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## Asian Development Committee (ADC) Report for 2017

**ADC – Asian Development Committee** – currently consisting of representatives from 9 SCI Branches, 1 Group and 3 Contacts.

**APM – Asian Platform Meeting** – a semi-annual meeting of the ADC members

**ADS – Asian Development Committee-Secretariat** – consisting of 3 elected members (during APM) from the ADC to help communicate, coordinate and where needed to support the Asian Development Program.

**Membership:** ADC now consists of SCI Japan, Korea, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, SVI Mauritius and IVP Australia under Branch, SCI Hong Kong/China under Group, and IVP Indonesia, SCI Pakistan and Step Vietnam under Contact.

**Asian Development Committee (ADC):** New ADC mailing list has been created and it's up and running. The mailing list will be maintained by ADC to ensure it stays active and relevant. The new secretariat now has an official email address ([adc-secretariat@sci.ngo](mailto:adc-secretariat@sci.ngo)) for any official communication from/to ADS.

### **Regional Training:**

**Asian Platform Meeting (APM):** SCI Malaysia hosted this year APM in the state of Penang, along the Peers to Peace (P2P) Learning Seminar from 14<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July. The Learning Seminar focused on the topics of knowledge management and fundraising. During the course of the seminar, participants engaged in thought exercises, best practice exchanges and brainstorming sessions in order to assess current fundraising/knowledge management practices and highlighting some options for the future.

APM was also organized in parallel, focusing on discussing topics that are specific to Asia and interacting with the seminar participants. Both APM and seminar participants had a wonderful learning experiences, interaction with the facilitators and community.

**Asia Pacific Development Fund (APAD):** The program was launched and communicated last year. 2 requests were approved in 2016 based on a set of criteria that meet the objective of the program. This year, we have approved 1 application.

**Workcamps and Placement:** Twenty two camps were organised in this region. Managed to send 2 volunteers for our Outgoing LTV Exchange Programs with SCI Germany

**Branches activities/highlights:**

SCI Japan and SCI Bangladesh were collaborating together on Mother and Child Health Centre project. The project in Bangladesh, had completed main constructions by September 2016, they had been working on emplacement of medical equipment and ancillary facilities. "The Mother and Child Health Centre" was officially inaugurated on March 22nd, 2017. This project was originally started as a relief work affected by the big cyclone in November 2007 (SIDR) and was implementation of an international design competition for a cyclone shelter construction based on survey result. Fund-raising activities and the execution of the construction in the remote area was challenging and difficult.

SCI Hong Kong/China continued the Global Education Project to cultivate peace in primary and secondary students' heart, with the help of local and international volunteers. SCI Hong Kong is also a partner of CCIVS KA2 project, 2 delegates joined the training in Cambodia and shared experience with NVDA partners. Moreover, SCI Beijing group continually sent volunteers to leadership training in HK and volunteers group abroad.

SCI Selangor (KL) started a mentoring programme to let volunteers learn more about SCI and share more responsibilities. Also, SCI KL being more engaged with other like-minded organizations and looking into possibilities for collaborations, and introducing SCI to universities on the wonderful work that SCI did and volunteering opportunities.

SCI Pakistan planned to hold two workcamps in Lahore, a food relief camp in September and a medical camp in November. Due to security reason, SCI Pakistan did not recommend international volunteers to participate in local workcamps, but the situation was improving.

IVP Indonesia is gradually growing and in such an extent that it plans to apply for SCI-group status this year. IVP-ID organized two (No-More-War) workcamps this year and extended the number of active volunteers and local groups.

International Day of Peace: Sept 21<sup>st</sup> is one of the event that's been Observed and Participated by the Asian Branches. Events include Peace Run, Peace Convoy, Erecting Peace Pole, Peace Lecture.

**Challenges:** There are 3 challenges facing us. 1) The unresolved branch issues between the two groups in Nepal 2) A new Management Team in SCI South Korea that focus currently on local activities 3) The contact, organisational and activity status of SCI Pakistan

**Peers to Peace:** The Asian branches are well represented in the KA2 project of SCI International, Peers to Peace. Besides Asian delegates attending seminars in Poland and Malaysia, there were two volunteers going to the SCI IS (from Hong Kong and Sri Lanka), one volunteer is going to Greece (from Indonesia) and SCI Malaysia hosted a volunteer from SCI Slovenia.

**Networking:** ADC attended this year two main events from NVDA:

- February 2017: The NVDA General Assembly and networking seminar, Indonesia
- October 2017: the Asian Volunteering Summit in Philippines

It is expected to continue the relation with NVDA and its members

**Asian Voices:** This year we planned for 1 edition and it gives good account of the many projects and events undertaken by the various branches and also the voices of our aspiring volunteers. On a more regular basis, the **Asian Updates** are issued to keep our members informed of current affairs and announcements. ADS wish that Asian Voices will be distributed beyond ADC members to celebrate all the good work that Asian branches have done throughout the year.

**ADS:** The ADS is now being elected and appointed by the APM. This year ADS also “co-opted” a shadow member and the reason is to expose new member on what ADS does and somewhat a job mentoring. On the longer term it gives new ADC members opportunity to join the secretariat. The ADS meets once every three week via Skype to discuss current issues and following up with action plans in ADC. A system of knowledge-management and processes are also being constructed within ADS and ADC for better efficiency.

**Prepared by the ADS**