Japan engages community to strengthen membership

22 May is the anniversary of Girl Scouts of Japan. On and around 22 May 2014, most of the Girl Scouts from around Japan celebrated and provided events under the theme of "girls worldwide say, education opens doors for all girls and boys". It is a part of membership strategy and lots of non-members joined the events as well as members. At the weekends of May, events were held at about 200 venues.



Yamagata Council, one of the Councils in Tohoku area, held a rally at the main street of Yamagata city. Participants were challenged with a

quiz on education in the world and learnt about different situations in various countries.

Girl Scouts in Hamamatsu city in Shizuoka joined a local nature preserve activity. They cleaned a sandy shore to provide an egg-laying area for Loggerhead Turtles. About 4,000 local people and business companies worked together. Girl Scouts promoted Girl Scouting and explained about the issue of education in the world during the event.

Outcome 6:
Influenced Issues that affect girls and young women

Girl Guiding/Scouting actively represented at World Conference on Youth

It was a defining moment for me (Angeli Monique Siladan, Girl Scouts of the Philippines). I'm in Sri Lanka and I'm proudly wearing my very first WAGGGS scarf. The World Conference on Youth 2014 made all these possible. I am now officially one of the

faces that the world will see on giant billboards in the next six days and proof that I've worked towards the welfare of girls and women.



I mainly followed the discussions on gender equality and health where I'm sure I'll be contributing and learning a lot. The session halls became a melting pot of culture and diverse ideas—all from the voices of the young people. Almost every day we agreed how strengthening education can alleviate lives of millions of girls and women. I happen to bring up non formal education and the efforts of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in the grassroots level to reach out to communities at some point of discussions. We have also covered the importance of each girl recognizing her very own sexual and reproductive health.

To top them all, an inclusive society is what we definitely need to solve these pressing issues. Gender equality should also be taken into account by men and they must empower themselves to work alongside women to eliminate discrimination. I myself work in an industry dominated by men and I've seen many possibilities that became a reality when men and women worked together for the common good.

Now, I am back in the Philippines with a baggage full of learning and new ideas to shape the lives of our youth. For now, I will continue my projects with the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and my volunteer work at the National Youth Commission of the Philippines. I will integrate in these projects all my WCY experiences and also uphold the Colombo Declaration so everyone will have a chance to get involved. You are always welcome to reach me at capturedbygirls.tumblr.com, if you want to share any insights or ask questions about the conference and the related topics.

My WAGGGS scarf will now travel to more communities. Rest assured, I will not stop until every girl and woman realizes that they are not only faces but also voices that can change the world.

Free Being Me

From 13- 16 June 2014, 29 participants from 12 Member Organizations came together in Sangam World Centre for an Asia Pacific Regional training on *Free Being Me*; a new programme created by WAGGGS in partnership with the Dove Self Esteem Project.

For many participants it was their first time experiencing the magic of Sangam where they learnt about its exciting programmes and community partners and the cultural richness of India.

The three day training saw participants connect with the issue of body confidence and self-esteem, develop a comprehensive understanding of the *Free Being Me* activity packs, network with other MOs and develop a plan on how they can take *Free Being Me* back to their Member Organizations.



This was the first training event that brought so many AP countries together to engage with the topic: 'Having women from such a diversity of cultures and backgrounds sharing their experiences and all passionately agreeing that body confidence is key in developing the potential of girls and young women highlights how important this issue is for all of us. *Free Being Me* aims to change this and give girls the tools to challenge that idea.'

Ariana Chamberlain, WAGGGS Global Trainer for Free Being Me programme

By the end of the event, participants were ready to start their own body confidence revolution in their MOs! Gina from Fiji commented: 'We're excited that we can develop body confidence, as well as use this opportunity to attract more members to our organisations. We left the training event excited and enthusiastic to spread *Free Being Me* worldwide to enable girls to make the change and take the lead!'

For more information visit www.free-being-me.com. The activity packs are free to download and ready for leaders to use now. They are being translated into several AP languages – links to these versions will appear on the Free Being me website and

you can email freebeingme@waggggs.org for more information.

Celebration of Earth Day

Pakistan Girl Guides Association (PGGA) Baluchistan Branch celebrated Earth Day on 22 April 2014 at Guide House Quetta. 45 Guides and Leaders from different schools of Quetta participated.

The Guides beautifully and skilfully expressed their views in speech, models, tableaus and posters on the theme of the Day which was "Clean, Fresh and Green Environment in 2014". An exhibition of different models made by Guides was also part of the event.



