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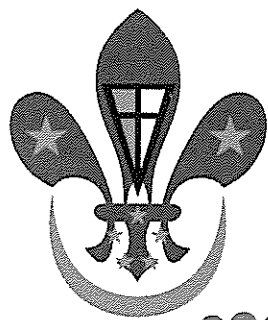
## SINGAPORE CUBOREE CAMP POSSIBLE

17 to 20 November 2013  
KLANJI \* MARINA \* SENTOSA



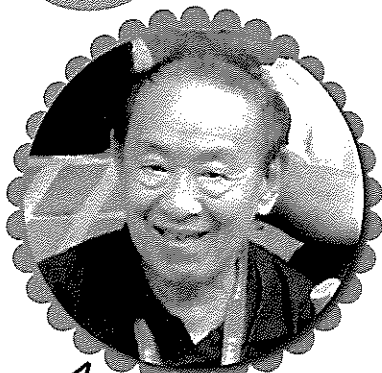
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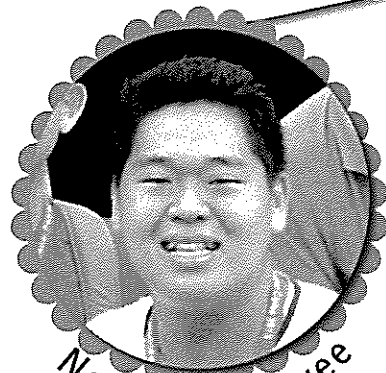


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### Co-Editor Message

As we commemorate our 65th Anniversary, we have once again created a photo journal which incorporates pictures and write ups of the voyage that we have gone through in 2013. This 53rd issue of Campfire Light will encompass the moments of jubilation and glory we have had through the year. Campfire Light had always brought back memories of fun, toil and camaraderie among the scouts as well as ignited the burning passion of many. We earnestly hope that you will have an enjoyable time reading through these pages and recall the times that you have had through your scouting journey.

