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To : Chief Commissioners  
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**APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management**

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Support Centre!

In today's world, it is a must that we are always prepared. Since the last decade, the countries in the Asia-Pacific has suffered from deadly disasters (tsunamis, flood, earthquake, typhoon, forest fire, etc.) and some have the recurrence gap that is shortening.

It is a felt need that as a Scout, we shall "Be Prepared" to face the challenge and be able to serve efficiently.

As identified by top NSO leaders during the last Summit and in the APR Conference, in this triennium, we will focus in strengthening our capacity in disaster response. With this, the "APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management" is being organized and will be hosted by Scout Association of Japan. Details are as follows:

- Date :** 05 - 9 October 2016  
(arrival on early morning of 5<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday and departure on late night of 9<sup>th</sup> October, Friday)
- Venue :** Tsukuba International Congress Center  
Ibaraki, Japan
- Participants :** This workshop is proposed to gather a maximum of 40 national and sub-national level leaders who are involved/ responsible for/ have interest in the area of disaster management. Should be ready to accept the role of NSO coordinator and committed to further strengthen the NSO capacity and able to establish local network.
- Aim :** To bring understanding on the nature of global risks, identify the best preventive methods in disaster management, and how best to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters locally and internationally.
- Objectives :**
- To introduce key concepts in disaster management
  - To identify the role of Scouts at pre- during- post disaster stages
  - To develop system of networking amongst and within NSOs in managing relief work
- Methods :** Talk, Panel Presentation, Case Presentation and Study, Project Workgroups
- Registration Fee :** USD \$150.00 covers inland transport, Food (from lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> October to lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> October) and accommodation during the event (check-in on 5<sup>th</sup> October and check out on 9<sup>th</sup> October), programme materials.

**Visa:** Japan has various visa requirements for different nationals. You may inquire through the Consular section of the Embassy or Consulate of Japan or you may visit [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/) for more information. Should you require visa, please send your passport details well in advance for a visa request letter to the host organizing committee. Apply for your visa well ahead of your travel date to avoid last minute rush and disappointment.

NSOs are requested to send their nominations using the attached reply slip latest by **30 July 2016**. Further details to follow.

Happy Scouting everyone!

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rizal C. Pangilinan', written over a horizontal line.

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