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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of AsPac ISGF Committee Meeting** **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014**

**Venue -Board Meeting Room, Boy Scouts of The Philippines, National Office, 181 N. Almeda – Lopez Street, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Philippines.**  
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### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEET**

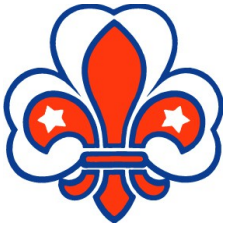
**On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 Mr. Abdullah Rasheed, Mr. M. A. Khalid and Mr. Mecci arrived Manila and was received by Noel B Sabandal, Liaison Officer of APR/ WOSM. They checked into Hotel El Cielito Inn – Makati and Dr. Mukhuyuddin Sarwani joined in the late night.**

**On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 the 4 members shifted to International Hotel Boy Scouts of Philippines (BSP) in Manila. Mr. Brett Grant from Australia arrived at early hours, followed by Mr. Brian Jackson and Mr. Mr. Richard Stuart Smith from Australia, Mr. T.Gunaseelan and Mrs. Brenda kaur arrived at afternoon. Mr. Satish R Khanna from India joined in early evening and all of them were received by BSP officials. Mr. Mecci met Ms. Natty and Mr. Booch from BSP for coordination for the next 2 days meet and both extended their full support for the meeting.**

**On same day at 1500 hours, Mr. Abdullah Rasheed, Mr. M. A. Khalid, Mr. Mecci and Dr. Mukhuyuddin Sarwani visited Girl Scouts of The Philippines ( GSP ) in Manila. They met Dr. Saluda A. Bagalso, National President and Ms. MA. Dolores T. Santiago (Beng) National Executive Director of GSP along with their International Commissioner and other 5 members. The main purpose of the meet was to promote ISGF, Mr. Rasheed introduced the teams and they discussed for more than 45 minutes. The Girl Scout leaders confirmed that they had already established the Girl Scout Trefoil in 18 Councils within the country and with good membership. It was concluded that Girl Scouts will officially discuss the ISGF with Trefoil Guild members and their National Executive Board will be surely joining a combined committee to be formed with BSP. Mr. Rasheed assured to coordinate and help in forming Philippines NSGF. Dr. Saluda and Ms. Beng also agreed with Mr. Mecci to coordinate for future actions. The GSP hosted the meeting which concluded with snacks and group pictures.**

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At 1900 hours members of AsPac SGF Committee met over dinner in SM Mall hosted by Mr. T. Gunaseelan Treasurer of Committee. They discussed the outline of next 2 days agenda and schedules.

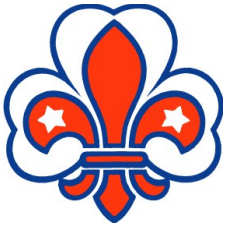
On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2014 Mr. Eul Bryan de Gracia from APR/ WOSM met Mr. Mecci at 0730 hours in BSP Board Room and discussed about the arrangements to be done for next 2 days including meal arrangements. As scheduled at 0830 hours breakfast was served in the Board Room and followed by 0900 hours Registration done by Mr. Bryan and Ms. Justine Pangilinan from BSP.

At 0930 hours opening session began with personal prayers followed by welcome address by Mr. Yazer Sarena Programme Executive of BSP. He also introduced 6 Regional Directors of BSP who were invited to Manila only to know about ISGF and its promotion in all their 118 Councils across the country. The meeting continued as follows:

- ⇒ Self introduction was given by all 18 members present in the meeting
- ⇒ AsPac SGF Scarf was presented to Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado by Mr. Khanna, to Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan by Mr. Gunaseelan, to Mr. M. A. Khalid by Mr. Brian Jackson, to Dr. Md. Mukhuyuddin Sarwani by Mr. Brett Grant. To all others Mr. Mecci handed over the scarf at the time of registration.
- ⇒ In the Opening remarks by Mr. Satish R Khanna Chairman AsPac SGF Committee he pointed out the expected outcomes of the 2 days meeting. He also highlighted on ISGF and its formation 60 years back, with brief history.
- ⇒ Followed by the address of Mr. J. Rizal C. Pangilinan Director WOSM/ APR, who began with a humorous touch and spoke on 3 important things - one is APR/ WOSM and ISGF should come out with initiatives of helping each other, second as to how IFOFSAG turned in to ISGF and the reasons behind the same ( he was referring to MOU between WOSM & ISGF). Further he added about discipline within his third point and explained the about vision. He said WOSM is gearing up for Vision 2023 and ISGF can also have its vision for better image. He concluded by committing his support to ISGF in the region and will do his best to support.
- ⇒ Installation of Mr. Abdullah Rasheed, as Consultant of AsPac SGF Committee where Mr. Richard Stuart Smith presented AsPac Scarf to him and he reaffirmed Scout Promise along with the rest of the participants. Mr. Khanna, officially introduced Mr. Rasheed as consultant and there was a unanimous applause and a warm welcome with the scout claps.
- ⇒ Followed by was the inaugural address delivered by Mr. Atty. Wendel E. Avisado, BSP Senior vice President & Acting Secretary General of BSP as well