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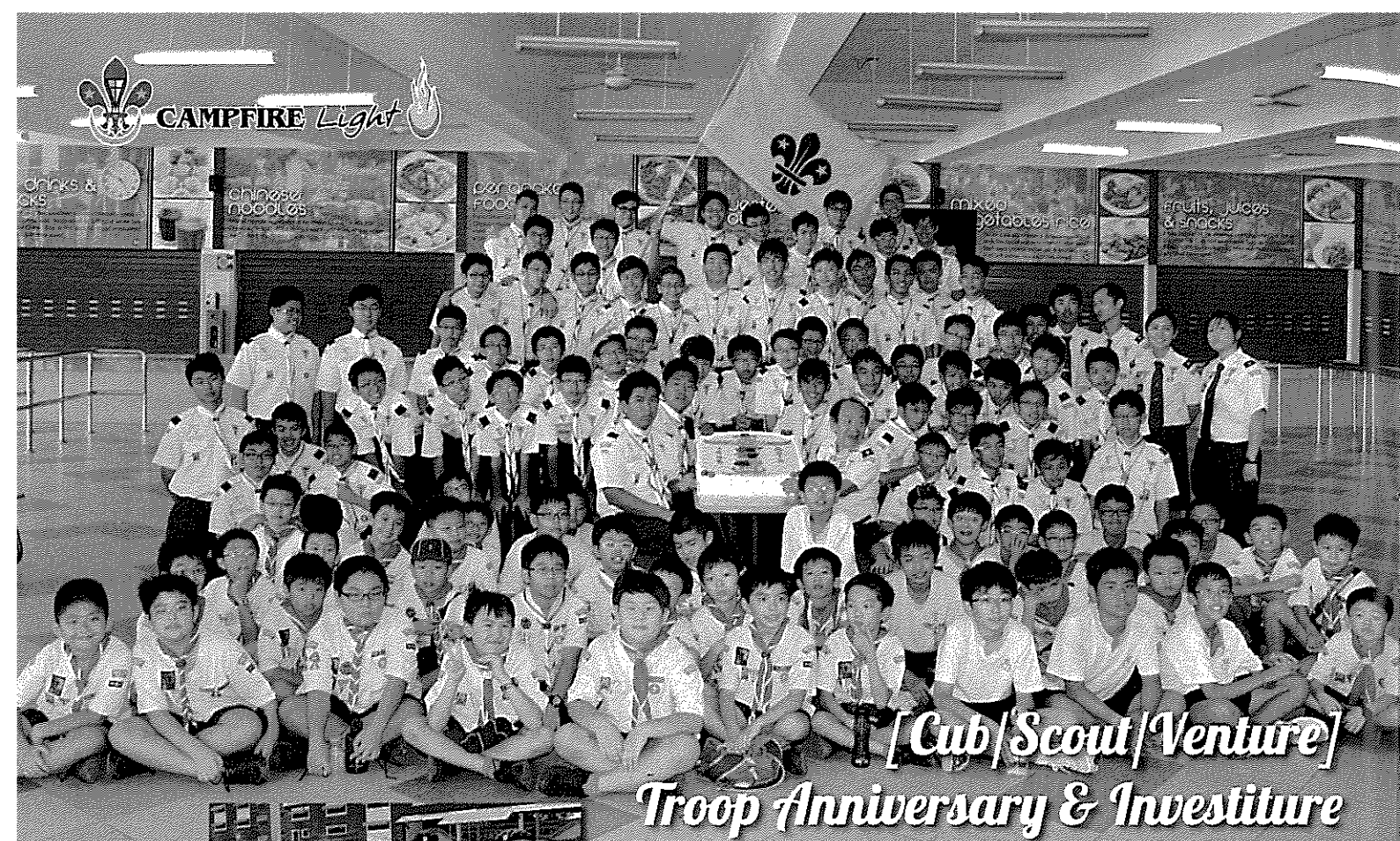
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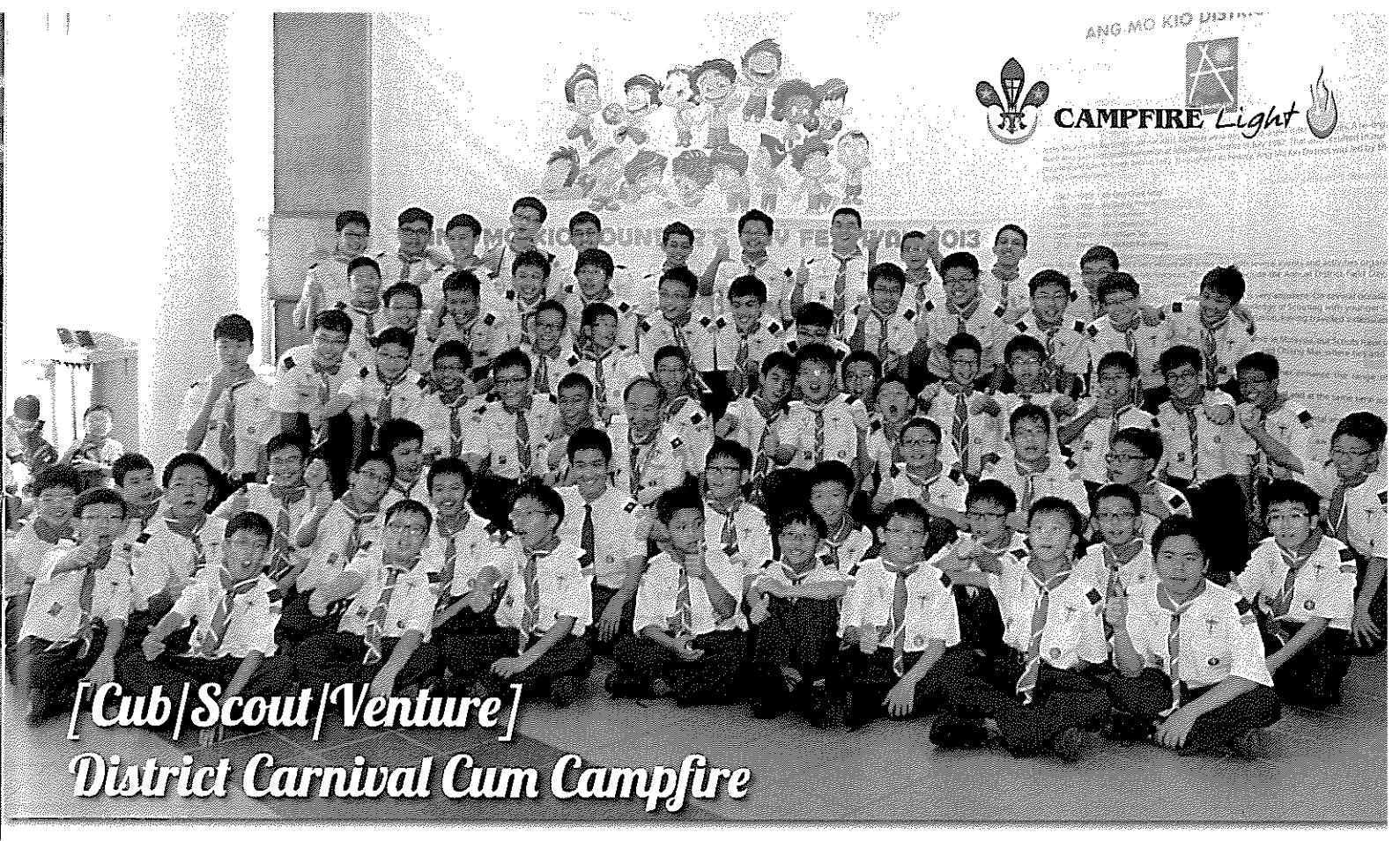
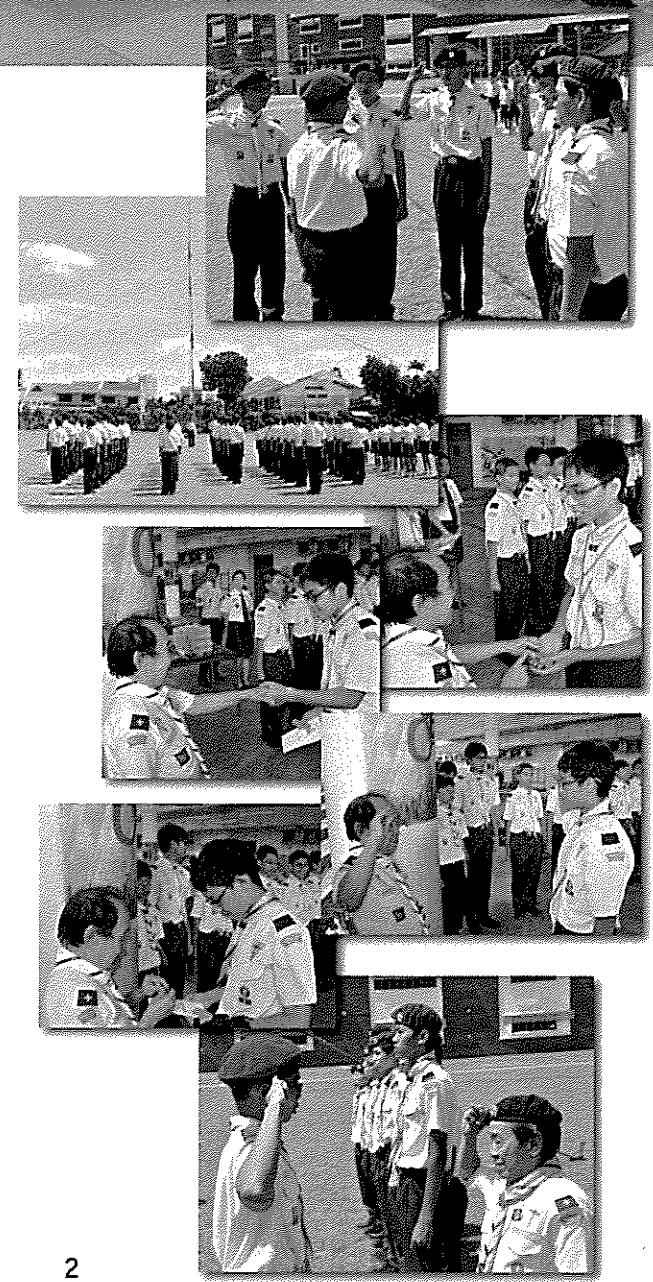
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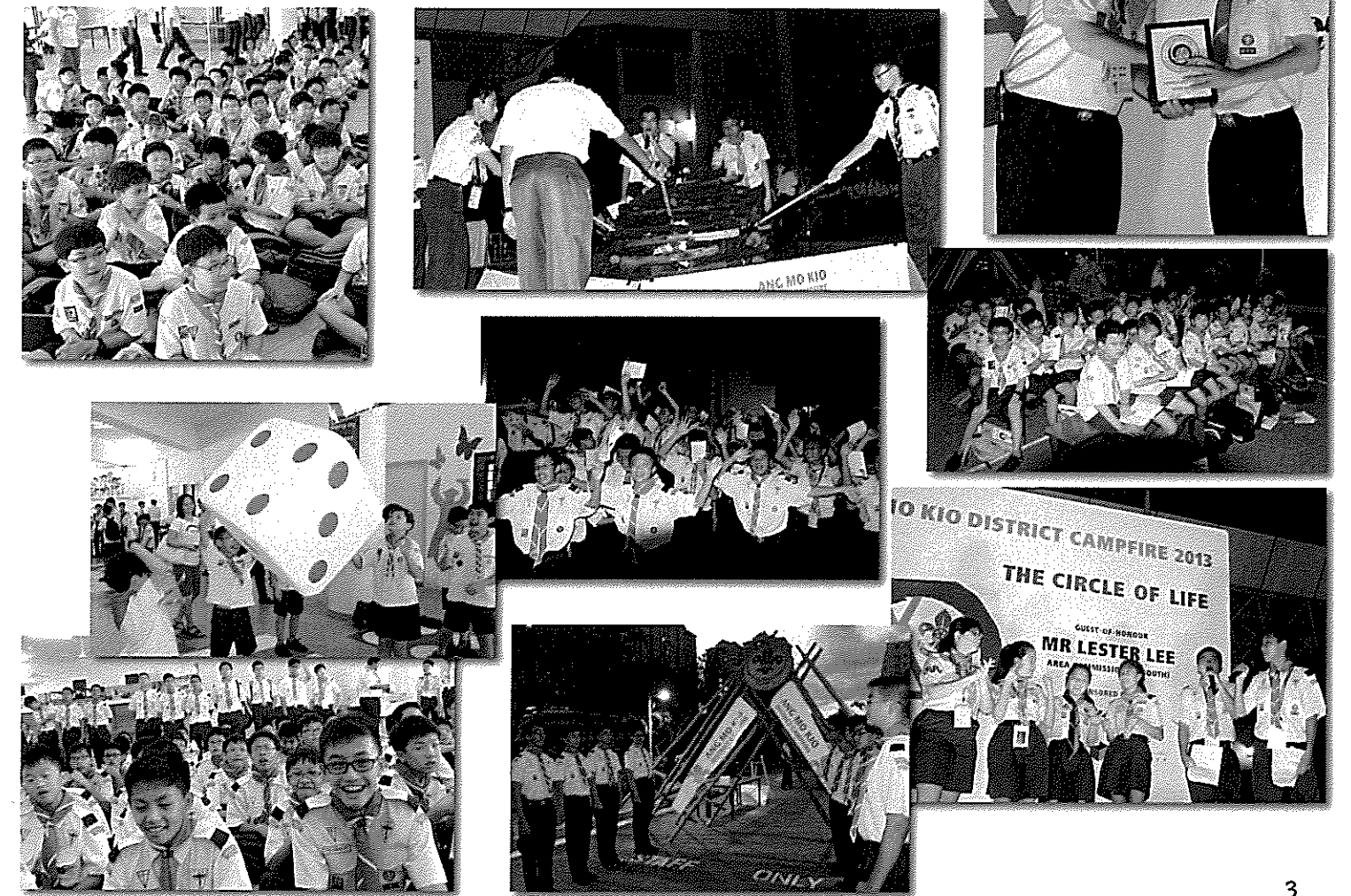
[Cub/Scout/Venture]  
Troop Anniversary & Investiture

On 26 January, our troop celebrated her 65th Anniversary. The scouts gathered for their investiture where the new appointment holders were announced. The Sec 2 scouts also went through the ceremony of changing their national scarves into troop scarves, which was officiated by our GSL. The cubs then joined in the celebration in the canteen which ended with a photo-taking and the cutting of our birthday cake.



[Cub/Scout/Venture]  
District Carnival Cum Campfire

On 23 February, AMK District held the Founder's Day Carnival followed by a Campfire in the evening at Bishan Park Secondary School. Scouts from Malaysia also joined us for this event. The gateway was constructed by our troop. Two of our scouts, Matthew and ZiYang were also the emcees for the whole event, which included our cubs and ventures.







