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To: Chief Commissioners
   International Commissioners
   Chief Scout Executives

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9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum

Candidates for the Young Adult Members Group: 2018 - 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Regional Office!

Following Regional Circular no. 15/2018 calling for nominations for the Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) for the term 2018-2021, we are pleased to announce that we have received ten (10) nominations.

Names of candidates are listed alphabetically by NSOs, as follows:

1. Ruhi Rusaba Jahwa Jahan - Bangladesh Scouts
2. Heng Sovichea - Cambodia Scouts
3. Ruan, Chun-Lin - The General Association of the Scouts of China
4. Chow, Yik-Man Edwin - Scout Association of Hong Kong
5. Kumar Ritesh Agarwal - Bharat Scouts and Guides (India)
6. Riski Dwi Amanda – Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesia)
7. Muhammad Naufal Bin Othman - Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia
8. Hassan Mohamed - Scout Association of Maldives
9. Oliver John Christian Liu - Boy Scouts of the Philippines
10. Lim, Wei-Yung – The Singapore Scout Association
Based on the YAMG concept paper, the number of young people to be elected is determined by the number of Sub-Committees created by the APR Scout Committee.

For the next triennium, the APR Scout Committee has created five [5] sub-committees and therefore, the 8th APR Scout Youth Forum will be electing six [6] people to the Young Adult Members Group. The Chairman of the Young Adult Members Group will be elected from among the six elected members and s/he will be a voting member of the Regional Scout Committee (APR Constitution, Article VIII.5)

Attached are the personal and Scouting profiles of the candidates. The profile is based on the content of the nomination forms submitted by National Scout Organizations.

Please pass a copy of this document to your participants to the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Director

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Candidates for the Young Adult Members Group
2018 – 2021
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Ruhi Rusaba Jahwa Jahan
Bangladesh Scouts

Scouting Background

- President's Scout Awardee in 2014
- Member, National Youth Programme Committee of Bangladesh Scouts
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 30th APR Scout Jamboree 2013
  - 25th APR Scout Conference 2015
  - 41st World Scout Conference 2017
  - APR Education Forum 2017

Why should I be elected by the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group? (extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

I would like to be a candidate of YAMG because being a YAMG member, I will get to represent the youths of the whole APR region and contribute to make changes that will help grow APR as a region and push youths towards a better future.

To find new scopes for youth involvement, such as including diverse population in this movement.

To review previous youth forum recommendations with everyone’s help and find out the implementation status.

To contribute in the region as a youth voice and relay youths’ thoughts, desires, dreams and reflect these in policymaking.

As the APR vision states that scouting is to be recognised as the preferred and leading educational movement offering relevant programmes in all segments of society, I would like to be a part of its implementation process and help APR achieve the glory along with my fellow mates.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021? (extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

The APR vision requires everyone’s participation and the regions growth in order for scouting to be recognized as the leading educational movement offering relevant program in all segments of society. In order to do that, I have to work together with the young people and the adults.

To achieve the goal, my plan is to contribute in the following manner:

- Addressing every community in order to increase scouts with different background: ethnic groups, tribal population, street children (Ticket to Life), differently able children (children with special needs), teen rehab canters, transgender community etc.
- Encouraging NSOs to develop and design their youth program in accordance with the World Scout Youth program policy.
- Encouraging every NSO in the APR to involve youths in decision-making.
- Recommend for arranging more Dialogue for Peace/Cultural Dialogue trainings including scouts and non-scouts especially in conflicting areas.
- Motivating youths to initiate projects with partners to address the issues related to cultural conflicts, environment pollution, SDGs, gender equality, Safe from Harm etc.
- Encouraging NSOs so that they influence youths to work with the institutions and peer groups to encourage them in promoting scouting.
- Last but not the least, taking in account any relevant suggestions from anyone to achieve the desired goal.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Heng Sovichea
Cambodia Scouts

