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The Scouting Scoop

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News and highlights from
the Singapore Scout Association

Chief Commissioner's Message

"Servant leadership is key. If we are unwilling to serve, we should not have the right to lead."

Mr Desmond Chong,
Chief Commissioner

NATIONAL EVENTS

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB)



Above: A group photograph of Scouts and CPIB representatives at the event.

Left: From left to right are Mr Ngien Hoon Ping, Vice President of SSA, Mr Desmond Chong, Chief Commissioner of SSA, Ms Clare Tan, Senior Deputy Director, CPIB, and Mr Denis Tang, Director, CPIB, at the MOU signing.

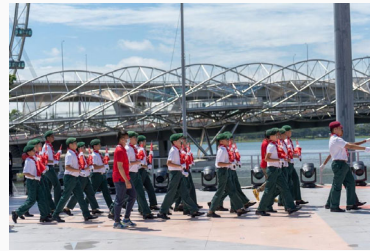
Right: Scouts learning about corruption through Corruzione, a web game.

On 9 Jul 22, an MOU was signed between the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) and the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) to collaborate on a new Anti-Corruption Badge Program (ACBP).

At the event, Scouts tried a web game, Corruzione, which broached topics relating to corruption, its consequences, and Singapore's strong stance against corruption. The game will be an integral component of the ACBP. Such programmes help achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #16 on Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

[Click to try the web game, Corruzione, via the CPIB website!](#)

Scouts at the National Day Parade 2022



Above: A group photograph of the Scouts who represented the association.

Left: Upon command, the contingent commander salutes as part of the ceremony.

Right: The contingent at one of the parade rehearsals, with the iconic Helix Bridge in the background.

On 9 Aug 2022, 2006 Southern Cross Scout Troop (St Gabriel's Secondary School) represented the Singapore Scout Association as one of ten Uniformed Group supporting contingents marching for the National Day Parade (NDP) 2022.

The parade was held in person at the Floating Platform at Marina Bay. This marked the culmination of months of arduous rehearsals for participants and was a memorable moment for all involved.

[Watch the Scouts on parade here!](#)

JOB WEEK LAUNCH



Above: A group photograph of President Halimah Yacob, SMRT staff, and Scouts.

Left: An SMRT executive briefs Scouts on the use of a ticketing machine.

Right: President Halimah Yacob and Chief Commissioner Desmond Chong look on as Scouts disinfect a surface in the MRT station.

On 1 Sep 22, Chief Scout, President Halimah Yacob launched Job Week at Woodlands MRT Station. There, Scouts shadowed SMRT staff in their daily tasks, such as cleaning, and guiding passengers. The Scouts also interacted with Madam President briefly.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

Postcard from North Area: Hike along the Singapore River



On 5 Sep 22, 200 Cub Scouts from the North Area went for a hike along the Singapore River. The activity was organised to fulfill the "Widen Your Beliefs" part of the Diamond Jubilee Challenge.

They learnt about how Singapore grew from a small trading port centred along the Singapore River to the bustling metropolis and global hub of world trade it is today. They certainly enjoyed the scenic skyline as a memorable bonding experience with their friends. This promoted SDG #3 on Good Health and Well-Being.

West Area: Chief Commissioner Visits Xingnan Primary School



Above: A group photograph of the Cubs, their Adult Leaders, and the visiting Commissioners.

Left: The Cub Scouts and Chief Commissioner playing "Acid Pool", a popular Scouting Game.

Right: Area Commissioner Mr Lam Tat Wai presenting the Woodbadge to Mdm Mazidah Bte Othman.

On 19 September 22, Chief Commissioner Mr Desmond Chong visited Xingnan Primary School with Area Commissioner Mr Lam Tat Wai. There, he interacted with the Cubs and their Adult Leaders over their unit meeting. The programme that day was Scouting Games and Knotting.

The Chief Commissioner took initiative to make unit visits across different areas to know his Scouts better and to understand any concerns they have.