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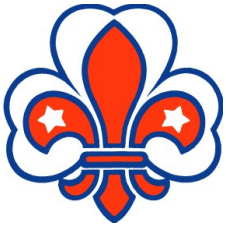
as member of the APR Scout Committee. He once again welcomed every to the Philippines and as well as to BSP. He said indeed it is a pleasure for BSP to host the meeting and will try their level best make it more memorable. He said BSP is completing 100 years of Scouting in 2014 and it has many proud moments in past 100 years. It will be another historical moment to introduce ISGF in

The Philippines. He said in principal, BSP will accept ISGF establishment and a decision will be taken after Executive Board meeting. He assured that decision and action will be taken soon on ISGF and it will be positive.

- ⇒ Message of Vice President of Philippines and President of BSP Honorable Hon. Mr. Jejomar C. Binay was read out to AsPac SGF Committee, in which it was clearly said that SGF is an open door of commitment to support Scouting / Guiding, and it is for peace with the righteous and with a duty to humanity. He further questioned whether is it enough? He highlighted in his message – power to change and touching people’s life with values of Scouting/ Guiding. Committee extended salutations to Hon. Mr. Binay for his message and also for being an active Scout even after reaching the highest level of office.
- ⇒ Mr. Mecci proposed thanks to every one for joining the meeting, especially to APR/ WOSM along with RD Mr. Rizal for giving an official tag by inviting ISGF and then to BSP along with Mr. Wendel for showing magnanimity by hosting the event. He said it is only a beginning and still it has to go a long way.
- ⇒ Condolences – the house stood for a minute to condole the death of Sir Erik Khoo member of WOSM Scout Committee and International Commissioner of Malaysian Scouts

After a break of 15 minutes, at 1045 hours meeting resumed with main agenda.

- ⇒ Establishing & promoting ISGF in Philippines was the 1<sup>st</sup> item on agenda, for which Mr. Mecci gave a power point presentation on ISGF, its aims and objectives, formation of AsPac Region and its committee, highlights of the region and its achievements. After presentation Mr. Wendel opened up interactive discussions with his professional team and various issues were informed / interpreted. ISGF documents including Constitution, Guide lines and other details were handed over to him by Mecci and in turn Mr. Wendel promised his commitment to establish NSGF shortly. Mr. Rasheed also informed the house about the meeting with Girl Scouts of the Philippines and formation of Trefoil Guild, and passed on their brochures to BSP for their reference. He said now in due course a combined committee has to be in its place for NSGF.
- ⇒ Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> AsPac ISGF Committee Meeting and Action taken report was explained in brief by Mr. Mecci. As the minutes were already approved through



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email, it was then formally approved. Overall the results were visible about ISGF in the region and every one applauded the same.

⇒ Consultants remarks by Mr. Abdullah Rasheed – was his first address as consultant to AsPac and he said ISGF should go by reality and ideals should be always above personal. He said as ISGF is one of the 6 partners working with WOSM, it can do much more and can be on the top. The ideas of BP and Trefoil guilds coming together in one umbrella of ISGF is another strong point at all levels. In recent years, some mistakes by individuals created a big gap in WOSM

and ISGF and such mistakes should be avoided, he said. He thanked Mecci for bringing him as Consultant through Mr. Khalid and approval of Mr. Khanna. He committed to extend support and guide ISGF in the region.

⇒ Feedback from Maldives NSGF was given by Mr. Rasheed as founder trustee of Maldivian NSGF. In his power point presentation he narrated brief history, committee, special activities and some of the issues ISGF World Committee member Ms. Dolman is guiding. AsPac was proud of Maldivian NSGF and appreciated the efforts.

