



RJR NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S MOVING YOUTH ACROSS

From historic gatherings and youth-led projects to what we're building behind the scenes.

And what's coming next?
Here's your snapshot of youth leadership in our region.



"Meaningful Youth Leadership begins when every young person has equal access to information, opportunities, and dialogue."

~ David Lai (RYR Chair)

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10+ **1**
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Leadership rising.

ONE SHARED VISION

A better world.
Built together.

BE PREPARED: SCOUTS FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Our commitment.
Our future.

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Follow our journey and stay connected with us.





MESSAGE FROM OUR RJR CHAIRPERSON

*Dear Friends,
Brothers and Sisters in Scouting
across the great Asia-Pacific Region,*

We are excited to present the very first edition of the RJR Newsletter!

The RJR Newsletter is one of the communication channels initiated by the RJR 2025-28 to connect directly with young people in the Region. We believe that Youth Empowerment and meaningful Youth Leadership begin with open communication, transparency, and equal access to information. Together with the launch of APR Youth Town Halls, we are putting our beliefs into action and bringing APR closer to you.

This inaugural edition highlights our ongoing work and key milestones since our election at the 11th Asia-Pacific Scout Youth Forum in Taipei, Taiwan, in October 2025.



**David
Yen-Cheng Lai**

From celebrating youth-led best practices across NSOs to unlocking international opportunities, this Newsletter captures the vibrancy of young people in the Region. You'll also find updates on your RJRs' engagement as we represent you on institutional bodies in the APR.

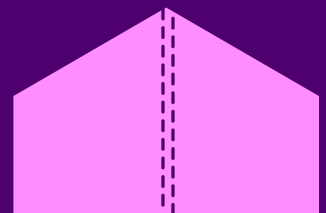
We hope this publication connects you more deeply with our regional family and inspires you to take the next step in your Scouting journey. On behalf of the RJR team, I wish you the very best in your endeavor and look forward to meeting many of you in person very soon.

Together, let us empower our communities and empower APR!

Yours in Scouting,

David Yen-Cheng Lai

Chairperson, AP Regional Youth Representatives (2025-2028)



**One Region
Many Voices
One Shared Future**



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

33rd APR Scout Jamboree

28th APR Scout Conference

11th APR Scout Youth Forum

Coming Together As One Asia-Pacific Region

Under the theme “Be Prepared: Scouts for Peace and Sustainable Development. The Life Leaders and Health Allies initiatives debuted at the jamboree, characterized by dedicated activities aimed at creating transformative learning experiences.



Together, We Make The World A Better Place

The jamboree fostered international friendship, strengthened leadership skills, facilitated learning through cultural exchange, enabled holistic development and helped imbibe the commitment towards undertaking meaningful community service while echoing youth leadership.

Largest Youth Gathering in the Region at the 33rd APR Jamboree

Around 24,000 Scouts from 18 NSOs across the Asia-Pacific Region gathered at the Kainomayan Scout Camp located in the Zambales Province, Philippines, for the 33rd Asia-Pacific Regional (APR) Scout Jamboree.



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

33rd APR Scout Jamboree | 28th APR Scout Conference | 11th APR Scout Youth Forum

Scout Leaders Gather in for 28th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference

“Scouting: Integrated Versatility”--- Shaping the future of scouting in the region, the 28th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference brought together scout leaders at the Kaohsiung Exhibition Center in Taiwan from 11th to 17th October 2025 for electing the members of the Regional Scout Committee, approving the Strategy for Scouting and voting on future regional events.

The conference adopted 4 resolutions addressing youth leadership training, aligning the term of office, ensuring intergenerational development opportunities and formalizing youth membership on the committees while aligning itself to the theme of “Scouting: Integrated Versatility”. The conference resonated with the creation of lasting positive change in the triennium ahead.



The Conference By Numbers:

- 27 NSOs Present
- 381 Participants
- 6 Strategic Priorities
- 4 Resolutions Adopted
- 1 Strategy Approved
- 1 Region Moving Forward

The Youth Forum By Numbers:

- 27 NSOs Present
- 122 Participants
- 4 Days
- 3 Input Sessions
- 14 Recommendations
- 8 New RYRs Elected

“Scouting: Integrated Versatility” Inspires Youth-Led Action Across the Asia-Pacific Region

The 11th Asia-Pacific Scout Youth Forum was held from 7th to 10th October 2025 at the Chien Tan Youth Activity Centre located in Taipei City, Taiwan. The forum gathered young leaders from 27 National Scout Organizations, yeilding a total of 14 recommendations, voicing the--- evolving needs and changing expectations of the youth in the areas of digitization, intergenerational partnership, youth leadership in decision-making, quantitative and qualitative measurement of impact alongside advocacy and Safe from Harm. The forum elected the next batch of 8 Regional Youth Representatives for the 2025-2028 Triennium.