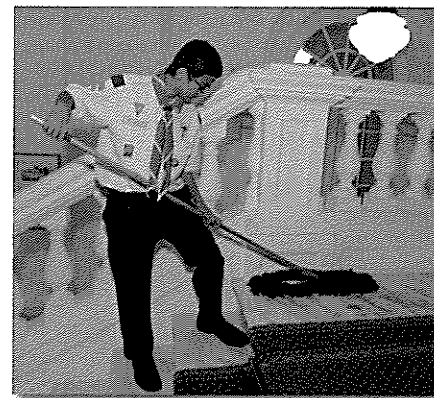
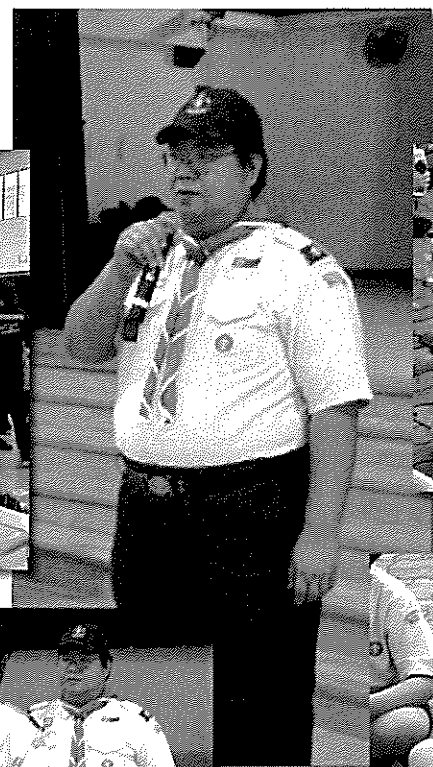
[Cub] Bronze Arrow Attainment Camp



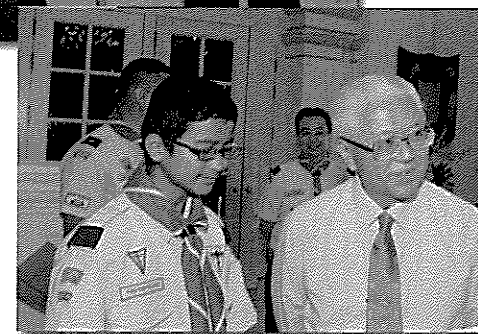
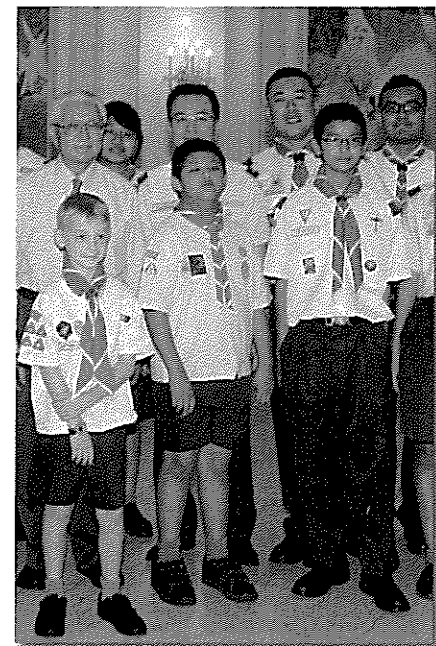
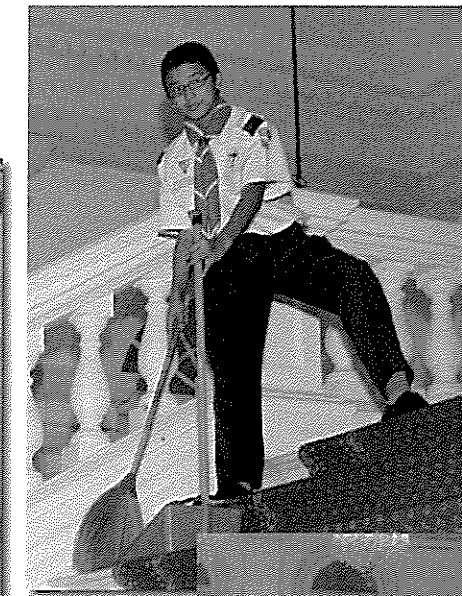
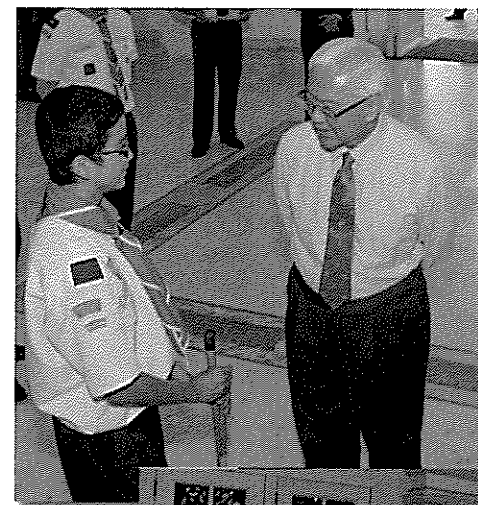
[Venture] Job Week Launch



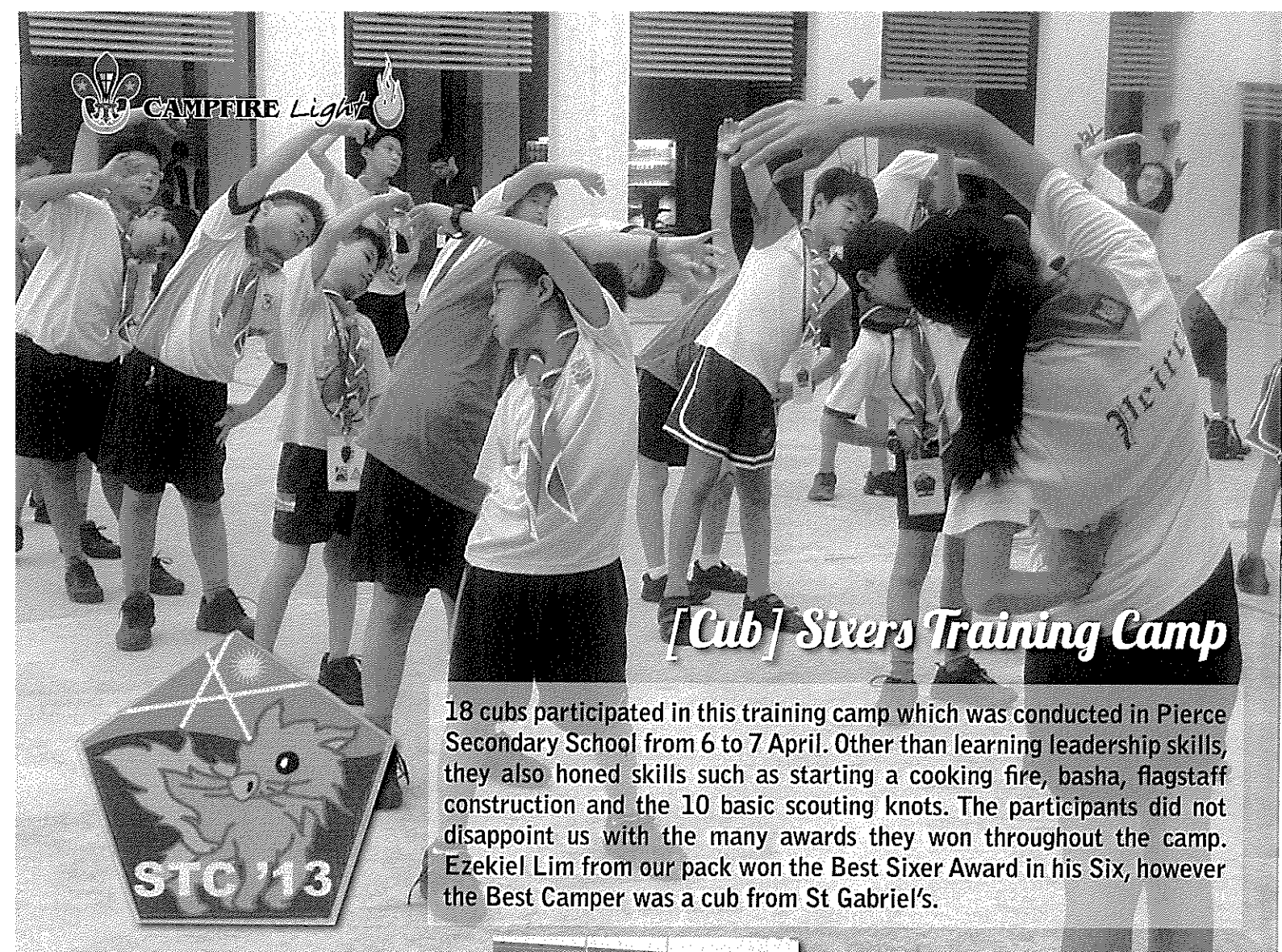
12 of our cub scouts aspiring to attain their Bronze Arrow attended this combined camp with other scout units held in Mayflower Primary School from 9 to 10 March. In this overnight camp, many cub scouts experienced sleeping away from home for the first time – a good eye opener according to the participants. The highlight of the camp was the awarding of the Bronze Arrow to the participants.