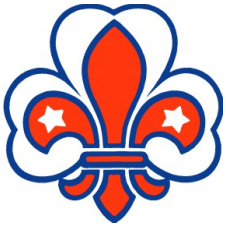
⇒ World Conference 2014 in Sydney Australia was reviewed and updates were given by Mr. Brian Jackson Chairman of organizing committee. He did it in 3 stages, first he presented samples of souvenirs, patches, and scarf, followed by photographic presentations in which he shown how the venue is getting ready for the grand show, finally there was a video presentation on Australian attractions. Then he appraised about infrastructure, working team, world body coordination and problems faced. It is an opportunity for Australian NSGF and AsPac to promote the event. Aspac committee requested him to follow with world committee to spare 20 minutes slot for the committee.

⇒ Appraisal by AsPac Committee members – in this contest only Mr. Richard raised the issue of NSGF's and its representations. He also appreciated the achievements from 1<sup>st</sup> AsPac Committee meet to 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet in Manila.

⇒ Financial updates and future actions by Mr. Gunaseelan, Treasurer of AsPac Committee enlisted the updates which included operation of bank account, bank balance as on date, importance of funds and fund raising.

The committee took break for lunch and under the courtesy of BSP, committee visited the Scout Memorial, historical places of Manila, National Monument accompanied by PRO Ms. Janice Cartago of BSP and Mr. Bryan of APR/ WOSM who guided them. They returned for dinner and committee elected members met, after dinner for some important discussions including finance.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014 meeting resumed after breakfast. Day began at 0930 hours and with personal prayers. BSP gave special gifts to all, which was lovely jacket



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with ISGF Logo printed on it. It was a surprise and everyone loved the gift.  
The agenda continued as follows.

⇒ Mr. Gunaseelan informed the house about further actions discussed on financial aspects. Mr. Brett was requested to solve the issue of finance in Malaysian NSGF which is pending from 2009 since Mr. Brett knows the matter well, being at helm of the affairs then. He accepted to come back with clarity by 30 of March 2014. It was also decided to establish AsPac ISGF Foundation and process that has to be initiated, in order to *strengthen* the finances of the Committee and to become independent financially. Mr. Mecci announced that a members committee will

work to look in to the financial affairs which includes Mr. Guna, Mr. Richard and Mecci himself.

⇒ Strengthening and venturing of AsPac ISGF with WOSM/APR - Mr. Rizal took the committee in to confidence by reassuring that, he will continue to follow the guidelines issued by former RD Mr. Rasheed about ISGF in the region also by keeping in mind the guidelines of WOSM. To have mutual invitations to Regional Conferences and spare a presentation time to each other. He said in due course he will send their major events calendar to AsPac ISGF Committee for future collaboration. To nominate a member from Regional Committee of each other to coordinate with both organizations, he assured that he will take up follow up after discussing APR Scout Committee and surely a member will be nominated. AsPac ISGF role in the forthcoming World Jamboree in Japan during 2015 and APR Regional Jamborees are concerned, he will look wait for a concept paper on the matter what AsPac ISGF is looking for and then he will follow up with NSO Japan and in future APR Jamborees. Overall it was big bonus to AsPac ISGF from APR/ WOSM.

⇒ Concerning AsPac ISGF Gathering – Bangalore India 2015, Mr. M. A. Khalid International Commissioner (S) of India presented a power point presentation on the venue, dates, fees and other details being Patron of organizing committee. Members differed with the proposed registration fees and advised to review by further reducing it to US \$ 300/- or 325/-at the most ( which is inclusive of the accommodation ) in order to attract more participation from NSGF's and others. Mr. Khalid accepted the same and he further asked Mr. Khanna to get sponsored support from Mumbai also.

⇒ AsPac ISGF Constitution – as discussed earlier in 1<sup>st</sup> AsPac Committee meeting in Delhi during 2013 Mr. Richard said Australian NSGF felt the need for more stronger constitution for the region. Mr. Mecci also aired the same opinion and Mr. Rasheed joined in to support the same. A three members committee was announced for the same members include Mr. Rasheed, Mr. Brian Jackson and Mr. Mecci. They will redo and present the draft during Australian World Conference and will be presented for approval in Bangalore AsPac Gathering.



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⇒ ISGF World Committee election during World Conference in Australia was discussed in length, and everyone was of the same opinion about dominance of Europeans and Chairman Mr. Khanna said strong steps should be taken to change the scenario beyond 2014. Combined decision was taken that Australia and India will file candidates for the world committee and all others will work out strategies for success.