REGIONAL YOUTH IN ACTION

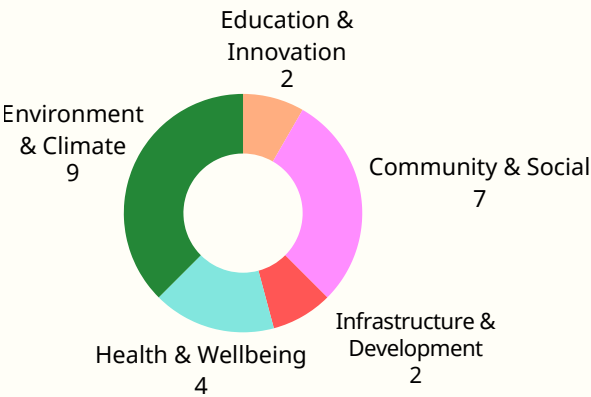
Publishing Asia-Pacific Region Best Practices on Youth-Led Projects | 2022 - 2025



Showcasing Innovation, Service, and Leadership Among The Youth

A collection of inspiring youth-led initiatives addressing real-world challenges. From environmental sustainability to social inclusion. Showcasing measurable impact, replicable models, and the power of Youth Leadership in action.

PROJECTS BY THEME

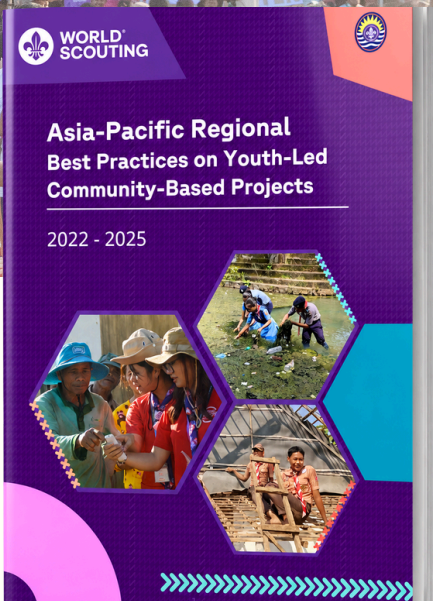


ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

300,000+	Seed Balls Distributed
450,000+	Plants Planted
200+	kg Waste Collected
24+	Locations Cleaned
Thousands	of Hatchlings Protected

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT

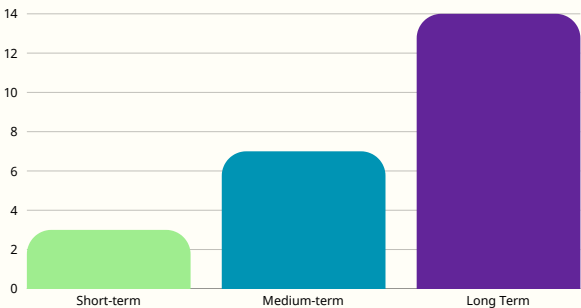
142	Houses Renovated
1	Bridge Constructed
8	km Solar Lighting Installed



Amplifying and celebrating the innovation, leadership and the exemplary spirit of service of young change makers from across the region, this report has compiled the meaningful actions undertaken which are aimed at addressing real-world challenges ranging from environmental sustainability and public health to social inclusion and community development.

The examples reflect measurable change, replicable models, practical solutions and above all, youth leadership in action. It serves as a testament to the profound impact and lives transformed while embodying the inherent strength of scouting as a platform to empower young people to create a better world and be ready for life.

PROJECTS BY DURATION





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR



On the global level, David was appointed as a WOSM External Youth Representative for the Asia-Pacific Region, specializing in the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) Agenda related to his research.



“YOUTH LEADERSHIP IS THE MEANS, A LEARNING-BY-DOING PROCESS, MORE THAN A KPI TO THE ENDS.”

David’s most pivotal achievement during this period was leading the RYR team to successfully review and amend the APR Youth Forum Guidelines, which are in consultation and pending approval by the Regional Scout Committee.

David has actively supported youth events across the Asia-Pacific Region in the past ten months. He facilitated Youth Leadership in Decision-Making (YLiDM) sessions at both the 2026 Taiwan National Rover Conference (NRC) and the 3rd Pathfinder Scout Vietnam (PSV) Youth Forum 2026.