Guides and Leaders also picked up trash from ground and separated the recyclable material from the garbage and then we sang the poem "Working on the Trash".

Participants signed the pledge wall regarding "Don't throw garbage on roads, during travelling or any passage or neighbourhood". It was also signed by the Guests and Executive members of PGGA Baluchistan. In the end prizes were distributed among participants.

Observation of World Hepatitis Day, Bharat Scouts and Guides

Hepatitis B is more virulent than HIV, the major cause of liver cirrhosis and cancer, and a silent killer of not only children but also adults. More than 70% of the population is still unaware of Hepatitis B, and as a result over 46 million people in India are infected with Hepatitis B virus.

The Odisha State of The Bharat Scouts & Guides organized an awareness rally on 28 July 2014 in collaboration with "Sikshya o Anusandhan" University for Hepatitis B virus. A number of people from different categories like film stars, culture icons, sports persons, politicians, doctors and adult leaders of Scouts and Guides, cub masters and flock leaders participated in the rally.

The rally started at Rama Mandir square and ended at State Headquarters campus covering 4 kilometres. A meeting was organized in the

State Headquarters under the chairmanship of National Vice-President and State Chief Commissioner of Odisha State Bharat Scouts & Guides. All the distinguished personnel addressed the gathering to take as much as initiative personally in every sphere to make



aware the people “to think again” about this silent killer and to promote the vaccination of Hepatitis B to protect the society from the viral hepatitis death.

Ranger takes internet safety to Parliament, GirlGuiding New Zealand

Teenager Holly Seath has been to Parliament in New Zealand, speaking to a group of MPs about how to keep young people safe while they are online.

Holly (15), a Ranger with the GirlGuiding New Zealand’s Onslow Unit, took part in a workshop to learn different techniques for staying safe online earlier this year and then took up the challenge to develop a creative campaign as part of Web Rangers.

Web Rangers is a programme run by NetSafe and Google to empower Kiwi teens, aged 14 to 17 years old, to campaign for the safe use of the internet in a creative way.



For her campaign, Holly says she was inspired by the latest Lego movie as a way of creating snapshots of different situations.

“I used Lego people who looked different but all had the same feelings and were all working together to help each other so they don’t feel alone if they are being bullied,” says Holly.

“Web Rangers was an opportunity to tell people about things like privacy settings. I know people who have been bullied online and this is a great way to help them and others.”

Speaking at the digital and literacy safety event at Parliament, attended by MPs working on the new digital safety bill, was a huge ask, she says.

“I was chosen to speak because I connect well with others. I felt really proud to be part of the event – I didn’t think I was that outgoing but it went really well,” says Holly.

Although her campaign was not one of the winners, being part of Rangers and GGNZ gave her the confidence to be involved in Web Rangers and encourage her to help others.

Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association initiates Child Safety Week

Child Safety Week – the start of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association’s (SLGGA) a 1,000 days to a 100 years of girls’ leadership in 2017.

A Child Safety Week was organized for the first time in Sri Lanka by SLGGA from 25 June to 1 July 2014. The week covered all aspects of child safety including the home, the neighbourhood, food, transport and the role of media in child protection. The Girl Guides designed a theme for the week as “Child Safety – the Nation’s Top Priority”, as children are the nation’s and the world’s future. The many incidents that children face today in Sri Lanka and the world is far beyond the endurance of children.

Who better than the Girl Guides to campaign on this issue? Girl Guiding offers a fantastic program for acquiring skills of leadership, survival and safety for over 40,000 girls and young women in Sri Lanka from Jaffna to Matara. Guiding, which is currently offered through schools, will reach new frontiers through Community



Guiding, targeting street children, low-income settlements, the gypsy community and orphanages. The movement spans the age of 5 years upwards, “Once a Guide, always a Guide”.

Unique women have emerged through Girl Guiding throughout the years in Sri Lanka. This includes the late Prime Minister Ms. Sirimavo R Dias Bandaranaike, the world’s first woman Prime Minister, Ms Janet Vairackiam, the first female pilot in Sri Lanka, Ms Neeta Ariyaratne, who with her husband leads the foremost local NGO, Sarvodaya in Sri Lanka and Ms. Sita Rajasuriya, one of the former Chief Commissioners of SLGGA who

was also the first Chairman of the Asia Pacific Regional Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

This important week launched the 1,000 day birthday celebrations towards 100 years of Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association in March 2017.

Pakistan Girl Guides camping at Ghora Gali

A series of camps were scheduled from 30 April to 27 June 2014 at Ghora Gali Campsite, Murree.

Girl Guides from different districts of Punjab i.e.

