



CONFERMENT OF THE SINGAPORE SCOUT FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS (SSFF) ON 24 JULY 2013 AT THE ISTANA BY PRESIDENT TONY TAN KENG YAM

36 recipients (27 individuals and 9 organizations/business enterprises) had been recognized for their support for the development of Singapore Scouting. They were conferred Fellowships of the Singapore Scout Foundation by President Tony Tan Keng Yam. The honours list included the American International Industries Pte Ltd which was conferred the Distinguished Fellow. Mr. Chow Khuan Heng represented the top donor to receive the fellowship. The other recipients consisted of 3 Leading Fellows namely Mr Philip Chua Tin Sien, Mr Christopher Ng Toong Seng and Mr. David C Owens who each donated \$25 K. Others contributed sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

UPDATE ON THE SINGAPORE SCOUT FOUNDATION (SSF)

The Singapore Scout Foundation has set a target of \$2 million to be raised over two years for its development fund. So far, slightly more than \$1 million has been raised.

The Foundation seeks to bring together friends of Singapore scouting who are committed to developing the Movement for the benefit of this and future generations of young Singaporeans. There are 4 categories of Fellowships, namely, Distinguished Fellows, Leading Fellows, Fellows and Associate Fellows.

One of the objectives of the funds is to sponsor needy and deserving scouts to take part in jamborees and related activities. So far 4 needy scouts have been sponsored a total amount of \$10,800/ for the Nippon Jamboree (31 July – 10 August).

Their feedback and reflections will be featured in the next quarterly issue.



Conferment Ceremony 2013

Besides the sponsorship, part of the fund raised is used to defray the cost of deploying Unit Development Consultants (UDCs). The UDCs' key role is to develop and improve the quality of scouting at the ground level. The initial focus is to identify units which have an urgent need of experienced "scouters" to "hold their hands", to start from scratch and to grow progressively. This is particularly so in new schools and those schools without scout units.

Covered in this issue are the feedbacks from the respective GSLs of the Scout Groups which have received help from the UDCs. The reflections of the two UDCs are also included.



SUMMARY OF THE FEEDBACK ON UDC PATRICK TAN BY THE GSL OF CREST SCOUT GROUP

"Patrick has been very supportive, helpful, encouraging and inspirational."

I am very grateful for all that Patrick has done for Crest Scout Group and myself. His mentoring has allowed Crest Scout Group to be set up from scratch and to be a fun and enjoyable CCA that it is right now".

Mr Ong Kwang Wei
GSL Crest Scout Group
1 Aug 2013



SUMMARY OF THE FEEDBACK ON UDC TAN TEK TIN BY THE GSL OF SCOUT GROUP AT WOODGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Mr Tan has been providing invaluable guidance for my school's Scouting experience. Knowing that I was new to Scouting, he provided me with many good ideas on how to conduct the activities.

Overall, my Cub Scouts enjoyed the sessions by Mr Tan and they look forward to his next visit. They have also feedbacked to me that Scouting is now more fun".

Mr. Timothy Chen Zeliang,
GSL Woodgrove Primary School Scout Group
4 July 2013



"Mr Tan has been a great help for the Unit. He oversees the Scout Standard training and testing as right now we do not have any trainer or senior helper. (The oldest scout member is Secondary 2.) He is also a good role model for the students as he shares his stories and experiences. The students enjoy his teaching and company too. He is clear in his instructions and is professionally poised".

Mr. Chen Weibiao
GSL Nan Chiau High School Scout Group
9 July 2013



REFLECTIONS OF UDC TAN TEK TIN

"I have been visiting Scout Units in primary and secondary schools since the beginning of the year. Many of the Units are less than 3 years old and the leaders are relatively new to Scouting. The situation in schools has changed very much with the introduction of the 5-day week. Meetings are usually held immediately after school which is not an ideal time for outdoor activities. Often it is difficult to find suitable places for activities as schools have to cater for other CCAs as well.

I help to plan and conduct unit meetings with the leaders, emphasizing that proper planning is essential to ensure purpose, direction and progress. I encourage leaders to attend the Woodbadge Course so that they are better equipped for their job. The training of Sixers and Patrol Leaders is also emphasized."

However, one thing has not changed. The Cubs and Scouts are lively, enthusiastic about Scouting and keen to learn. They want to work for their badges, participate in activities, and have fun and to meet other Scouts. All they need is a dedicated leader to train, guide and inspire them".



UDC TAN TEK TIN

REFLECTIONS OF UDC PATRICK TAN

"I take it as a privilege to be able to go down to Units to observe what they are doing and to share with them my many years of Scouting experiences. Being able to mentor leaders especially new leaders is not only an exciting experience but also a challenging one. Imagine trying to run a unit meeting at the age of 68 is by itself a daunting task. However, I must say that the passion for Scouting is still strong in me".



UDC PATRICK TAN





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