DAVID YEN-CHENG LAI RYR CHAIRPERSON REGIONAL SCOUT COMMITTEE

Within the regional governance structure, David attended the Regional Scout Committee (RSC) Meeting in Brunei, where he presented the Chairperson’s Report on behalf of the RYRs, and approved the Regional Triennial Plan with fellow RSC members. He also contributed to the Region through regular online meetings as a member of the APR Plan Monitoring Task Force and as an Adviser to the Safeguarding & Well-being Sub-Committee.





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR

**“YOUTH LEADERSHIP IS BUILT ON TRUST.
TRUST IN YOURSELF AND IN EACH OTHER.”**

Nathan actively contributed to regional youth leadership and educational initiatives across the Asia-Pacific Region. He participated in the WOSM Youth Leadership Strategy Development Review, helping to shape the future direction of youth leadership in Scouting. He also co-hosted the APR Scouts for SDGs Webinar Series 01, promoting dialogue and action on the Sustainable Development Goals among young Scouts across the Region.

POON WAI-HON NATHAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUB-COMMITTEE

Nathan's most significant achievement during this period was organising the International Scout Youth Forum – Scouting it Out: Driving Change through Volunteering in Hong Kong, providing a platform for young people to exchange ideas, strengthen collaboration, and promote the value of youth-led volunteering.



In addition, Nathan served as a resource speaker at the 3rd Pathfinder Scout Vietnam (PSV) National Youth Forum, where he shared his experiences and insights to inspire young leaders in advancing meaningful youth participation and leadership within Scouting.





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR

**"LEADERSHIP BEGINS WHERE SAFETY
AND RESPECT THRIVE."**

Saurab's most significant achievement during this period was his contribution to youth leadership development through his involvement in the Nepal Scouts National Youth Meet 2082, where he supported initiatives that strengthened youth participation and engagement within the Movement.

SAURAB NEUPANE SAFEGUARDING AND WELL-BEING SUB-COMMITTEE

At the national level, Saurab actively participated in key programmes that promoted leadership and capacity building. He contributed to the Patrol Leader Training, helping to develop leadership competencies among young Scouts, and participated in the Finland-Nepal Partnership Project: Scouts, Peace and Security Launch Event, supporting efforts to advance peace education and international collaboration through Scouting.





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR

"STAY CURIOUS. BLOOM WHEREVER CURIOSITY LEADS YOU."

Since becoming a Regional Youth Representative in 2025, Thy has supported regional initiatives through the Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee, contributing to communications, youth-led project reports, and the RYR Newsletter. She believes meaningful impact is often created through consistent collaboration behind the scenes.

NGUYEN VY TRUONG THY (KATHY) DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Kathy's proudest achievement is the trust placed in her to continue serving for another three-year term as a PSV Youth Advisor while simultaneously fulfilling her responsibilities as a Regional Youth Representative and a local Cub Scout Leader. Balancing these commitments has required persistence, discipline, and genuine passion. For her, it is about embracing every opportunity to learn, contribute, and grow. She believes that curiosity is the starting point of every new journey, and that by staying open to new experiences, we continuously discover new versions of ourselves.



At the national level, Kathy was successfully re-elected as a Youth Coordinator of the PSV National Youth Advisors during the 3rd PSV National Youth Forum, continuing her commitment to strengthening youth participation in Vietnamese Scouting. Alongside this role, she has remained dedicated to developing her local Cub Scout unit by completing advanced leader training to become an Akela. She has recently expanded her facilitation skills through the Dialogue for Peace Training. Her journey reflects a belief that meaningful leadership begins with serving young people in one's own community.



HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR

"LEAD BY EXAMPLE"

Qin Peng actively supported youth leadership initiatives at both the regional and national levels. He participated in the WOSM "Shaping the Future of Youth Leadership in Scouting" engagement sessions, contributed as a resource speaker during the Pre-Forum of the 3rd Pathfinder Scout Vietnam (PSV) National Youth Forum, and assisted in the organisation of the 2nd National Rover Conference of Malaysian Rovers, promoting youth participation and leadership development.

CHUA QIN PENG VOLUNTEERING SUPPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

Qin Peng's most significant achievement during this period was serving as the Programme Chairperson for the 2nd National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLTC), where he led the planning and delivery of a key national leadership development programme for young Scouts.