This year's Job Week Launch at the Istana was tasked to South Area on 18 March. Yan Boon, who represented our district, got to perform jobs with an extension scout in this undoubtedly unforgettable event.







**[Cub] Sixers Training Camp**

18 cubs participated in this training camp which was conducted in Pierce Secondary School from 6 to 7 April. Other than learning leadership skills, they also honed skills such as starting a cooking fire, basha, flagstaff construction and the 10 basic scouting knots. The participants did not disappoint us with the many awards they won throughout the camp. Ezekiel Lim from our pack won the Best Sixer Award in his Six, however the Best Camper was a cub from St Gabriel's.



**[Cub] Mind Quiz**



Ten of our cub scouts competed in the 2013 Cub Scout Mind Quiz held in Raffles Institution on 13 April where they had 2 rounds of quizzes which included a written test. Two teams of five were fielded, with one getting Silver and the other clinching Gold. All cubs walked away from this event with big smiles.

**[Cub] UG Camp**

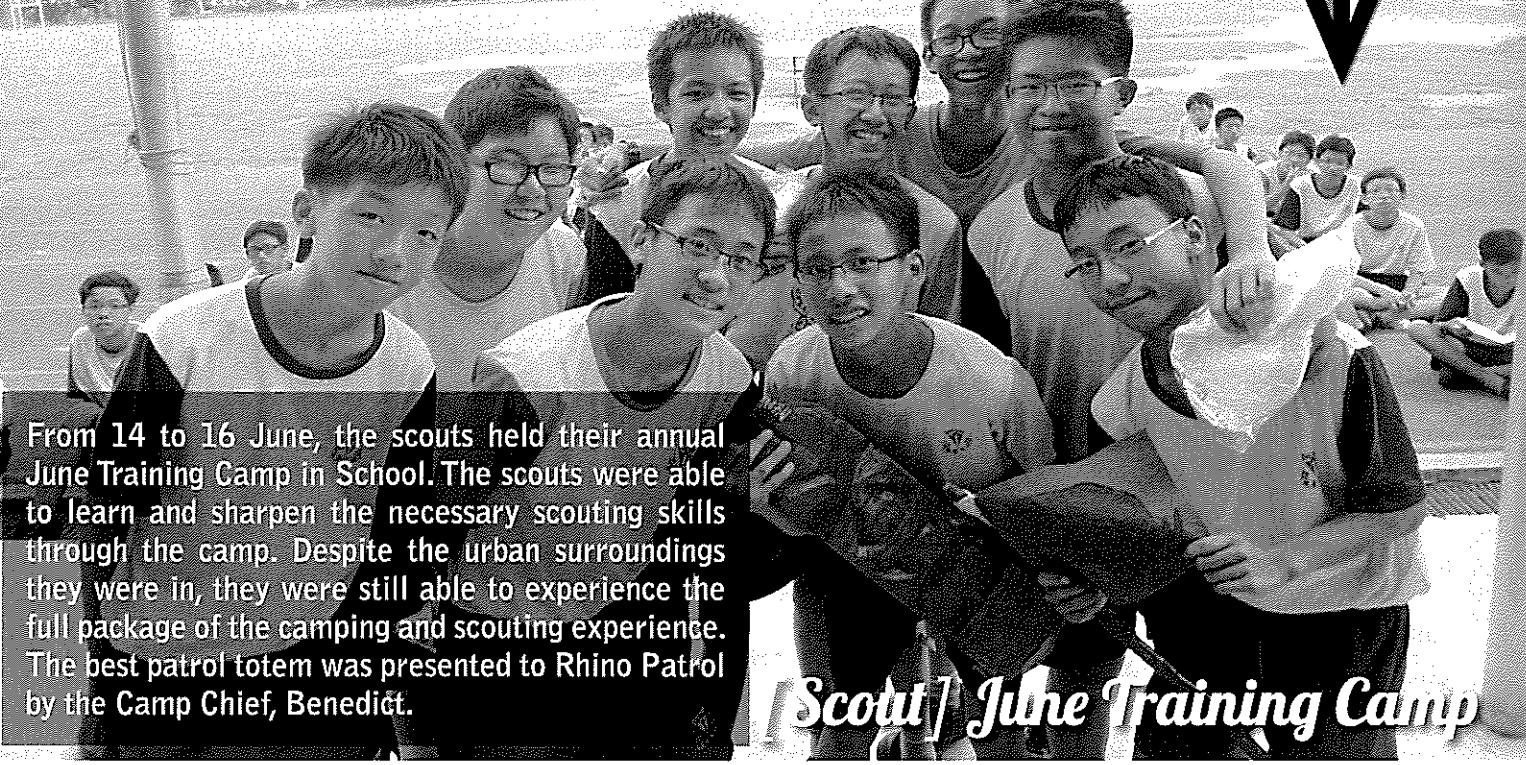
Eight cubs attended this camp held in River Valley Primary School on 7 June, and learnt skills like camp craft, orienteering and first aid alongside other uniformed groups. Other than learning practical skills, the participants also learnt about the history of all the uniformed groups present. The participants also had a baking session. The camp ended with a campfire after the participants were assessed on the skills learnt. Every cub was given a certificate for completing the challenge.





# June Camp '13 Best Patrol- Rhino

TURN ON THE RADIO AND LISTEN TO THE NEWS.  
CAUSE WE'RE GONNA WIN AND YOU'RE GONNA  
LOSE  
WE'VE GOT WINGS AND WE'RE GONNA FLY  
RHINO SPIRIT FLYING HIGH  
R-H-I-N-O  
RHINO



From 14 to 16 June, the scouts held their annual June Training Camp in School. The scouts were able to learn and sharpen the necessary scouting skills through the camp. Despite the urban surroundings they were in, they were still able to experience the full package of the camping and scouting experience. The best patrol totem was presented to Rhino Patrol by the Camp Chief, Benedict.

[Scout] June Training Camp



[Scout] Chief Commissioner's Award Presentation Ceremony

The Chief Commissioner's Award Presentation Ceremony was held on 27 July at the SSA. 4 of our scouts managed to achieve this prestigious award this year. Brendan, Jingsheng, Brandon and Yong Cheng received their certificates from the Chief Commissioner. The ceremony was witnessed by their proud parents.



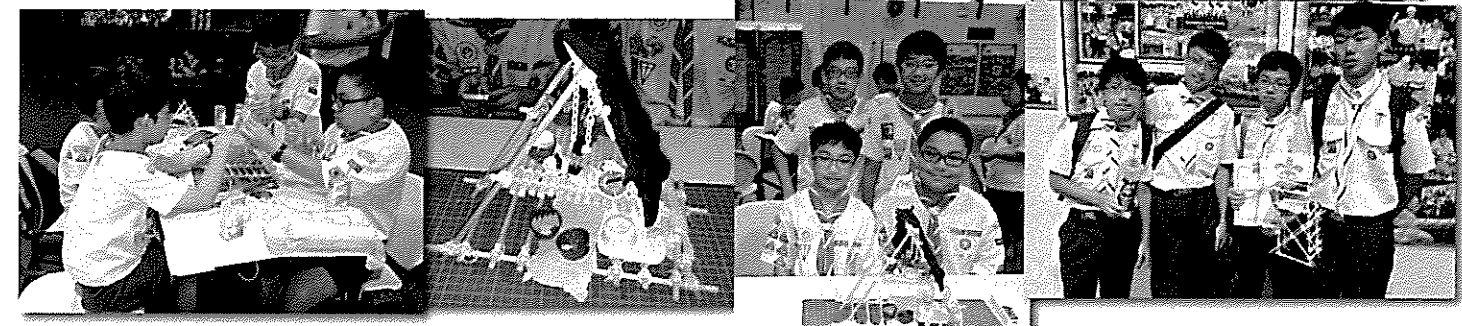




**[Cub/Scout/Venture] District Field Day**

### [Cub/Scout] Mini-Pioneering Competition

The AMK District Mini-Pioneering Competition was held on 31 August at the SSA. This competition saw the cub team of 4 participants achieving first. At the same time, the scouts fielded 2 teams of 4 who managed to clinch First and Second Runner-up.