Lahore, Bahawalpur, Vehari, Rahim yar Khan, Okara, Multan, Muzaffar Gharh,

Faisalabad, Narowal, Gujrat and Gujranwala attended the camps. The theme of these camps was "to achieve universal primary education- MDG 2". All the Guides actively participated in the community work organized during the camp and learnt a lot.



World Centres

Sangam World Centre

Greetings from Sangam as the monsoon rain has just started and we have just welcomed 64 participants for our Discover Your Potential III Event!



We started our season with two Free Being Me Trainings held for the Asia Pacific Region and the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Everyone who participated in the training all came away ready to spread positive body confident to their Member Organizations!

We also have finished upgrading the upstairs bathroom and making Dorm 5 All Access Bathroom, along with repainting Dorm 5 with nice bright colours along with Room 14 and 16!

Save Our Pool

We are fundraising 40,000 GBP for our Swimming Pool to be rebuilt! Have you brought a virtual Sangam Swimming Pool Tile yet for 100GBP? There are 400 tiles in total to buy and we still have 360 left!

Why not do a water themed evening with your units? Do a swimathon? Or have fun learning all about Sangam? And fundraise for your tile! You even get to have a personalized message on the virtual swimming pool of 15 words!

Find out more information click here:

<http://bit.ly/savepool>

From our Sangam Volunteer, Claire!

Namaste from Sangam. I have now been at Sangam for over 6 weeks. Boy the time has flown and I have had an amazing time so far including our first three events, Free Being Me: Asia Pacific training, Free Being Me: Bharat Scouts and Guides and Essence of India. I have learnt a lot over this time and I am really enjoying spending time and getting to know my new Sangam family and Pune.

Claire Angliss, GirlGuiding New Zealand

World Centres' Mailing List

Recently the World Centres' sent out an e-Newsletter that might of gone straight into you inbox! If it didn't receive it you can view it here <http://eepurl.com/WrZXX> and also sign up here <http://eepurl.com/EpYtf> to receive it next time!

Do you get the Sangelee Spirit?

Did you know that we also send out a quarterly e-newsletters? We are just getting ready to send out the next one so sign up to get the Sangelee Spirit today! <http://eepurl.com/zoPaf>

Our Chalet

Our Chalet is Your Chalet!

Beautiful Alps and one of the best ski resorts in Switzerland, Adelboden is the home of Our Chalet.

We are the first World Centre of WAGGGS, where since 1932 visitors have been living their dreams of Hiking, Skiing, Fun and International Friendship!

Our Chalet is open to groups, families and individual guests of all ages, females and males, members of Guiding and Scouting and non-members.

Come for a day visit, an overnight stay, or as participants at many International events and seminars. Contact us via email: info@ourchalet.ch or www.ourchalet.ch for our latest event calendar.

Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS

Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS Hong Kong Gathering, 5 to 9 July 2014

In July more than 100 Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS (FAPW) members enjoyed a Gathering in Hong Kong at the same time as the 35th World Conference and were privileged to attend the Opening Ceremony, followed by the Gala Dinner. They were all delighted to learn that, from our Asia Pacific Region, two Member Organizations, Mongolia and Cook Islands were welcomed as full members of WAGGGS and Myanmar was re-admitted as an Associate Member.



FAPW Hong Kong provided great hospitality and a program for our Gathering that was very varied and interesting. It included a visit to the Ping Shan Heritage Trail, a Dinner Cruise on the Harbour, a visit to Hong Kong Girl Guides HQ, our own Bazaar which raised well over USD 2,000 for the AP Region, and a visit to the World Conference's World Market. During our visit to Hong Kong Girl Guides HQ we saw some wonderful performances by very talented children playing traditional Chinese instruments, singing and dancing and performing a Dragon and Lion Dance.



FAPW and the Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS) have recently entered into a partnership which allows donors to become members of both FAPW and OB-PS under a new membership scheme. FAPW members who are already Major Donors may count this donation as the first GBP 1,000 of OB-PS membership, to be followed by a lump sum of

GBP 5,000 or five annual payments of GBP 1,000. New donors joining OB-PS are given the option to direct the first GBP 1,000 of their GBP 6,000 OB-PS membership fee to FAPW, thus becoming Major Donor members of FAPW as well as OB-PS members.

Announcements

Congratulations to Girl Scout Association of Mongolia and Girl Guides Association of Cook Islands for achieving Full Membership status with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.



Congratulations to Myanmar Girl Guides for being re-admitted to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts as Associate Members.



Asia Pacific Region – now consists of 26 Member Organisations with over 3.17 members!

