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To: International Commissioners
Chief Scout Executives

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Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting in Asia Pacific and Beyond

Dear Colleagues,

In 2007 the world will celebrate the dawn of a new century of Scouting. Ahead of us is a vast opportunity to demonstrate the unique value of Scouting to the world, to raise the profile of Scouting, and to celebrate the future.

We have only four years to plan for projects and activities that are long-term and far reaching, as well as meaningful to young people and impact-giving to the global community.

We are happy to inform you that an APR 2007 Task Force was set up during the last Regional Conference to oversee the centenary celebrations at regional level. During its meeting in January 2003 in Thailand, the Task Force agreed to gather from National Scout Organizations their existing programs or plans for the centenary celebration. Ideas are welcome for a synchronized celebration in the region.

The Task Force, through the regional office, will document NSO plans as well as consolidate proposals for regional events to be presented at the Regional Scout Committee meeting on 28-29 June 2003, and will form part of discussions during the Leaders Summit this October in Jakarta. *It is therefore appreciated if your national plans and suggestions are shared with the APR office latest by the 31st of May 2003.*

For a better focus or thematic framework for the celebration, here are some projects and activities at world level, which are being looked after by the 2007 World Scout Task Force:

Centenary Project: Gifts for Peace

The "Gifts for Peace" will be the focal point of 2007. This is a long-term project, which will commence in 2005. In 2004 all National Scout Organizations will be invited to offer a "Gift for Peace" to celebrate 2007. These projects will involve Scouts from every age group in each country. Examples of "Gifts for Peace" are – projects to encourage sustainable development, projects to encourage the implementation of human rights, projects to promote education and health, environmental projects.

World 2007 Activities

- *Sunrise Ceremony:* On 1st August 2007, 100 years from the day Baden Powell first blew his Kudu horn to open the first ever Scout camp on Brownsea Island, Scouts around the world will celebrate the dawn of the second century of Scouting with the Sunrise ceremony.

As the sun rises, Scouts and former Scouts will gather to renew the Scout Promise and demonstrate their commitment to the spread of Scouting and its ideals.

- *21st World Scout Jamboree, UK*: The Jamboree, at Hylands Park (Essex), will host 40,000 Scouts from 28th July to 8th August 2007.
- *Join in Programmes*: "Join in Centenary" Programmes, as well as "Jamboree on the Internet" and "Jamboree on the Air" will be run alongside to enable all other Scouts around the world to share in Jamboree experiences.

Many more activities can be developed based on significant dates, e.g. the founding of Scouting in your country, celebratory camps and ceremonies and events. For more details, visit www.scouting2007.org.

Many thanks in advance for your active sharing.

Yours sincerely,



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