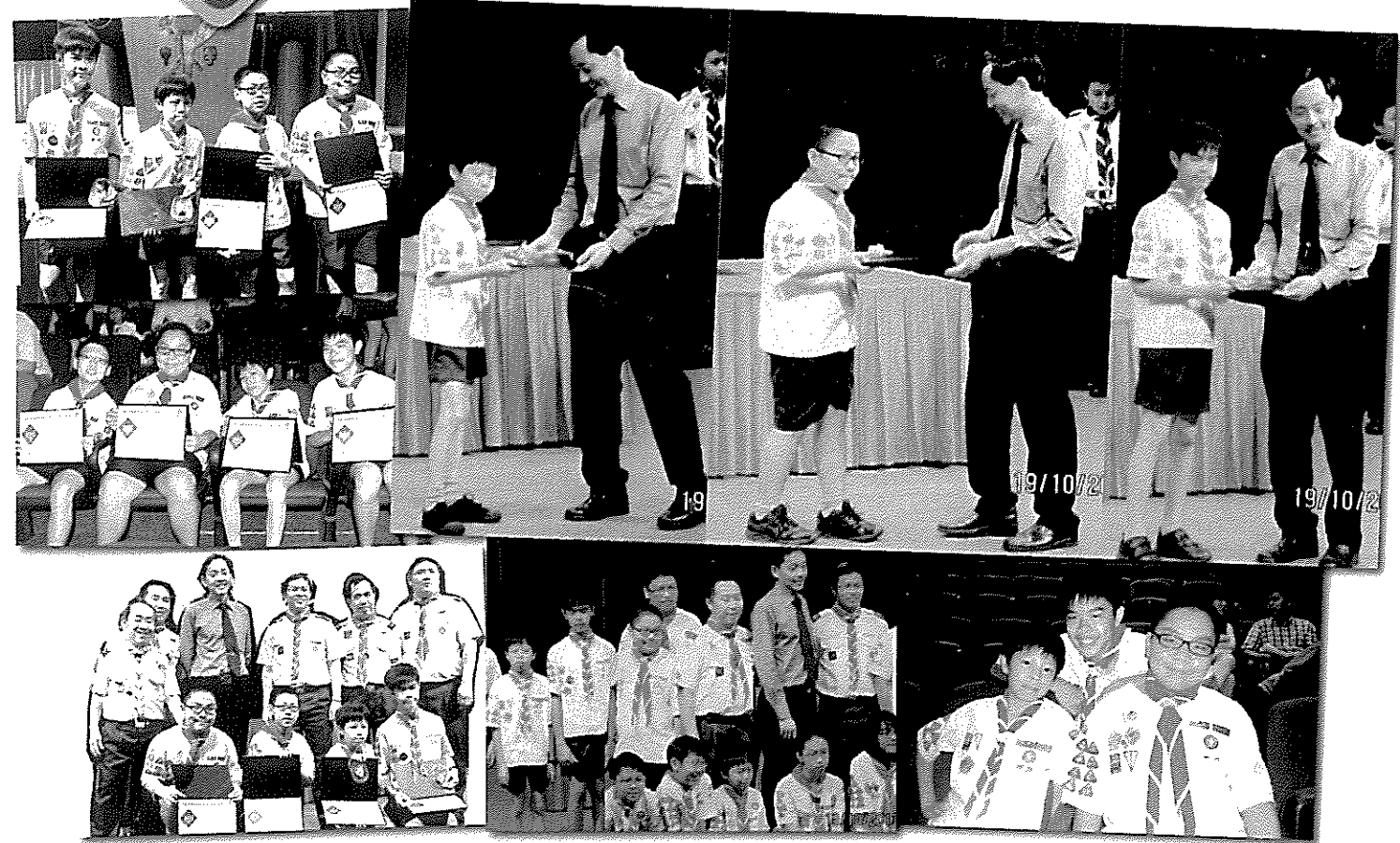


On 3 August, schools from AMK District gathered at Catholic High School for the annual District Field Day. The day's event was conducted in 2 parts, with the cub events in the morning and the scout and venture events in the afternoon. This year, the cubs achieved Gold while our scouts and ventures managed to emerge as overall champions in their respective events.



### [Cub] Akela Award Presentation Ceremony

In the 88th year of cub-scouting in Singapore, our troop saw 5 cubs attaining the Akela Award at Hwa Chong Institution Auditorium. Among them, 3 cubs namely, Lucas Ng, Ray Toh and Siau Yu Chuan, received the award with Honours. The ceremony was held on 19 October.





## APPRECIATION TO OUR FORMER VOLUNTEER ADULT LEADERS

The following volunteer leaders have shown mettle in proving themselves for this award through their unwavering effort and remarkable contribution to Catholic High Scout Group.



Pang Siu San



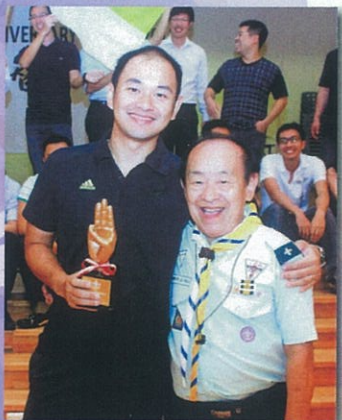
Siau Wei Long



Leon Tan



Ching Wai Shun



Ng Boun Peng



Tan Ngee Koon



Lai Huai Lian



Eugene Lee



Russell Lin



Hoo Kuan Lian



Denise Tyh



Louis Chong

and Ng Jing Cheng, Tham Sai Meng, John Wu

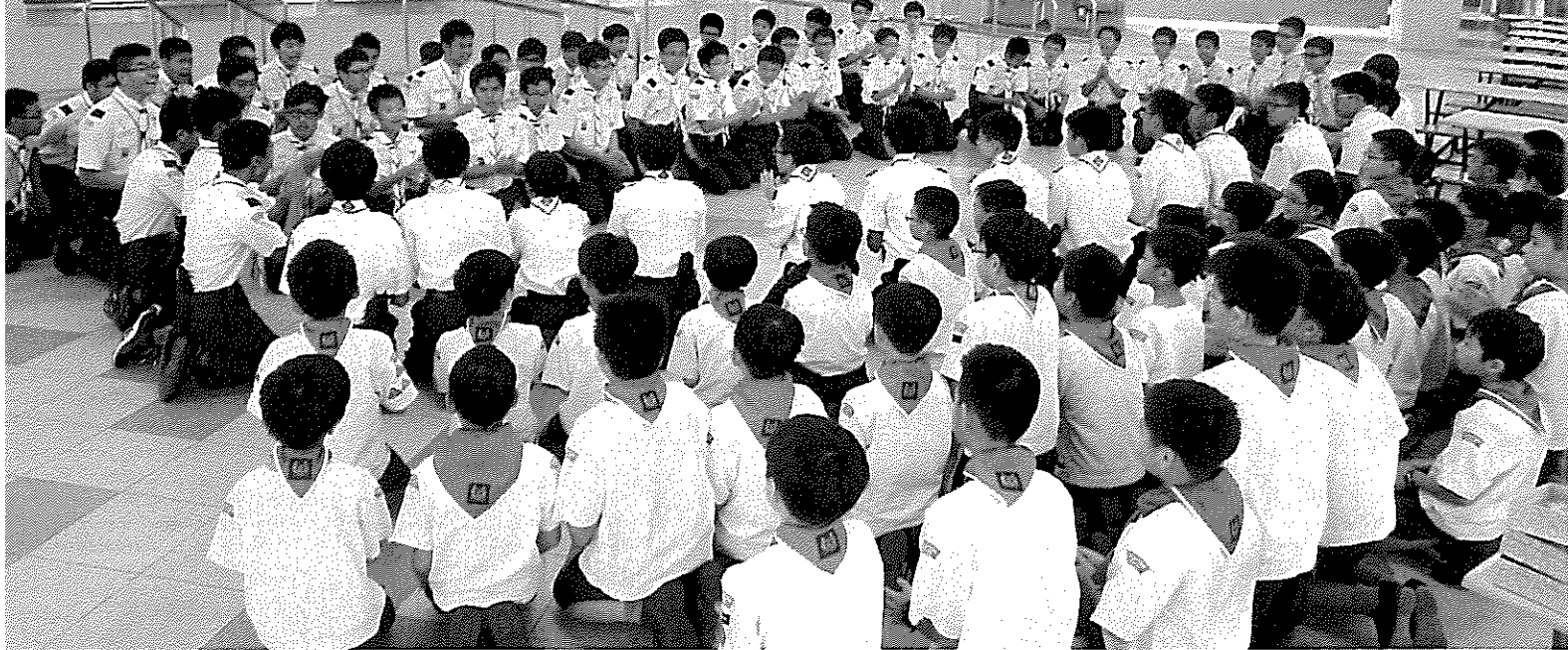
## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Our GSL Andrew Chua**  
 on **his 50-year Long Service Award**  
 from **The Singapore Scout Association**  
 by **SSA President Mr Tan Tee How**  
 on **23 February 2013**

