



THE SINGAPORE SCOUT FOUNDATION

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"2015 saw 10 benefactors joining the Singapore Scout Foundation, bringing the total number to around 100. We are most grateful to our benefactors. Their strong support and generosity has made it possible for the Singapore Scout Foundation to continue with its work of making Singapore Scouting better and stronger. I hope that more like-minded individuals, especially former scouts, will join us in this important enterprise, by supporting the Singapore Scout Foundation".

Mr. Henry Baey, Singapore Scout Foundation Convenor

In this issue, read all about:

- The work of our Unit Consultants. The Group Scout Leader of SJI International Hippo Scout Group speaks about how Unit Consultant KC Lai has made scouting more interesting and enriching for his scouts. Unit Consultants are funded by the Singapore Scout Foundation. They mentor and assist unit leaders in running scout units.
- The new Scout Programme. We have recently introduced a new programme for our young scouts based on 21st Century Competencies. It promises to make scouting even more exciting and engaging.
- Rebranding of the Singapore Scouting. In line with the new Scout Programme, we now brand ourselves as a movement dedicated to "Creating a Better World".
- SG 50 International Jamboree (17-22 November 2015). 3000 young people from Singapore and beyond will come together in November to mark SG 50 in a fun and meaningful way.

Feedback received from Mr Daniel Brown, GSL, SJI International Hippo Scout Group

Since 2014, UDC KC Lai has been providing tremendous support to the Hippo Scout Group at SJI International School. Although the unit has a large number of willing and able Scouts, there is only a handful supportive staff. The UDC has helped in a number of different ways by passing on the knowledge and skills in areas that the unit is lacking. Specifically the UDC has:

- a) Helped improved the unit's term programme with inclusion of realistic activities

- b) Advised on means to access resources and to organize planned activities.
- c) Updated the unit on National, District and Area events.
- d) Led specific sessions on knots; tower building and organization of a scout campfire including lighting a fire.

This timely "holding of hands" has empowered and enabled the Hippo Scouts to attain the following visible results:

- a) Play an active role in conducting the South Area Campfire for the first time this year.
- b) Pursue and pass the Advanced Scout Standard for the last two years



"The most exciting experience for our Scouts was watching those Scouts pursuing the First Class Scout Standard Award build a tower by themselves and skillfully climbing to the top of the tower"

"At all times we have been impressed with KC's professionalism, good humor and manners with our Scouts. It has been a pleasure working with him."

Mr Daniel Brown
Group Scout Leader, SJI International Hippo Scout Group

Revised Scout Programme based on the 21st Century Competencies

The National Programme Council (NPC) of SSA has updated the Youth Programme in line with recent educational developments, especially in the areas of 21st Century Competencies and Character and Citizenship Education. A series of workshops have been organised since the first quarter of 2015.

Among the revised Youth Programmes is the Revised Scout Progress Badge Scheme. It covers the following seven focus areas:

1. Citizenship and Global Awareness
2. Leadership and Interests
3. Adventure and Outdoors
4. Service and The Community
5. Sports and Physical Recreation
6. Inspirations, Beliefs and Attitudes
7. Creative Pursuits

Eleven Scout units have joined the Revised Scout Progress Badge pilot project since the end of February 2015.

The revision of the Scout Progress Scheme has been completed. The full transition to this revised scheme is expected to be completed by 2017.

Rebranding of the Singapore Scout Association (SSA)

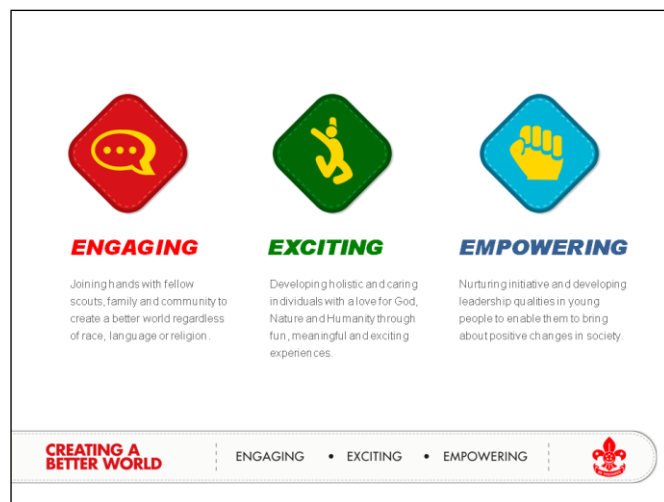
Over the last 6 months, SSA has embarked on a rebranding project. Through this rebranding, SSA seeks to position itself differently from other Uniformed Groups (UGs). The Key Messages (KM) consist of two components, as follows:

1. Tag line:
Creating a better World (The Scouting Way)
2. Three key pillars:
Engaging, Exciting and Empowering

The tagline, "Creating a Better World," is adopted from WOSM and is consistent with the spirit and essence of the Messenger of Peace (MoP). MoP is a programme embraced by the Worldwide Scouting Community.

The underlying philosophy of both the tag line and the three pillars is based on the "The Scouting Way." It underlines the key attribute of self-discipline - i.e. "It begins with me." This philosophy encourages an educational movement which focuses on young members and their capacity to create a better world.

The three pillars identify the three main elements of Scouting.



SG 50 International Jamboree (17-22 November 2015)

In conjunction with the SG 50 celebrations, the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) will be organizing an up-scale jamboree involving some 3,000 scouts and youths. Titled the "SG 50 International Jamboree," it will be held from 17-22 November 2015. One of the core themes of SG50 International Jamboree concerns looking forward and looking ahead. Youths (including our younger Scouts) are the future of this nation, and bringing young people together to mark this historical moment will go a long way to demonstrate SSA's continued commitment to youth development. Beside local participants from Scout units, we are also inviting members of the eight other uniformed groups as well as Scouts from around the world who are keen to join us in this celebration.

The participants will camp throughout the duration of the jamboree at Sarimbun Scout Camp, Camp Christine of GGS and MOE Adventure Camp. They will also visit places of interest and educational sites outside the camps, which will be especially beneficial for international participants.