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To: Chief Commissioners
International Commissioners
Chief Scout Executives

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Dear Colleagues,



International Day of Peace Celebration 21st September 2018

Greetings of Peace!

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world every 21st of September. On this day, the United Nations declared it as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations. The Asia-Pacific Region, under the umbrella of Messengers of Peace Program, has taken this initiative for four years now to encourage and inspire young people and leaders to make this day a commitment day for year-round peace actions. In previous years, activities held in celebration of this day by several NSOs had engaged thousands of people in undertaking peace actions.

This year's theme as announced by the United Nations is 'The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70,' celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Goal for International Peace Day 2018

Although activities may vary from country to country, our aim for this day is to **involve as many young people as possible in peace actions or activities** with the objective of creating **massive awareness** on the roles they can play as global citizens leading to positive changes in their communities.

Taking this opportunity, we can set records by:

- engaging a large number of young people and leaders in peace actions in a day
- massive tree planting in a day
- organizing blood donation in a day
- rendering service hours in a day

Involvement of NSOs

NSOs are encouraged to assign national and local leaders who will organize, plan, coordinate, implement and report local activities happening around the country. Contact details of assigned leaders are to be sent to the APR Support Centre so they become part of our network.

Here are suggested activities:

1. **Peace Run** – a popular event nowadays, a Peace Run could be organized in major cities with a theme leading to peace awareness and peace actions. This event may be open to all, Scouts and non-Scouts alike.
2. **Peace Rally** – a route march in various cities/communities that raises awareness on current issues and seeks to inspire people in overcoming those issues and achieve desired ideals.
3. **Trees for Peace** – activities that complement the sustainable development goals and encourage young people to be environment friendly.
4. **Youth Speech for Peace** – a local community gathering that engages young people to share how they could contribute to peace and share success stories from their Messengers of Peace experiences or projects.
5. **Peace Pledge** – a commitment campaign where Scouts are encouraged to be the prime movers of peace. This may include taking selfies with peace statements (e.g. "Peace Starts with Me") or other similar placards that are posted in social media.
6. **Good turn a day** – an encouragement to do good turns not for a day but throughout the year. The goal is to set a world record of the largest number of young people doing good work for others.
7. **Community Service** – finding opportunities to help others, such as short or long-term community service or projects.
8. **One-day Peace Gathering** – a training organized to explore the importance and use of dialogue and mediation as a way of promoting peace.

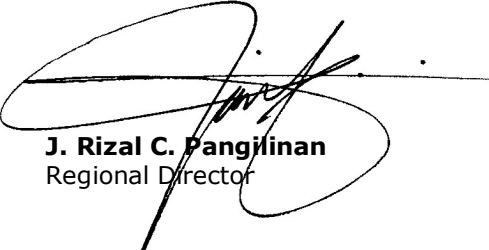
Share your Peace Activities

The ultimate platform to share your peace action is through www.scout.org, the WOSM official website; and the official MoP WOSM and MoP Asia-Pacific Facebook page.

A report form is attached to ensure that all projects held in celebration of the International Peace Day is well documented.

Should you need any further assistance or support from our end, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Valdeavilla: matthew.valdeavilla@scout.org and/or S. Prassanna Shrivastava: prassanna@scout.org for more information.

With best Scouting wishes,



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Attachment:

- 1. IDP 2018 Report Form*

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