Postcard from South Area: Pathlight Scouts' Job Week Car Wash



During Job Week, Scouts learn about the dignity of labour and the value of honest work. This year, Job Week was held from 1 to 13 Sep 22. During that period, Scouts from Pathlight School raised funds by organising a car wash! From the photo above, they can be seen cleaning a mini school bus.

Wynist Beach Clean Up at East Coast Park



Left: The Scouts were well prepared for the task, as they put on gloves and used tongs to pick up litter.
Right: Afterwards, Scouts sorted out the trash enthusiastically.

On 24 July 2022, 181 youths, their parents, and adult leaders gathered at the Outward Bound School East Campus and proceeded to conduct a beach clean up at various sectors of East Coast Park.

The event was graced by Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment and Manpower, Dr Koh Poh Koon.

Participants picked up assorted types of trash, separating sharps from regular trash for safety during collection, before sorting the trash afterwards as research input. They also attended briefings on the impact of marine trash. This contributed to SDG #14 on Life Below Water.

YOUTH FEATURE

Lee Seng Hui, Chairman, National Rover Council



Hello, it's Seng Hui here. I'm currently the Chairman of the National Rover Council (NRC) and an Assistant Air Scout Leader in the Cygnus Air Scout Group.

The NRC charts programmes for Rover Scouts (aged 17-26) and their leadership demonstrates youth governance and empowerment for Scouts in Singapore.

Q1: How did you join Scouting, and what has kept you involved as a young adult?

A1: I joined Hougang Rangers Scout Group as a Secondary 1 student in 2009, and have been involved since. Growing up, I didn't like crowds, as they drain my social energy. While this is still somewhat the case today, I believe in "the Fellowship of Open Air, and Service". I value the lasting friendships I've made through Scouting, and it warms my heart to see Scouts beaming at huge events we'd helped organise. These sources of satisfaction motivate my continued service to the Scout Movement today.

Q2: What would you say are some of the key achievements the NRC has made of late?

A2: My term coincided with the initial

Q3: Can you tell us a little more about your Rovering experiences?

A3: A few years back, I had the opportunity to work with the NRC for Rover Rendezvous in 2018 as the Programme I/C. This marked my first foray into involvement at the national level. One thing led to another, and I somehow came into the spotlight as NRC Chairman. It isn't a glamorous job, but rather, a responsibility to create positive experiences for fellow youths in the Rover section.

Q4: Do you have anything else to say to young people in the Scout Movement?

A4: To me, Scouting is about working with young people to share my yearn for adventure and to help them learn how to learn better. Starting on the Rover Journey is not as

outbreak of COVID-19. We faced the challenge of adapting Scouting to virtual mediums whilst retaining learning outcomes. As we emerge from the pandemic, I am heartened to see Rovers organise in person activities for younger sections while adhering to prevailing safe management measures. The recent "Project Beach Plogup" involved groups of Rovers embarking on a beach clean up whilst jogging. Rovers can also look forward to Rover Rendezvous x Rigel 2022 planned for 19 Nov 22, where we celebrate the end of year with Special Needs Scouts through carnival activities and a campfire.



straightforward as youths experience major changes in their life at around 17-26 years of age. They choose between polytechnic or junior college, experience compulsory National Service, go on to tertiary education and their first jobs, etc.

But regardless of what we choose, the Rover Journey is applicable. It is aimed at supporting youths over these years and bridging Rovers from all walks of life. At times, we can even share experience with younger Scouts and inspire them to something greater. The Scouting ecosystem helps unite us and develop future generations.



Top left: At the Wushantou Reservoir Scenic Area in Tainan, Taiwan, while attending their 14th National Rover Moot in Aug 18.

Top right: Making friends with Scouts from all over the world at Julpo Bay, Mudflat Ecology Park, Buan Country, Jeollabuk-do, South Korea, in Aug 19.

Centre: Being involved in the Rover Rendezvous in 2018 at Sungei Khatib Bongsu, which also marked the centenary of Rovering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Registration Deadline
29 Oct 22	Youth Education and Scouting for Teachers	22 Oct 22
1-4 Dec 22	Advanced Certificate in Outdoor Education	5 Nov 22

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