At the national level, Qin Peng further contributed as a member of the Jamboree Service Team (JST) for the Malaysia Scout Jamboree, supporting the successful delivery of one of the country's largest Scouting events while continuing to strengthen youth engagement and programme quality.





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR

"BEING AN RYR HAS BEEN AN INSPIRING JOURNEY OF LEARNING, COLLABORATION, AND GROWTH ALONGSIDE PASSIONATE YOUNG LEADERS."

At the national level, Iba played an active role in the planning and validation of the Educational Proposal, contributing to both the validation workshop and validation camp to ensure the programme reflected the needs and priorities of the Scout Association of Maldives. These efforts laid the foundation for a more structured and impactful educational programme for young people.

IBA NAZIM GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Iba's most significant achievement during this period was contributing to the development of the first Educational Proposal for the Scout Association of Maldives, supporting a key milestone in strengthening the Association's national youth programme and educational framework.



Building on this contribution, Iba has also been appointed as the Event Manager for the upcoming Rover Gathering, scheduled for 28–29 August 2026, where they will oversee the planning and delivery of the national event.





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR



“SCOUTING SHOULD HELP EVERY YOUNG PERSON TRANSCEND FROM THE MINDSET OF WHAT CAN ONE GET TO WHAT CAN ONE GIVE”

At both the regional and global levels, Shashank was actively engaged in several World Scouting initiatives. He contributed as a volunteer to the RD16 AIS Policy Review Project, participated in consultations for the World Scouting Youth Leadership Strategy, and supported the review of the APR Youth Forum Guidelines as a member of the task force.

He also served as a content moderator for the World Scouting SDG Hub, helping to promote and curate youth-led sustainable development initiatives across the Movement.

SHASHANK DWARAKANATH MURKI
STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Shashank’s most significant achievement during this period was his active contribution to the APR Strategic Transformation Sub-Committee, supporting the Region’s strategic priorities through regular meetings and initiatives aimed at strengthening the future direction of Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region.

At the national level, Shashank represented The Bharat Scouts and Guides at key events, including the BIMSTEC Youth Cultural Heritage and Sustainability Immersion Programme 2026, while continuing to support major national programmes and celebrations that strengthened youth engagement and international cooperation.





HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE RYR

"AS LONG AS WE KEEP MOVING FORWARD, WE'RE GOOD TO GO!"

Andrew actively contributed to youth engagement and communications initiatives across the Asia-Pacific Region and beyond. He is serving as the Communications Workstream Co-Lead for the 5th World Scout Education Congress, attended the 3rd Pathfinder Scout Vietnam (PSV) National Youth Forum as a resource speaker, and delivered the opening address at the Colombo Scouts Media Team Orientation Programme, held online. He also participated in the Singapore Youth Forum 2026, contributing to nationwide discussions on youth development for the SG Youth Plan.

ANDREW ROY TOH COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

Andrew's most significant achievement during this period was his appointment as Assistant National Commissioner (Communications), recognising his leadership and continued contributions to strengthening communications within Scouting.



Beyond Scouting events, Andrew represented the Movement through a radio interview, where he shared insights on Scouting, youth leadership, and the role of communications in empowering young people and strengthening community impact.

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LOOKING AHEAD

RJR TRIENNIAL ROADMAP

Q3 | 1st Online Regional Youth Townhall *

We are here!

Q4 | 2nd Regional Scout Committee Meeting

2026

2027

Q1 | 2nd Online Regional Youth Townhall

Q2

- Regional Scout Committee Meeting
- Asia-Pacific Region Leader's Summit
- Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Leadership Training Course 3.0
- Release of Regional Youth Representative Mid-Term Report

Q3

3rd Online Regional Youth Townhall

Q4

- Regional Scout Committee Meeting
- Release of 12th Asia-Pacific Scout Youth Forum Circular and Youth Forum Guidelines

Q1

4th Online Regional Youth Townhall

Q2

- Regional Scout Committee Meeting
- Call for Nominations of Regional Youth Representative 2028 - 2031

Q3

5th Online Regional Youth Townhall

- Deadline for Regional Youth Representative Nomination
- Release of Youth Forum Themes, Objectives, Topics for Discussion and Agenda

Q4

- Regional Scout Committee Meeting
- Release of Regional Youth Representative Final Report
- 12th Asia-Pacific Scout Youth Forum
- 29th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference

2028



The roadmap is set. Let's make it happen!



