

The Panhellenic Jamboree has ended

Dear everyone,
Following the end of the Panhellenic *Centenary* Jamboree on Aug 29th we are back in Athens after an experience of a lifetime which I am grateful to have attended and witnessed with my own eyes.

To begin with I will mention that everyone (incl our own from the Bankstown Group) had the time of their life here and were wishing it went on and on. Some said they wished the hundred year Jamboree went on for a hundred days....

Sunday was the celebration day where 2500 Scouts plus an equal number of visitors attended a fantastic Party at the end of which we were blessed with nature's own light from an August moon (or did the organisers planned it for the happening to be at this particular time?).

While writing this and remembering the experience at this u-

nique atmosphere I will just say that for a person who hates loud noise and large crowds I enjoyed it all immensely amongst a huge group of a most warm happy people united in a celebration of great pleasure (Last night I was overcome by emotion at the activity although I am sure that besides the great noise, singing, whistling, trumpeting and other sounds that contributed, the enthusiasm of the participants is what mainly did it).

To end this short report I am happy to add that resulting from this Jamboree amongst the many decisions to support various worthwhile causes the one to support the donation of organs and blood was to me a choice of urgency as it is very necessary to educate the Greek public who in this area lack the knowledge of its importance.

Tomorrow we the Apodimoi (Overseas) Greek Scouts are having

our own special get together at the Athens Camp of Agios Andreas. We will be discussing the "Helidonia" 2012 or the meeting of the overseas Greek Scouts on the occasion of 100 years of Greek Scouting overseas (by the Greeks in Egypt) for which we shall be planning from now. The aim will be that every Greek Scout and Cub will come to Greece from Australia. (Helidonia = Swallows). Also in 2010 it will be the occasion of the 80 years of Greek Cub Scouts and a Jamboree for Cubs is planned for the first time and the "Helidonia" program to be planned to include participation in the Cub Jamboree.

Well, Cheers and regards, from the many friends of the Greek Scouts of Sydney,

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"Greek Tourism Week" launched in Shanghai

The opening ceremony of "Greek Tourism Week" was held at the Shanghai Library on the afternoon of Aug. 27. The event, which was organized by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Greek National Tourism Organization, has been made possible with the support of the Greek Consulate General in Shanghai. Greece's Minister of Culture and Tourism Pavlos Yeroulanos inaugurated the "Greek Tourism Week" (Aug. 27 - Sept. 3). The Greek high-level delegation under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism during the events also includes the Secretary General of Tourism George Pousseos and the Secretary-General for Olympic Utilization Yannis Pyrgiotis.

Greek Tourism Week will be one of the major events organized in the context of the country's participation in the World Expo, and important issues will be raised in the course of various events (exhibitions, forums) with regard to the synergy between cultural and tourism assets, especially in modern urban environments.

The core activity of the Greek Tourism Week will be an exhibition under the theme "You in Greece" aspiring to highlight closely-related facets of Greece's tourism industry and cultural traditions and suggest ways of further promoting them in the Chinese market. Important segments of the exhibition include: a 3D interactive gateway to Greece's famed scenery, island architecture and landscape; Greece and its magnificent Aegean sea as a honeymoon destination where young couples will have the opportunity to be photographed in front of their favorite landscapes; regeneration of urban landscapes in post-Olympics Athens; the revival of the Olympic Games in the modern era and the significance of the Games and similar mega-events for the development of urban spaces; the Athens-Attica 2014 urban regeneration program engineered by the Environment, Energy and Climate Ministry; the Piraeus Port Authority renovation program aimed at transforming Greece's largest port into an international maritime and cultural center; a presentation of various alternative forms of tourism in different areas of Greece as evidenced in the activities and displays of various local museums and cultural institutions; Greece's celebrated history in ceramic art, both ancient and contemporary, etc.

Taking into consideration the importance attached by both Greece and China to culture and tourism and the common experience shared by the cities of Athens and Beijing, which successfully hosted the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games, respectively, the aforementioned themes of Greek Tourism Week resonate well with the concept of the Shanghai 2010 World Expo "Better City Better Life." Athens, Beijing and Shanghai may share and reflect on their common experiences as hosts of events of international significance and their relevance and importance for the field of domestic and international tourism.

A GREAT SCHOLAR CONFIRMED HIS TWO DEGREES



A very proud family: Mr Theophilos Premetis proudly standing next to his son Spiros, his wife Helen, his brother Arthur and his sister Fotini.

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Spiros with his professor dean of the Australian School of Business