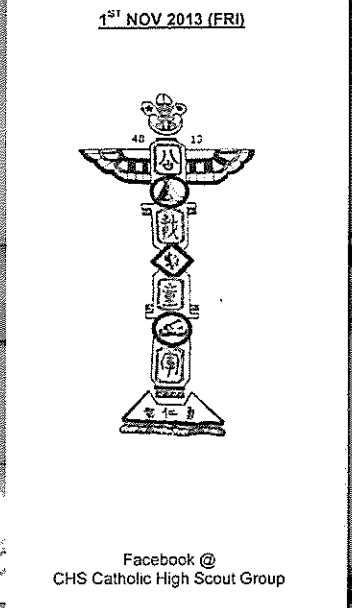
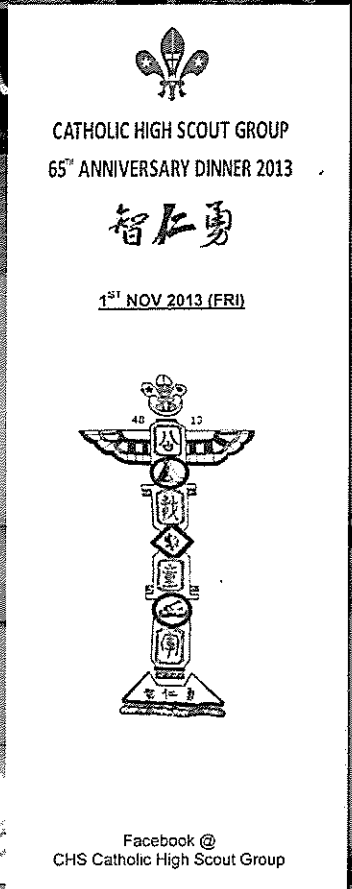
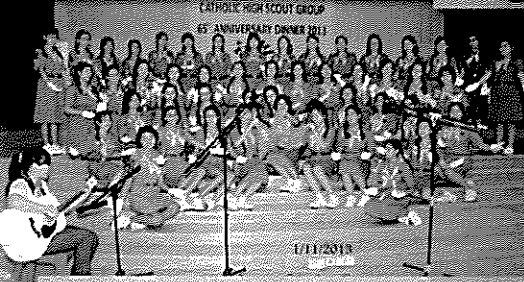
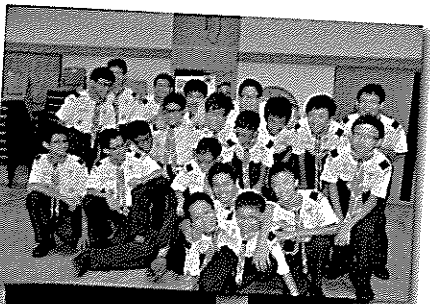




[Cub/Scout/Venture]  
65th Anniversary Dinner



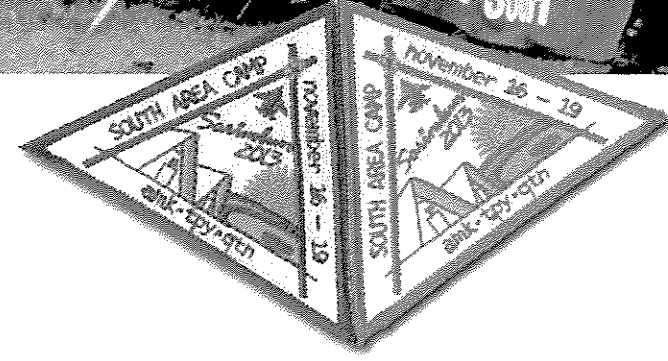
Our troop's 65th Anniversary Dinner was held on 1 Nov in the primary school hall. More than 300 attended this event which included the Vice-Principal, Area Commissioner, District Commissioner, former scouts and our very own scout group members. Included in the program was the presentation of plaques to the past volunteer leaders. Also, our cubs, scouts and guides from Katong Convent put up interesting performances through the night.



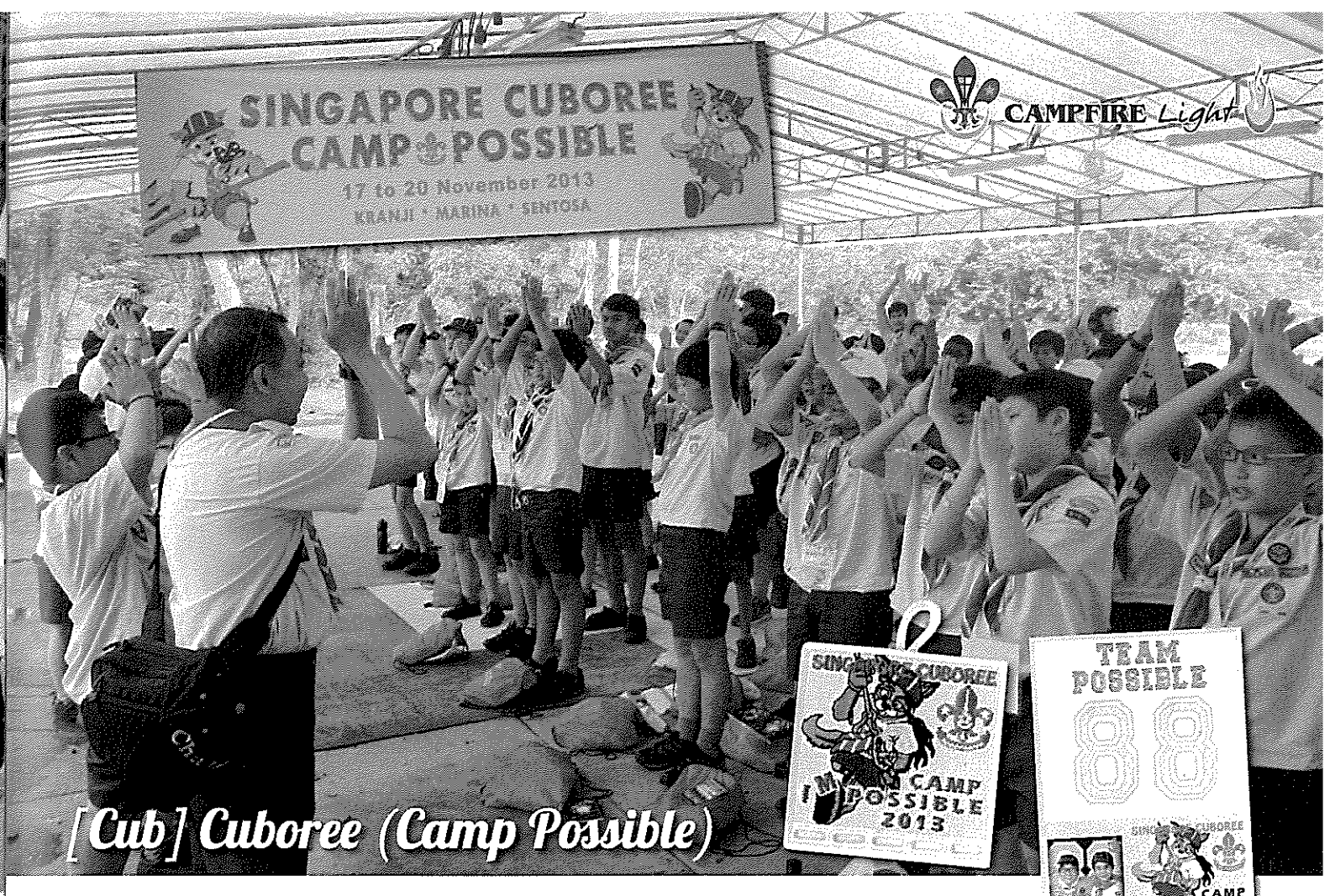
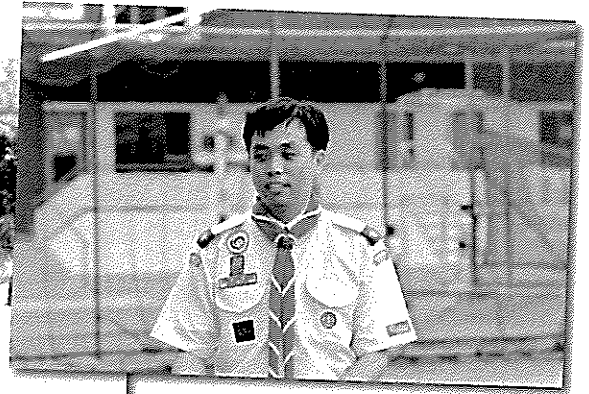
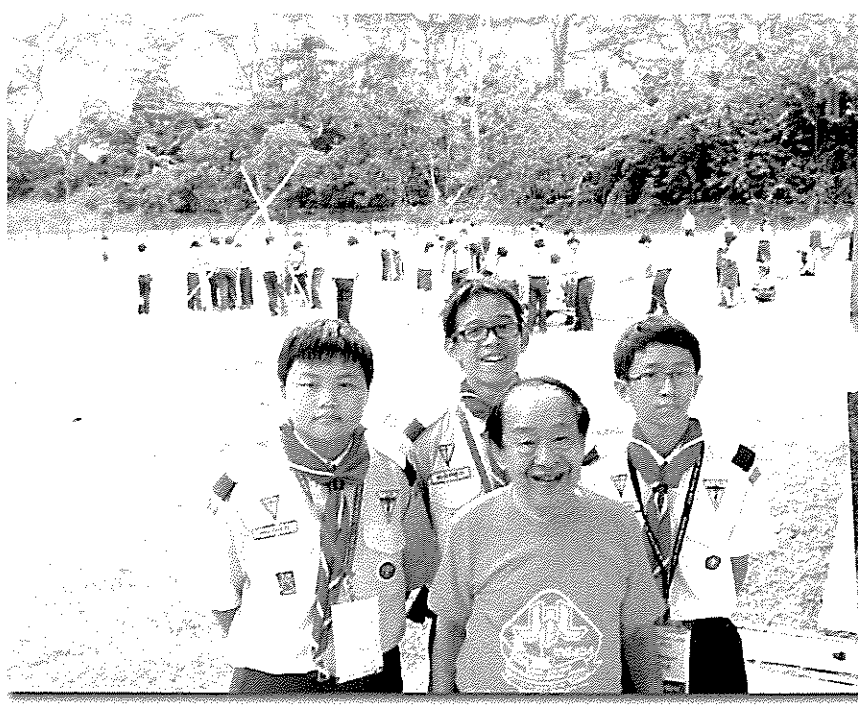




