Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Diversity and Inclusion

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Support Centre!

The Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, in partnership with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, is organizing the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Diversity and Inclusion on 22-26 June 2018.

Diversity and Inclusion is one of WOSM’s Strategic Priorities. Over the years, WOSM has made efforts to make Scouting inclusive by valuing the diversity of local and national communities.

Workshop Objectives

At the end of the workshop, the participants will be able to:

- Establish a common understanding of the principles of diversity and inclusion in all aspects of operation at region and national levels
- Identify specific and generic issues for NSOs
- Provide participants the practical tools in reinforcing diversity and inclusion at all levels of Scouting
- Use the trainer approach that enable participants to train others and duplicate the workshop in their countries
- Develop action plans for NSOs to implement their common learnings

Eligibility

This workshop is expected to gather key leaders, volunteers and professionals who are responsible for diversity and inclusion and who are willing to commit as their NSO’s focal persons for D&I in the long term. Program Commissioners, Scout officials and full-time executives responsible for membership for community-based Scouting, Scouting for the differently-abled, Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (CEDC), among others are welcome to join.

Date and Duration

The workshop will be conducted on the 22nd until the 26th of June 2018. It will run for 5 days, inclusive of arrivals and departures, workshop proper and educational tours.

Venue

Baden Powel International Hotel, Ermita, Manila, Philippines

Arrival and Departure

Participants are expected to arrive in Manila thru the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) not later than 1400H of 22 June 2018, Friday and may depart after 1600H of 26 June 2018, Tuesday.
Workshop Fee
Each participant will be charged with a workshop fee of **USD150.00** to defray expenses for meals (from dinner of 22nd June until afternoon snacks of 26th June), accommodation (triple or twin sharing, 6 days and 5 nights, from 22nd June until 27th June), workshop materials, souvenirs and educational tour.

On another note, the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre, in collaboration with the National Scout Organizations, will be identifying one professional or volunteer Scout leader per NSO who is capable in helping in the promotion of Diversity and Inclusion in his/her NSO and in the region for a long term. The WSB/APSC will be covering the cost of meals and accommodation, including a minimal subsidy for a roundtrip air ticket, subject to the availability of funds.

Visa
Most nationals are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay of thirty (30) days. Here are some guidelines on the entry of temporary visitors to the Philippines - [https://www.dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa](https://www.dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa). If you need a visa prior to arrival, you should contact an Embassy or a Consulate of the Republic of the Philippines nearest to you and inform the Boy Scouts of the Philippines the soonest.

Working Language
The working language of the workshop is English. As such, National Scout Organizations are requested to select participants who are able to understand and take an active part in the discussion in English.

To nominate your representative, kindly fill out the attached reply slip and send it electronically to the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre, with a copy to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines **not later than 18 May 2018, Friday**.

For more details and/or clarifications regarding the workshop, you may contact any of the following:

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Your support and cooperation in making this workshop a success would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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