

The Role Rovers Play in Society

樂行童軍在社會的角色

"By Rovering, I don't mean aimless wandering, I mean finding your way by pleasant paths with a definite object in view, and having an idea of difficulties and dangers you are likely to meet with by the way"

Baden-Powell, Rovering to success

From 17-21 April 2006, an international seminar aimed at fostering better understanding of the renewed approach to programme development with emphasis on the Rover Section was held in Maldives, the land of pristine beaches and lagoons.

This melting pot of different cultures, located Southwest of Sri Lanka, has been the meeting point of the International Seminar on Youth Programme Development - Rover Section, attended by more than 70 Rovers from 20 national Scout organizations.

The seminar with a taste of global approach has provided an opportunity for participants to have a clearer understanding on the Rover programme and to experiment on the contents of the new training course syllabus which will be used for training Rover adult leaders.

In the opening ceremony, President of Maldives and Chief Scout H.E. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, accompanied by the President of the Council and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Dr Mahmood Shauquee, conveyed his gratitude of hosting an event which contributes to the development of society. Also attended the opening were Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and The Scout Association of Maldives' Chief Commissioner Ali Ahmed Maniku.

Discussions revolved on the mission and aims of the Rover Section noting the need of support of the young people in their transition from adolescence to adulthood. Also high on the agenda were the characteristics of Rover Programme and the Scout Method and the proposed content of an Advanced Training Course (Woodbadge) Leaders section.

Topics and discussions were shared between World Scout Bureau staff and APR Programme Sub-Committee. The programme of the seminar was a result of the collaborative effort of World Scout Bureau Deputy Secretary General Dominique Benard and Unit Manager Andres Morales. Mr Syd Castillo of APR office served as the coordinator.

In the movement, Rovers had the opportunity to explore and discover themselves through different types of activities which would help them to have a wider and greater outlook in life. As what the founder said...a little roaming in about this wonderful globe while they are on it can give them that wider outlook which develop the soul in the individual and goodwill and peace in the world.

Rovers are also trained to treat their experiences as a tool that help them become more mature, that they develop capabilities and more able to play an active role in the society.

Though brief in terms of time, its impact on the participants is big and lasting for the seminar was able to present the importance of Rover Scouts in the movement in its mission to be always of help to the society regardless of the risks involved.

Because Rovers are not only wanderers of the earth, they are also keepers of peace and they do it by maintaining the friendship they share with all the people they meet along the way.

APR Programme Sub Committee meet

APR Programme Sub-committee had a meeting headed by its chairman Ms Mari Nakano before the international seminar was held. At the meeting a review on the committee's operational plan, the adjustment of its time table until 2007 and the revision on the group's programme objectives were finalized.

With a consensus of everyone, the group agreed to make adjustments on the guidelines of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum along with the criteria in selecting Outstanding Scouts in the region.

As a sidelight of the event, an auction of the hardbound copy of the newly-reprinted book, Rovering to Success, which is the latest addition to the APR publications was made. Proceeds of the auction was donated to the APR Youth Fund.

「我所指的樂行之道並不是無目標的漫步，而是懷着明確的目標愉快地尋找路徑，並且預計沿路將會遇到的困難和危險。」

貝登堡，《樂行之道》

一個以樂行童軍支部為主、加深認識新修訂活動發展的國際研討會，已於2006年4月17-21日在馬爾代夫舉行。

70位來自20個童軍組織的樂行童軍齊集斯里蘭卡西南部，在這個文化鎔爐之地，已成為青年發展——樂行童軍支部的國際研討會的聚集點。

研討會讓參加者深入認識樂行童軍活動，同時更可體驗新樂行童軍領袖訓練綱要的課程。

身兼旅遊和民航部長、馬爾代夫童軍會會長的Dr Mahmood Shauquee 陪同馬爾代夫總統兼馬爾代夫童軍總領袖H.E. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom 出席開幕典禮，他們感謝主辦單位舉行是次有助社會發展的活動。亞太區總幹事 Abdullah Rasheed 和馬爾代夫童軍總監 Ali Ahmed Maniku 也有出席。

研討會的討論環繞樂行童軍的使命和目的、青年人由青春期過渡到成年的需要。樂行童軍活動的特色、童軍方法和領袖木章高級訓練班也是討論的要點。

世界童軍組織人員和亞太區青少年活動委員會們討論了多項議題和互相分享意見。是次研討會是世界童軍組織副秘書長 Dominique Benard 和小隊經理 Andres Morales 聯合籌辦的，並由亞太區辦事處 Mr Syd Castillo 擔任協調。

在童軍運動中，樂行童軍有機會透過不同的活動探究和找尋自我，前瞻未來。正如童軍創辦人所言「當他們在這個奇妙的地球漫遊，前瞻未來，有助個人心靈的發展、友善及世界和平。」

透過訓練，樂行童軍可把積累的經驗作工具，這有助他們成長，同時更有助他們發展才能和更主動投入社會。

會期雖然短，但對參加者卻有莫大的影響。同時樂行童軍使命重要性的課題——不管風險如何也能貢獻社會，也在研討會上提出。

因為樂行童軍不只是地球的漫遊者，也是和平保衛者。方法是與別人建立友誼，並與生命中遇到的人分享。

亞太區青少年活動委員會小聚

在國際研討會舉行前夕，亞太區青少年活動委員會主席 Ms Mari Nakano 召開小組會議。議程包括檢討小組運作、訂定2007年的工作時間表及修訂活動的目的。

小組一致同意，修訂亞太區童軍青年論壇的方向和亞太區傑出童軍的選舉標準。

除研討會以外，亦進行拍賣亞太區組織發行的最新刊物——《樂行之道》精裝版，拍賣所得的收入將捐予亞太區青年基金。✿