[Scout] South Area Camp



3 scouts from our troop attended the South Area Camp at Sarimbun from 16 to 19 November. Through the camp, they learnt how to persevere and to deal with miscommunications while forming bonds of friendship with other scouts from the area.



[Cub] Cuboree (Camp Possible)

Eleven of our cubs participated in the 2013 Cuboree held from 17 to 20 November in Sarimbun Camp. They started day one with a campfire cum open house, and had many excursions to various tourist attractions and farms. The cubs had a good time mingling with the extension scouts in this activity-filled camp.







**[Venture] President's Scout Award  
Presentation Ceremony**

*President's Awards*

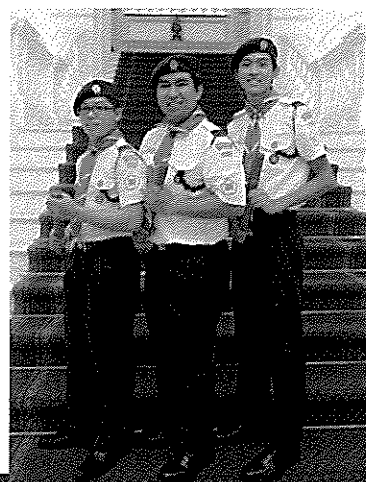
*President's Guide Award*

*President's Scout Award*

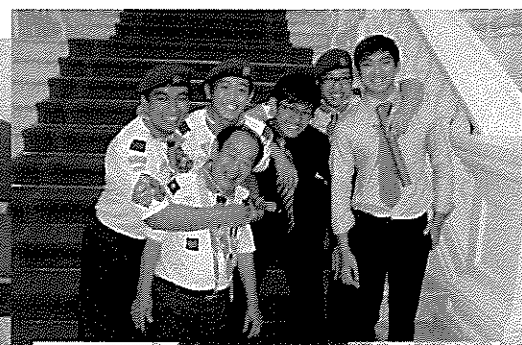
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Guest-of-Honour  
President Tony Tan Keng Yam

Istana  
18 December 2013  
3.00 pm



On 18 December, Lik Xian, Benedict and Teng Jie received their President's Scout Award alongside 9 other ventures from 4 other units at the Istana. Their parents were present to witness the presentation of their certificates by the Chief Scout.



*Girl Guides Singapore*

CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School	Lim Jing Ting, Alicia
CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School	Ng Jing Ting, Audrey
CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School	Soh Yun Man
Crescent Girls' School	Teng Li Sian, Elisabeth
Nanyang Girls' High School	Chua Zhi Qin
Nanyang Girls' High School	Crystal Chong Inn Jhee
Nanyang Girls' High School	Lee Jia Xin
Nanyang Girls' High School	Lee Yi En Jayne
Nanyang Girls' High School	Tan Lyn, Anthea
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)	Chua Chui Wei, Mao
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)	Gong Min Yie
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)	Lee Wan Xin, Ailica
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)	Leong Yuan Man, Estee Faith
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)	Low Tian Ling
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)	Pan Wen

*The Singapore Scout Association*

Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)	Edwin Phua En Hao
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)	Jocel Chan York Yoo
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)	Lee Wai Kei Bryan
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)	Yow Ka Shing
Catholic High School	Benedict Tedjopranoto
Catholic High School	Lim Lik Xian
Catholic High School	Lim Teng Jie
Hwa Chong Institution	Ng Bo Xiang Eugene
Raffles Institution	Jervan Khoo
Raffles Institution	Koh Rui Liang
Raffles Institution	Low Wei Ting Gabriel
Victoria School	Ong Yong Jia





*[Scout] National Patrol Camp*



*[Cub] Investiture*



A total of 35 cubs were invested during the investiture ceremony in school on 12 April. Parents of the newly invested cubs were invited to join in the joyous occasion officiated by our Group Scout Leader, Mr Andrew Chua. Group photographs were taken to commemorate the event.



The 8th NPC held from 28 November to 2 December saw our troop attaining our eighth consecutive Gold Award. We were also in charge of Subcamp South, one of the 5 subcamps this year. The best patrol award went to Zhenghua Secondary Scouts.





## I Remember



The next time you go for a camp or an overnight hike, try paying more attention to the places around you. Keep your eyes peeled for details like buildings or street names. The reason I'm asking you to do this is because, on hindsight, one of the most underrated joys of scouting was the numerous chances we got to explore Singapore's nooks and crannies.

Thinking back, there were three types of places we encountered in our years of scouting. The first were the rustic backwaters which few people knew about. One such place which sticks out in my mind was the Marina Bay station, a night hike checkpoint where we spent the night. Back then, no one used the remote station because it was isolated on a barren piece of land, built before its time to serve today's

Marina financial district. Nevertheless, we were possibly the only ones who could call the old Marina Bay station home for at least one night of our lives.

Secondly, there were places which never occurred to us as important until much later in life. An example would be the old industrial and residential estate of Defu, which I encountered on one of my overnight hikes. With its typical bus stops and coffee shops, the un-striking neighborhood slipped from my mind with the passage of time. Driving through the area many years later conjured flashbacks of me trying to figure out the direction to the next checkpoint as a young scout.

The third type of place was perhaps the most special but also the most fleeting. We came across such a spot during a hike when we discovered an old Chinese temple joined with a restaurant on a kelong. There was only a couple of elderly aunties there who told us the restaurant served mainly Malaysians who'd take their boats over from across the strait, with no passports. That was more than a decade ago and no matter how hard I try, I've never been able to find the quaint little restaurant. As a result, my memories of the place have become increasingly fuzzy, to a point where I start wondering if it was even real.

So the next time you're out on a hike or camp, please keep a lookout of where you are and remember the friends whom you shared these places with so you can all have a laugh and reminisce in the years to come.

Erwin Chan Guorong  
Shark Patrol  
1994-1997

## My Scouting Life

Given the opportunity to write about my experiences as a Catholic High Scout, I took a step back and recounted with fondness the memories and life lessons. Even though summarizing it would do it injustice, I managed to draw out some key lessons which I wish to share.

