



# THE SINGAPORE SCOUT FOUNDATION

ISSUE 4



Conferees at the Istana officiated by President Tony Tan Keng Yam



Distinguished Fellow - Haji Awang Abu Bakar Haji Awang Ahmad

## **The Singapore Scout Foundation Fellowships Conferees on 16 July 2014**

Seven individuals and two organizations have been recognized for their support of the development of Singapore Scouting. On 16 July 2014, they were conferred fellowships of the Singapore Scout Foundation (SSF) at the ceremony officiated by President Tony Tan Keng Yam, who is the Chief Scout, at the Istana. The various categories of recipients were as follows:-

### **Distinguished Fellow**

Ngee Ann Development Pte Ltd  
Haji Awang Abu Bakar Haji Awang Ahmad

### **Leading Fellow**

Seletar Lapwing Sea Scouts Group  
Mr Leon Yee Kee Shian  
Mr Ng Chee Hwa  
Mr Raymond Chia Lee Meng

### **Fellow**

Haji Awang Badar bin Haji Awang Ali  
Ms Geraldine Goh Yeow Siang  
Mr Han Neng Hsiu

### **Update on the SSF Funds**

Since its establishment in July 2012, the SSF has received pledges totalling \$1,304,800. As at September 2014, \$210,293 was spent in the following areas:

- a) Staff costs of two Unit Development Consultants (UDCs) from Jan 13 – June 14 totalling \$160,000.
- b) Subsidy of \$20,000 for deserving needy scouts to attend three Jamborees.
- c) \$30,000 on other-related expenses.



Thanking all the 113 benefactors, Mr. Henry Baey (Chairman Fund-Raising Committee) who is Singapore Scout Foundation Convenor said, "We are most grateful to them. Their strong support and generosity has made possible the development of key projects and amenities,

thus enriching the overall scouting experience of our members and contributing to their development into good leaders and responsible citizens."

He shared that in the budget 2014/15, the SSF will need to raise at least \$300,000 to cover staff costs of four UDCs and subsidies of 10 deserving needy scouts to the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in Japan in August, 2015, and also to sponsor some 10 scouts to at least 5 National and Regional Jamborees in 2015. (NB: The WSJ is held once in 4 years.)

Mr Baey hopes more like-minded benefactors, especially former scouts, will join the existing benefactors to give generously to this worthwhile cause.

## ***Every Scout Area is now served by a UDC***

In this issue, we will continue to update you on the various aspects of work accomplished by Unit Development Consultants (UDCs). You were apprised in the second issue regarding the positive feedback from several scout groups whose leaders were new to scouting. Through direct ground visits and assistance rendered by the two Unit Development Consultants (UDCs), the units benefitted much and have been progressing smoothly.

As at 31 December 2013, 34 groups (some of them were new set-ups) were visited and received their assistance from the UDCs. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014, another 4 new groups have completed their start-up progress and have been functional as units. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter saw the setting up of 4 more new groups.

Besides, the UDCs also conducted a workshop for voluntary Unit Development Leaders (UDLs) in the South Area on 23 April; an introductory course for 19 teacher-leaders on 9 May during school hours and a full-time Woodbadge course for teacher-leaders from 2 to 6 June.

With the success of the UDC scheme, another two UDCs have been appointed since 1 July 2014 to augment the existing two. With the new appointments, each Scout Area is now supported by a UDC.



*Left to Right: Lai Kwok Chin, Tan Tek Tin, Patrick Tan, Yeo Kai Cheow*

## ***Reflections by Neo Jun Wei***

The sole recipient of the subsidy who attended the Korea International Jamboree (1-8 August 2014) shared his reflections as follows:-

The trip was awesome! Though it was my first Jamboree, I learnt a lot of things especially the Korean culture and particularly the Korea scouts! The trip also impacted me on the values on friendship, trustworthiness and honesty. I met friends of different nationalities from countries such as Japan, America, Cambodia, Egypt and many more.



*Our Team at Terminal 3 on Our Departure Day*

I really want to thank my Scouts teacher, Miss Goh, for selecting me for this Jamboree and the Singapore Scout Association for sponsoring me for this event. I am really thankful for the people who gave me such a great opportunity and awesome learning experience at this Jamboree.



*The Korean Family with whom I had my Homestay*



*With my Korean friends and a team-mate*



## **Feedback by GSL Andrew Hong on Scouting at Horizon**

**“On my honour...”** recited the Scout Promise enthusiastically by 44 Cub Scouts from Horizon Primary Scout Group on 10 March 2014.



It was exactly a year ago when Scouting as a CCA was first introduced to Horizon pupils at the CCA Open House held on 4 Oct 2013. Unit Development Consultants (UDCs) Mr Tan Tek Tin and Mr Patrick Tan, with the support of the Singapore Scout Collectors Club led by Mr Michael Poh and Mr Goh Yee Heng put up an engaging presentation cum impressive exhibition showcasing what Scouting could offer to our young ones.



Further interactions with the two dedicated UDCs and a few passionate volunteer adult leaders strengthened the belief of Group Scout Leaders (GSLs) Andrew Hong and Angeline Carmen in what the Scouting Movement could help make a better world through self-education of young people beginning at their tender age. Though challenged by many unknowns in starting a new Cub Scout Group at Horizon, the UDCs' assuring encouragement and support gave the GSLs courage to *promise to do our best*, all for the good of the pupils.

The two Horizon GSLs were inducted by the two UDCs on 11 Jan 2014. They gave the GSLs advice on 'putting first things

first' such as unit registration, purchase of Scout uniform, planning of first few unit meetings.

The two UDCs were instrumental in inspiring and imparting knowledge in values & principles of Scouting based on the Scout Promise and Scout Law, unit administration, programme planning using the Scout Method and campcraft



skills through the Unit Leader Training Induction Course (8 Mar 2014) and Unit Leader Training Wood Badge Course (2-6 Jun 2014). With the acquisition of the knowledge and skills, the GSLs are more confident and competent to lead their pack in organising and participating in learning activities at National/District/Unit level that benefit and grow the cubs progressively.

The Horizon GSLs are indeed both contented and grateful to the UDCs for their nurturing guidance and tangible support given to them and the unit. Through their role modelling and encouraging feedback given (i.e. regular visits made to support the unit's activities), the learning of the GSLs is greatly enriched and translated to leading Horizon Primary Cub Scouts to *do their duty to God, to others and to self* for the many years ahead as promised.



**GSL Andrew Hong**

***“Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example.”***

***Robert Baden-Powell***