- ⇒ Networking with WAGGGS/APR was going ahead in right direction. Ms. Munira Mistry, Ms. Dayang Mariammi and also Ms. Brenda kaur were nominated to represent in WAGGGS World Conference in Hongkong and also to promote ISGF. The SANGAM request to sponsor young Guides from economically poor countries being sponsored by ISGF to attend WAGGGS events in SANGAM. Mr. Guna agreed the same and said it can be done.
- ⇒ New NSGF's - Mr. Mecci appraised the updates and he said Maldivian NSGF is our achievement with efforts of Mr. Rasheed, Philipines NSGF is in pipe line and Mr. Wendel will take initiatives follow up by Mr. Rasheed, Indonesia has to streamlined and Mr. Guna was assigned the job, New Zealand coordination was given to Mr. Richard, Nepal will be promoted to NSGF and Mr. Khanna will follow up, Singapore will be followed by Mr. Rasheed where already some actions has been undertaken, Hongkong will be visited by Mr. Mecci. Japan, Korea and Taiwan contacts will be developed during APR WOSM Summit and next stop of AsPac will be in Colombo Srilanka on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 for reinstalling the new committee for NSGF.
- ⇒ For fund raising Mr. Guna gave one more suggestion about organizing sports events/ competitions. It will help to attract young adults as well as funds. Mr. Mecci agreed and plan should be worked out.
- ⇒ AsPac ISGF vision 2021. A three members committee is formed with Mr. Khanna, Mr. Rasheed and Mr. Mecci, a new draft will be available in Colombo for next steps and will be released during Bangalore gathering. India and Australia have sent suggestions for vision of AsPac.
- ⇒ Calendar for 2014 – 2015, was discussed including APR/ WOSM calendar and will be circulated in due course. Next Committee meet will be in Singapore during March 2015.
- ⇒ Dr. Mukhiyuddin Consultant to APR Scout Committee and International Commissioner Malaysia addressed the committee. He observed the ISGF for the first two days and gave befitting advise for better planning and for the future.
- ⇒ Summing up was done by Mr. Mecci and with announcements for evening gathering.



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- ⇒ Closing remarks by Mr. Khanna were very clear, he said enough talking has been done and now we need actions. He said much hopes are pinned on Mr. Rasheed, Mr. Rizal and Mr. Wendel to help ISGF to grow. He also thanked Mr. Khalid and Dr. Muhiyuddin for being part of ISGF.
- ⇒ Mr. Rizal said he is committed to his words what he said and will surely support ISGF.
- ⇒ Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Mecci to one and all
- ⇒ The 2<sup>nd</sup> AsPac Committee Meeting came to end with prayers by Mr. Wendell for future of ISGF in AsPac.

**1700 hours - special gathering & closing session was held in 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of BSP attended by BSP officials and APR/ WOSM representations along with Committee members and guests. Began with tea/snacks, action song by Mr. Yazer and followed by: -**

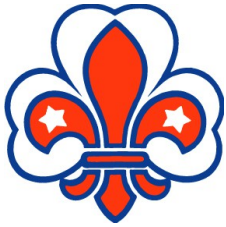
- ⇒ Presentation of participation certificates and mementos to all the 18 registered members by Mr. Khanna, Mr. Rizal and Mr. Wendell.
- ⇒ Felicitations by AsPac Committee were done to 3 Consultants Mr. Rasheed, Mr. Khalid and Dr. Mukhiyuddin.
- ⇒ Gratitude's to hosts were extended by AsPac with simple gesture to Mr. Rizal and Mr. Wendell.
- ⇒ Souvenirs were given to all support staff, Mr. Bryan of APR/ WOSM, PRO Ms. Janice Cartago and Ms. Natty of BSP.
- ⇒ Australia and Malaysia brought souvenirs and same were also distributed to select members.
- ⇒ Closing remarks by Mr. Khanna, Mr. Rizal and Mr. Wendell were worth to listen.

The gathering came to end with Coffee Table Book of BSP gift to all on behalf of BSP and dinner hosted by Mr. Rizal.

4<sup>th</sup> Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2014 – Committee members visited Coconut Palace office of HE Mr. Jejomar Binay and enjoyed the beautiful palace, its decorations and artifacts. AsPac Committee left Souvenir for Hon. Mr. Binay and also invitation to Australian World Conference.

Followed by visit to Manila new Bay and all committee members left for Airport.

Mr. Mecci and Mr. Brian Jackson visited APR/WOSM HQ in Makati enjoyed lunch with professional team of APR in presence of Mr. Rizal RD, Mr. Wendell, 3 consultants. It was once again best moments.



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Then Mr. Mecci and Mr. Brian visited Girl Guides office to hand over mementos and souvenirs along with PRO Ms. Janice Cartago of BSP. On next day all left Manila It was great meet and best hospitality with historical support of APR/WOSM and BSP.

M. A. K. Mecci  
Secretary General  
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