### 1) Take small steps to achieve the bigger goals

The achievement of progress badges do not come easily. When I first looked at the requirement for them, I was overwhelmed by the complexity, variety and quantity of tasks I need to complete before attaining these milestones. Looking back, I realized that these badges were not so unattainable after all, and all it took was a little patience and dedication to achieve these goals. On a personal level, I saw the attainment of such progress badges as a gauge of my growth and proficiency as a Scout and having both sleeves full of badges gave me immense pride and satisfaction.

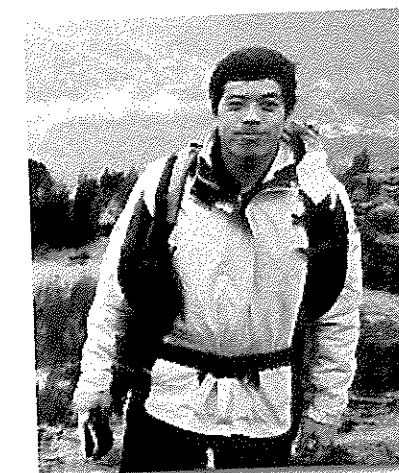
### 2) Enjoy the journey and not so much the destination

Another lesson I learnt was to enjoy the process more and focus less on the end product. More often than not, my peers and I focused too much on the final goal, such as winning a competition, and failed to enjoy the camaraderie experienced during the many days of training. I realized that the bigger prize gained was the experience of the journey together with your fellow Scout mates. I remember a year when we were second best during the Venture Bridge competition. Everyone was disappointed and saddened by the loss, however, it brought the troop closer together, and a strong collective loyalty was formed. At the next competition, we sent in two Venture teams and promptly finished in the top two positions.

### 3) Learn from Scouting and apply to your everyday life

Scouting gave me many chances to learn transferable skills through the many activities. For instance, soft skills like team-work and critical thinking were developed when going through the Venture Obstacle Course. Other more tangible skills, such as outdoor cooking and survival skills, also remain useful to me in the years after Scouting. Personally, I truly enjoyed partaking in Backwoodsman and outdoor cooking, and the experience of cooking for my peers for the whole duration of the National Patrol Camp in 1999 was a daunting but yet satisfying task. Leadership was also another skill I took from Scouting and applied in my National Service days and now in my workplace. Having the chance to manage fellow Scouts as a Patrol Leader taught me early on the complexities of being a leader and friend at the same time. I found this opportunity invaluable and will always be grateful for this chance.

As a Scout, my sense of adventure was piqued during the Ubin Camps and trips like the one to Mount Ophir. My time as a Catholic High Scout was truly enjoyable and I gained so much from being a Scout. I hope many of you reading this will find, or have found your own values gained from your Scouting days. Remember your experiences and live your life with your Scouting values in mind. Scouting is for life. May your Scouting light continue to shine ever brightly!



Eugene Poh  
Eagle Patrol  
1997-2000



# 我的童军日记

集合!!! 每个星期六, 这两个字让即又高兴又担心。高兴是因为我可以和我的朋友度过一个好玩又充实的星期六, 而担心是因为害怕今天又会无缘无故被罚。为什么我会说我们无缘无故被罚, 是因为当时的我不明白纪律对我们人生是多么的重要。现在回想起当时我所受的委屈, 真是太可笑了。



回想当年, 深深烙印在我脑海里的一件事就是我们被罚跑四百米十次, 每圈附加伏地挺身二十次。那时的我怒发冲冠, 记得心想, “这次真的是太过分了! 我们根本没做错, 为何要被罚? 没理由, 没天理! 跑完之后, 我就要转CCA!”

但后来我发现其实那并不是惩罚, 而是一个非常有意义的经验。就是因为我们一起承受这个痛苦, 让我们大家之间的友情变得更坚固, 更深厚。我们学会要彼此支持鼓励, 才能一起完成这些艰巨的惩罚。这也让我学到我们的人生不应该只看结果; 过程更重要。一起经历艰难的日子, 我们可以从中学习到很多做人的道理。只要我们肯学, 肯坚持, 没有事是做不到的。

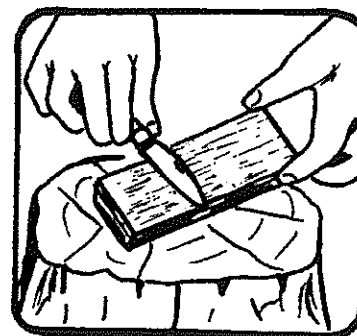
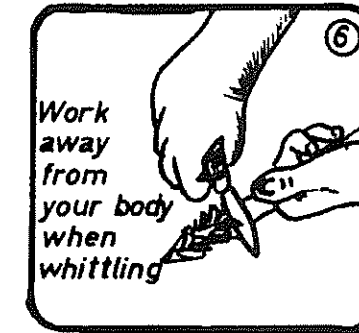
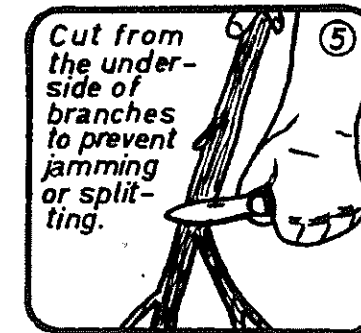
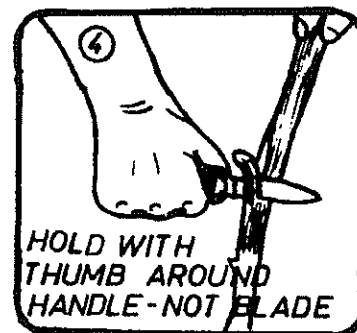
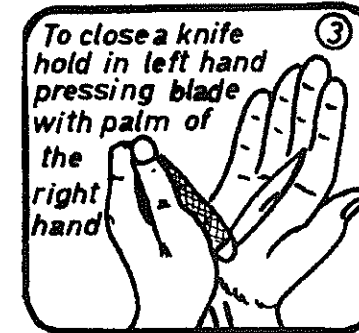
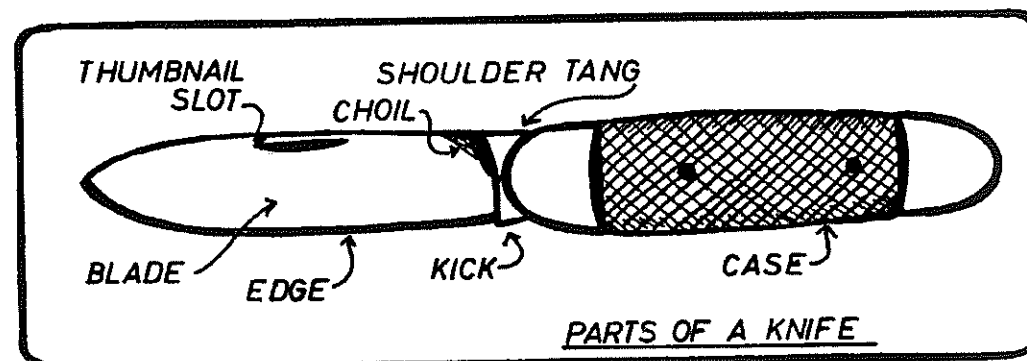
我中一时在Tiger Patrol, 中二成了Pigeon Patrol的APL, 到中三时做了Senior Patrol Leader。既然每一个星期的活动大都是我们自己安排的, 每年我们所学习的事务都大有不同。当你是一名普通的童军时, 只需服从命令。所以当你成了APL 时, 又是另一种体验。做PL时又有另一番感受。身为学长, 学弟们所学的一切都是由你策划。既然经验是由你赋予的, 责任就更重大了。从中我不只学会了如何领导他人, 也懂得如何和他人有效的沟通。对人对事, 我都吸取了宝贵的经验。

这四年的时光对我而言是个重要的磨练; 让我成功的考得President's Scout Award。虽然获奖的人是我, 但在背后支持与鼓励我的人实在是太多了。Ms Pang Siu San, Mr Siau Wei Long, 我的团友, 我的家人还有时时刻刻都在的Mr Andrew Chua。他们在我成长的每一个阶段和过程, 都是功不可没的。如果没有他们, 我应该没办法成功。

我的童军回忆是一个美好和开心的经验, 我真的想回到过去再和同伴们度过那些充满欢乐与泪水的日子。那段回忆, 是我毕生难忘的。

Charles Cheak Seck Lum  
Pigeon Patrol  
1993-1996

## “KNIFECRAFT”



Sharpen a knife on a fairly smooth honing stone which should rest on a firm support. Clean the blade after use and rub the whole knife with an oil rag on occasions and put a drop of oil on the hinge.

DO NOT PLAY THE FOOL WITH A KNIFE - IT IS A USEFUL TOOL BUT NOT A TOY!