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To: Chief Commissioner
International Commissioners
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Dear Colleagues:

**Youth Involvement in the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee
Including Sub-Committees and Work Streams**

Greetings from Manila!

We are please to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, in their meeting on 5~6 June 2004 in Bandar Seri Begawan, approved in principle a working paper to involve young adults in the committee of the Asia-Pacific Region.

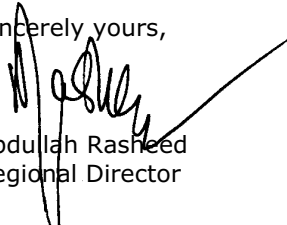
Attached is the policy paper entitled, "Youth Involvement in the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, including Sub-Committees and Work Streams." Please note that this concept will be commencing at the 4th Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum in December 2004 in Brunei Darussalam. The detailed implementing guidelines will be further streamlined at the next APR Scout Committee meeting in Brunei. National Scout Organizations will be notified accordingly.

Under the new concept paper, six young people will be elected from the Youth Forum in Brunei to form the Young Adult Member Group of the Region. These six members will elect their Chairman, who shall represent the youth of the region at all appropriate forums. The elected Chairman of the Young Adult Member Group shall be the Chairman and member of the planning committee of the next Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum, as well.

We will appreciate it if you can study this paper and help your participants to prepare for the 4th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, especially towards this initiative of involving youth members at regional level, their responsibility as Young Adults Member and their role in the process of organizing future Youth Forums.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


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Regional Director

Youth Involvement in the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee Including Sub Committees / Work Streams

PREAMBLE

The inclusion of Young Adult Members in the Asia Pacific Region demonstrates our belief in the capability of young people to take responsibilities at Regional level, and providing young people with experience in operating within Regional and World level structures. Young Adult Members shall be allowed to speak, contribute regularly and Committee members shall listen and take their presentations into consideration.

PRINCIPLES

1. Young Adult Members to the Regional Sub Committees / Work Streams must be chosen through appropriate procedures. They should be representative of youth aged 18 – 26 years of age (male and female) around the Asia Pacific Region and should bring the views of other young people.
2. The inclusion of Young Adult Members in the Asia Pacific Regional Operational Framework demonstrates the Regional Committees belief in the capability of young people to take responsibility at Regional Level, and would provide young people with experience in operating with regional level structures.
3. The young people participating in the Sub Committees / Work Streams of the Asia Pacific Region be given a true and active role, and be allowed to fully participate in the meetings. Young Adult Members will be invited to attend the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee meeting.
4. At each Regional Youth Forum, young people will be invited to elect six Young Adult Members for the coming triennium. These six Young Adult Members will be requested to indicate their interest and availability to participate in the discussions and work towards any issues on which the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee would like to have the input of young people in any of the following Sub-Committees / Work Streams. Ideally each sub-committee / work stream will have one Young Adult Member.
 - Youth Program
 - Adult Resources
 - Management
 - Financial Resources
 - Scouting's Profile
5. Young Adult Members shall have a responsibility to report back and keep dialogue with the participants from the Regional Youth Forum and to continue to discuss issues with young people around the Region during their mandate period of office (up to three years).
6. The WSB - Regional Office will encourage young people as Interns or as Project Officers for periods of three to twelve months, as this would be a positive step towards the inclusion of input of young people in the work of the World Scout Bureau – Regional Office.
7. The Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee should consider the financial implications that are required to truly implement youth involvement in the decision-making in the Region. In particular, allowance should be made for some financial subsidy from the Asia Pacific Region to allow Young Adult Members to travel to and participate in meetings. National Scout Organisations/and or the individual will need to meet the remainder of the financial resources necessary.
8. Commencing with the Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum, Brunei, December 2004, one of the six members of Young Adult Members will be elected as the Chairman of the Group who shall represent the youth of the region at all appropriate forums.
9. The elected Chairman of the Young Adult Member Group shall be the Chairman and member of the planning committee of the next Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum.

NOTE: This document is a revised edition following the referendum of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee on 22 June 2004