Scouting Background

- Member, National Executive Committee of Cambodia Scouts 2015 - present
- Volunteer at Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC) in Korea, 2017 and 2018
- Project Manager, “Project Sunshine 2017”, a project between Cambodia Scouts and Singapore Scouts supporting young people living in conflict situations globalizing the “Messenger of Peace” Network in the local Community
- Member, Project Sunshine 2015

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(extracted word-for-word from the YAMG nomination form)

According to my experiences, willing to be, getting support from Cambodia Scouts’ leaders and from scouts & Rovers members whom choose me to stand as a candidate from Young Adult Members Group. So I may become a messenger for them to transfer the new information of Scouting, share knowledge about Scout skills with them; collect issues from other countries to improve my NSO for better future and also become a person represent of The Cambodia Scouts to be part of Asia Pacific Region in discussing, collecting issues needing of youth and finding the solutions or ways to make future’s youth better and better. The 9th APR Scout Youth Forum should elect me as YAMG because of the reasons above, willing to contribute to improve and develop youth for them by follow the word “Scouts Creating a Better World”.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word from the YAMG nomination form)

To contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021, I commit to develop the future better for Scouts who may be the future leaders. By following the guidelines, goal and vision of APR. Continue working in community to be closed to scouts & rovers and collect more ideas; issues from them. Studying about issues that they may face with and what issues may be happened to them in future. Other more, I commit to work as a messenger of Scouts to put their ideas and issues into National level and also regional level (APR) for discussing and finding best solution for them.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Ruan, Chun-Lin
The General Association of the Scouts of China (Taiwan)

Scouting Background

- Outstanding Scout of Taiwan, 2016
- Member, National Rover Committee, 2018 – 2019
- Staff, Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland, 2016
- Participated in the CJK-B Project in Bangladesh, 2015
- Scout of the World Award, 2015
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 8th APR Scout Youth Forum 2015
  - 25th APR Scout Conference 2015
  - 23rd World Scout Jamboree 2015

Why should I be elected by the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

I was inspired by the ideas of youth involvement after being a participant of the 8th APRYF in Korea. The visions and the passion behind the ideas gave me a brainstorm. It strengthened my belief that I have to be a contributor to these ideas for the better development of scouting, and for a better world. Since then, I have been trying to participate in various decision-making posts and roles to promote youth involvement, from the local level to the global level.

From being one of the staffs of the MoP Workshop, it enhanced my problem-solving skills and communication ability. I have also become the youngest chairperson of the executive committee of the National Rover Conference since it first started in 1987. I had worked as a Pinkie in KISC, where I had an opportunity for a glance of operation in a world-class scout center and learned to respect cultural diversities.

As the Lord BP said, "Be Prepared." I will try my best to be prepared for the challenges in the future if I have the opportunity to lead the Scout movement in the APR. With 18 years of scouting, 3 years of preparation, and other youth involvement experiences, I am ready. Please do let me take the position to lead the Scout Movement in the APR toward greater success.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

1. Attend workshops, forums, and conferences to improve interaction between different generations and communities.
2. Participating in international Scout events to know the thinking of youth and to share my experience with more people.
3. Hold YAMG meetings annually to improve the connection between YAMG members. Therefore, we can receive the latest information from each sub-committee.
4. Promote NSOs in the APR to hold their own youth forum. Thus, opinions from the youth would be heard by NSOs and can be reported to APR committee. Improve youth in APR to transfer information more frequently regarding Scout events in each NSO.
5. Encourage youth to establish and to take part in more international cooperative programs. (For example, CJK-B project, which is cooperated by Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Bangladesh.)
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

CHOW, YIK-MAN EDWIN
Scout Association of Hong Kong

Scouting Background

- Golden Bauhinia Award, 2007 (Highest Cub Scout Award)
- Chief Scout Award, 2011 (Highest Scout Award)
- Dragon Scout Awardee 2015 (Highest Venture Scout Award)
- APR Outstanding Scout Winner 2015
- Grantham Uniformed Youth Groups Outstanding Service Awardee, Government of Hong Kong 2016
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 8th APR Scout Youth Forum 2015
  - 25th APR Scout Conference 2015

Why should I be elected by the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

Throughout my 18-year service in Scout Movement, I received remarkable non-formal education, gained valuable life skills and obtained various experiences on National and international Scouting. In Hong Kong, I have been actively engaging in decision-making processes such as the Venture Scout Council and Scout Board as a youth member and young leader, during which I genuinely realize how youth involvement could expand one’s horizon as a way of youth empowerment.

