



APR JAM update

Weekly info and update on the 25th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

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Campsite testing and Organizing Committee meeting

Last weekend, Thailand's Vice-Minister of Education Piyabutr Chovijarn chaired the Organizing Committee meeting with an ocular inspection of the Jamboree infrastructure and the general security of the campsite. He commended the 90% completion of facilities. At the same time, the Permanent Secretary, Dr Kassama Vorrawan, led 700 young people for a campsite testing of various on-site activities.

Press Tour

The Organizing Committee arranged a press tour around the site together with the Vice-Minister, which gave the press a good impression. A press conference was held afterwards.

Overseas Participation

Participation continues to increase! India has now 133 while Taiwan increases from 150 to 200. Around 39 countries from around the world will participate.

Registration

Registration for participants starts at the Jamboree site on 27 December until the 28th. Registration should be completed before contingents enter the sub-camps. It is expected that individual registration forms and troop registration forms are sent to NSOT in advance including arrival and departure forms. NSOs who have not submitted these forms are requested to do so immediately.

Transport arrangements on arrival at the site

Transport buses from the airport will be parked at the parking bay. After registration, contingents will have to walk to their sub camp. As buses won't be allowed to enter the sub-camps, transport vehicles will be used to move heavy loads. Same arrangement will be made for departures.

Sawasdee Hadyao

Through the Sawasdee Hadyao programme, NSOT sponsors the air ticket and registration fees of two scouts - ideally one boy and one girl- from six selected countries in the region. These countries are Mongolia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Afghanistan and Timor Leste.

IST

As of today, a total of 650 local ISTs and from overseas have registered. ISTs will be given orientation, by departments, on 26 December at 1000 morning. They will start working on the 27th.

World Scouting Leaders at the Jamboree

Key leaders will be present at the Jamboree – Regional Chairman Eric Khoo and almost all APR Committee members. World Scout Committee member Habibul Alam, WOSM Secretary General Dr Eduardo Missoni and Deputy SG Luc Panissod have confirmed their attendance.

Duties and Customs

All contingents are advised to travel in uniform to facilitate procedures at the customs and immigration. Special arrangements have been made with the Custom Authorities at the international airport ONLY. Contingents bringing various items must accompany their luggage so that no custom duty is levied. In case of very large stocks or quantities, NSOT should be informed in advance with description of items and the contingent's arrival details.

Insurance

The Host Committee assures that all Jamboree participants are covered for accidental and health insurance.

Jamboree activities

Jamboree activities are based on eight modules. Each participant is required to complete a minimum of 6 to qualify for the Jamboree award. In addition, participants are encouraged to earn two other awards – the Peace Award and the Friendship Award. Special activities will be offered with additional fees, such as submarine rides, para-sailing, etc.

Sub-Camp Presentation at Closing Ceremony

Each contingent must be prepared to make cultural presentations at the sub-camp activities. The best performers will be invited to present at the closing ceremony.

Handing over of Jamboree Flag for 2009

Before the Jamboree officially closes, NSOT will hand over the Jamboree flag to the next host in 2009, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

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