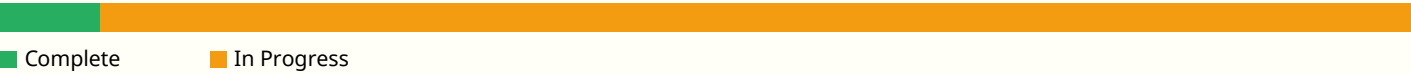
YOUTH FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERALL SNAPSHOT

14
Total

1
Complete

13
In Progress



RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER

COMPLETE	IN PROGRESS
#12 - Establishing Regional Youth Advocacy Roles and Mechanisms SCAN FOR THE FULL LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS https://tinyurl.com/11apsyfrecs	#1 - Ensuring Intergenerational Development Opportunities in Future APR Leader's Summit #2 - Developing Capacity Building Specific to Topics Presented and Voted Upon at the APR Conference #3 - Aligning Support Structures for the Localization of Youth Leadership Training Courses #4 - Asia-Pacific Digital Empowerment & Collaboration #5 - YLTC Resource Toolkit #6 - Establishing an Intergenerational Leadership Program #7 - Strengthening Substantive Youth Leadership in APR Governance #8 - Aligning Term of Office of the Asia-Pacific Scout Committee with the World Scout Committee #9 - Developing an Information Repository System of Scouting in APR #10 - Enhancing Measurement of the Social Impact of Community-Based Projects through Utilization of Scouts for SDGs Hub and WOSM Services #11 - Mobilizing Scouts for Climate Action #13 - Workshop on Intergenerational Dialogue and Partnership #14 - Regional Safe from Harm and Resource Network

SUB-COMMITTEE OWNERSHIP





ACROSS OUR NSOs

Youth in Action Across the Region



Scouts Australia

An U30 non-executive director role on the National Board was recently filled and the expression of interest for the 27th Australian Jamboree “AJ2028” has started.



The General Association of the Scouts of China (Taiwan)

Rovers initiated a campaign calling for a mandatory “Working with Children Permit” during Safe from Harm Week.



The Bharat Scouts and Guides

Organised their first ever Rover Ranger Jamboree, bringing together young people from across 46 BSG State Associations and Railway Associations.



The Scout Association of Japan

Rovers led a project that saw the creation of sustainable third spaces where young people can learn, grow, and contribute to society through Scouting.



Bangladesh Scouts

A national task force was formed to draft a Youth Council Policy to establish Youth Councils at all levels of Scouting in Bangladesh.



Scout Association of Hong Kong

Hosted their 3rd International Scout Youth Forum themed around Driving Change through Volunteering, gathering over 100 youths from 7 NSOs.



Gerakan Pramuka

Launch of Ayo Pramuka, a digital platform that strengthens youth engagement and connects Rover Councils across Indonesia more effectively.



Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia

Hosted the 2nd edition of the National Rover Conference where participants gained exposure to NSO-level governance and strategic partnerships with NGOs.



ACROSS OUR NSOs

Youth in Action Across the Region



The Scout Association of Maldives

13 Rover Scouts and 6 members under 30 are now serving as Headquarters and Assistant Headquarters Commissioners along with 2 members under 30 in the National Executive Committee.



Nepal Scouts

Successfully organized National Youth Meet 2082, bringing together young leaders from all 7 provinces of Nepal.



Scouts Aotearoa New Zealand

Hosted their 83rd National Rover Scout Moot in Wellington, welcoming 219 participants from New Zealand, Canada, the UK, and Sweden.



The Scout Association of Papua New Guinea

Preparations are underway for the NSO's first-ever National Youth Forum.



Boy Scouts of the Philippines

4 National Executive Board Members under the age of 30 were elected along with 3 new National Scout Representatives from the National Scout Youth Forum.



The Singapore Scout Association

Introduced the Otter Programme, the NSO's newest youth section for those aged 5-6 years old, projected to reach around 20,000 young children by the end of 2028.



Sri Lanka Scout Association

Established its first National Scout Youth Council bringing together 100 youth members and a 15-member committee.



Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam

6 new National Youth Advisors have been elected following the 3rd National Youth Forum held in March 2026.

COMMUNITY CORNER

1. What plan was approved at the most recent APR Scout Conference?
2. The APR Scout ____ raises funds to promote the growth of Scouting in the region.
6. Number of RYRs elected for 2025-2028.

3. Host country for the most recent APR Jamboree
4. The event hosted by RYRs on August 1.
5. One of the key deliverables at the Youth Forum.
7. The theme of the most recent Youth Forum and Conference, Scouting: Integrated _____.

1. Triennial | 2. Foundation | 3. Philippines | 4. Townhall | 5. Recommendations | 6. Eight | 7. Versatility