My participation in the 8th APR Scout Youth Forum held in Korea and my service in Scout Association of Hong Kong as Vice-chairman of Venture Scout Council and Assistant Headquarters Scouter equipped me as an active scout member and strong fit in promoting intergenerational dialogues and exchanges on national scouting subject matters. Also, being selected as an Outstanding Scout Winner in the Asia-Pacific Region encouraged me to step up to run for the election of YAMG, and to dedicatedly contribute on Scout Movement on the regional level. I am determined to work closely with other YAMG members and both youth and adult Scout members in the Region, to promote the growth of youth involvement level in Scouting of Asia-Pacific Region, and ensure that it is and will be a stable and leading educational youth movement.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

If I am elected as a member of YAMG, continuing the promotion and implementation of “Youth Engagement” within the NSOs in APR would be prioritized during my term-of-office, given that YAMG essentially represents youth Scout members within APR. For the term 2018-2021, I am committed to working closely with other YAMGs altogether with the APR Scout committee and Programme Sub-committee to carry out more workshops and meetings for the implementation and execution of Youth Involvement to empower youth member to take active role on decision making in Scouting in multiple aspects and on different levels, including the national level.

I would also actively communicate with youth representatives of each NSOs via different channels, and if possible, be a participating consultant in their youth forum, to facilitate the exchange of ideas and dialogue between youth members, YAMG and the committees in APR. With the role of YAMG, I am committed to ensuring that Scouting in APR and its NSOs would continue empowering Young people to acknowledge their active role in Scouting and in their communities through our shared value system and Scout promise, as to promote Scout movement as preferred and leading youth movement in the societies of APR where Scouting exists.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Kumar Ritesh Agarwal
Bharat Scouts and Guides (India)

Scouting Background

- Rashtrapati Scout (President Scout) Awardee, 2015
- Active member of the state and district level youth committee
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 8th International Scout Gathering Sharjah, UAE 2018

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(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

Scouting is a youth organisation and basically what we should concentrate on is empowering the youth and giving them the opportunity to shine better and brighter for both the organisation and their personal growth. I feel that I have that potential to lead from the front and develop a team rather than a youth battalion and help in accomplishing the goals. Moreover we all represent our culture traditions, unity, brotherhood and motherland whenever we are in uniform. Keeping this feeling of unity and brotherhood in mind I think the committee should elect me because they can count on me.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

Most importantly the vision says about the growth and stability of the movement and I think to accomplish that I can set up a youth battalion to contribute to the goal. I wish for the opportunity of education for all and empowering youths with knowledge and I can help the movement with this. One of the main task for attaining the objectives will be developing international peace through community service based activities. Service and universal brotherhood through scouting shall be the hallmark of the propaganda.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Riski Dwi Amanda
Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesia)

Scouting Background

- Secretary, National Rover Council 2016 - 2018
- Pramuka Garuda (Eagle Scout) 2012
- Joined the National Rover Council in 2014
- Performed different community projects since 2012
- You Pioneer of Bekesi City West Java 2012

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There are 2 (two) main reasons why I want to register as a YAMG candidate. First, becoming a YAMG member has been my greatest desire since 2015. Second, as a representative of Gerakan Pramuka, I understand that I have to go through a process to enrol in that position and this is the path I have chosen. Third, I am sure that my years of experience in Scouting will contribute to further learning once I join YAMG, and this is where I can learn to play an active role in "Creating a Better World" through Scouting.

I encourage the APR Scout Youth Forum to vote for me because I have fruitful experiences and practices in Scouting, especially during my 4 (four) years of service in Gerakan Pramuka National Rover Council. I also attended both APR Youth Forum and APR Conference 2015 in South Korea, and this learning experience has enriched my knowledge and strengthened my will to take the lead in this year’s YAMG Candidate.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

My contribution to APR Vision 2021 will be actively engaged in activities which bring major impacts on society instead of merely ceremonial activities as well as actively involved in social media promotions i.e. posting news on youth activities and log more service hours on scout.org. I believe that impacts of Scouting shared in social media, also scout.org, will bring Scouting to the top activity performed in both Asia-Pacific Region and worldwide.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Muhammad Naufal Othman
Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia

Scouting Background

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Recipient
- Community Outreach Volunteer since 2017
- Volunteer, Malaysian Nature Society 2018

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Each candidate went through a process of thorough selection in their represented NSOs. The selections include exploring the horizon of thinking of the candidates. Experience may play a big role, but it would do no good without clear vision. Being part of my NSO allows me to have a view on what are the problems arose and the solutions required. Over the past few campaigns and conference, we seek to achieve better understanding of the common share values and interest in scouting not just in Malaysia but also all around the region.

I believed that my ability to mingle well with people is an added advantage. I wish to connect with other related volunteering bodies and organisations to allow a more comprehensive exposure can be achieved and scouting being able to focus on achieving a better scouting profile. Despite not having to represent as much in scouting, but I believe I will be able to merge my experience in my field I represent to allow myself to achieve the goals intended in scouting. I would do my best to be able to represent the scouts well and commit myself as a YAMG.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

The APR Vision seek to be recognized as the leading youth movement offering programs in all segments. Therefore, the continuity of programs is important to ensure the vision can be achieved. Publication plays a role in ensuring the current information can be circulated all around and publication also plays a role in attracting youth to engage in scouting. Becoming a YAMG carries a responsibility to represent the scouts all around, frequent communication is vital.

If I become a YAMG, I would appoint few sub-committees of my own which includes the states representative so that I could connect with the scouts better. Living in such modernized world, social media plays an ever-important role to connect scouts around the region. Therefore, a proper two-way communication website (similar to scout.org) with a more interactive features would be recognized focusing profiling of scouts all around the APR region with the cost and maintenance to be governed by the appointed sub-committees. It may sounds hard but in three years, it is possible to achieve such connections all around. Connection also focuses on the healthy relationship with the adults in order to ensure sustainable funding and that common shared objectives can be achieved.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Hassan Mohamed
The Scout Association of Maldives

Scouting Background

- Member, National Scout Council, Scout Association of Maldives
- Volunteer, Maldivian Red Crescent
- Vice-Chairman, National Youth Council 2015 - 2017
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 8th APR Scout Youth Forum 2015
  - 25th APR Scout Conference 2015
  - 13th World Scout Youth Forum 2017
  - 41st World Scout Conference 2017

Why should I be elected by the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

I consider myself a suitable candidate for the Young Adult Members Group for many reasons. Firstly, my experience in the top level of governance in my National Scout Organization and attending the last Regional and World Scout Forums and Conference and actively participating in preparing and proposing resolutions have made me aware of the challenges faced by Scouting across the world. APR is one of the most diverse Scouting regions with different types of challenges on all levels, my understanding and experience of Scouting in the grassroots to the top level of Scouting will be an advantage when these concerns are addressed over the next triennium.

As I already have experience working in and leading sub-committees of governance bodies I am already prepared to fulfil one of the most important duties of being YAMG member which is to fully participate in the Regional Committee or its sub-committees. If elected to the YAMG I will work towards creating a network of young people across the region to make sure their voices are heard and taken into consideration of the APR governance bodies.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

I am quite familiar with the APR vision 2021 which is to have Scouting recognized as the preferred and leading educational youth movement in the region. I have good understand of five focus areas of vision 2021 and the work done to align it with WOSM vision 2023 and the progress towards achieving vision 2021 in the 2015-2018 Triennium. I will contribute to the vision 2021 by carrying on the work of those before me and improving it with new ideas and suggestions from all demographics of the Scouting population of APR. I will work to make sure that the diverse issues in the region which are often overlooked are also considered and addressed throughout the next 3 years.
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Oliver John Christian Liu
Boy Scouts of the Philippines

Scouting Background

- Unit Leader Chiang Kai Shek College
- Eagle Scout Award 2009
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, 2011
  - 14th World Scout Moot Canadian Parliament Simulation in Canada, 2013
  - 12th World Scout Youth Forum in Slovenia, 2014
  - 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan, 2015
  - 15th World Scout Moot in Iceland, 2017
  - 13th World Scout Youth Forum in Azerbaijan, 2017
  - 41st World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan, 2017

Why should I be elected by the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

The synergy between diversity and multiculturalism has been advantageous towards my development both as a citizen, and as a Scout Leader. For me, it is a gift to work with others, and it is a blessing that I have experienced working with scouts from different cultures in my past experiences such as being part of the L.S.T.s and Youth Forum Work Groups. Back in 2012, the 5th International Scout Gathering for Young People with Specials Needs, held in Sharjah, U.A.E instilled in me the importance of humanity in all forms and improved my sense of multireligious perspectives.

During the same year, I finished my Wood Badge Course in which it strengthened my sense of camaraderie among my fellowmen through hardship during the proper. As I meet and engage the world, the skills and interpersonal training paid off. I learned the importance of observation, understanding, and sense of responsibility. It would be of great honour to be given the chance of being part of the YAMG and in serving back to the Scouting movement that made me who I am right now. As quoted from B.P. “try to leave this world far better than you have found it”

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

My past activities in scouting has shaped my mind set and decision-making skills. I am capable in understanding socio-cultural norms in which I am still eager to educate myself more on that matter. The experiences that I have learned in holding sessions in our Local Council’s Basic Training Courses have prepared me in conversing with both scouts and scouts as I complete my requirements for my Course of Managers of Learning. It is by that higher scouting training did I learned more on pedagogy and andragogy.

I can contribute the learnings acquired during my elective subjects of “Governance and Development” where we were taught and had a hands-on application on the use of the Logical Framework Approach (LFA) on a selected community’s Solid – Waste Management in Manila. The Frameworks we produced were used as a guide by the Local Community Units in their workshop with our College.

Equipped with a college background in Consular and Diplomatic Affairs, together with the values instilled in me by my scouting institution, I am not only eager in contributing, but also learning and advancing from our vision. As I quote, a part of BP’s Scout Method, “Learning by Doing”
CANDIDATE FOR YAMG 2018 – 2021

Lim Wei Yung
Singapore Scout Association

Scouting Background

- Chief Commissioners Commendation Award 2016
- Scouts of the World Award, 2014
- Attended major Scouting activities at different levels, both regional and international including the following:
  - 15th World Scout Moot 2017
  - 13th World Scout Youth Forum 2017
  - 41st World Scout Conference 2017
  - 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree 2017
  - APR Education Forum 2017

Why should I be elected by the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

My scouting journey has been a fulfilling one thus far and to be able to get involved at national level and representing at a regional and global level is my honour. Being actively involved in the scouting scene in Singapore, I will be able to represent the youths accurately and serve them efficiently.

I enjoy keeping dialogue with the youths to understand them, engaging them on a personal level and I still keep in contact with my scouting friends around the world. Keeping true to my scout promise and law, I want to challenge myself to step up and gain more experience at the regional level to arm myself with the relevant resources to give back to my local community and Young Adult Member Group will be the best platform for me to do so. BP remind us that, “it is not what you have but what you give that brings happiness”. I hope that I will be elected as a Young Adult Member Group.

How do you think you can contribute in achieving the APR Vision 2021?
(extracted word-for-word, from the YAMG nomination form)

I will be able to motivate more youths to be in the scouting movement and empower a higher degree of youth involvement by creating a safe and inclusive environment for dialogue and learning.

To streamline needs to improve quality of programme, volunteer and leadership training by engaging with the diverse sections. To seek and develop opportunities to have regional partnerships and keep in check and adapt to the ever-changing society to ensure scouting stays relevant, exciting and inclusive.

Thus, doing my best to be able to work together to be the preferred and leading educational youth movement.