Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Support Centre!

A few days after the conclusion of the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference, we are glad to share with you one of the highlights of the Conference – the final version of the Conference Business Resolutions, including the Resolution of Thanks – duly amended and adopted on 20 October 2018.

We appreciate all delegates and observers for your active part in proposing resolutions that envisage an improved and better Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region and across all your National Scout Organizations.

For your convenience, the Conference Resolutions, including all numbered Conference Documents and other conference-related documents may be accessed online at 26aprsc.com/documents.

Please contact us for any further clarifications, should there be any.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Director

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS

01/18 Resolution of Thanks

The 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference held on 15-20 October 2018 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila, Philippines, recognising the valuable contribution and support of all who participated directly and indirectly to organise and make the conference a success, extends its gratitude and appreciation to:

1.1/18 The Honourable, President of Republic of the Philippines and Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Rodrigo Roa Duterte, for welcoming the participants through his message at the opening ceremony.

1.2/18 Atty. Wendel E. Avisado, President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, and First Vice-Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee (2015-2018) and Chairman of the Host Organising Committee, for his leadership and guidance in hosting the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

1.3/18 The different National Government Agencies and Local Government Units in the Philippines for their generous support for the Conference:

- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Interior and Local Government
- Department of Education
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Transportation
- Philippine National Police
- Promotions and Tourism Board
- Metro Manila Development Authority
- Manila International Airport Authority
- Bureau of Immigration
- Bureau of Customs
- City Government of Manila
- City Government of Pasay
- City Government of Tagaytay
- Philippine International Convention Center

1.4/18 The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, and its Chairman Paul D. Parkinson and the five retiring members, for their guidance in designing, planning, organising and presiding the conference sessions and events.

1.5/18 The Delegates and Observers for actively participating throughout the conference, sharing their practices and experiences during the discussions and presentations, and for sharing the spirit of goodwill and friendship.

1.6/18 The planning team, organisers and participants of the 9th APR Youth Forum held at Tagaytay International Convention Centre in Tagaytay City for the open sharing and fruitful discussions.

1.7/18 The organisers and participants of the Course for Leader Trainers, held at the Baden Powell International Hotel in Mt Makiling, the training team and staff for their dedicated support and services towards the success of the course.

1.8/18 The Asia-Pacific Regional Sub-Committees for devoting their time, expertise and resources in accomplishing the tasks presented to them during the triennium.

1.9/18 The World Scout Committee headed by Craig Turpie for his inspiring message that reinforces the vision and unity of World Scouting.

1.10/18 The WOSM Secretary General, Ahmad Alhendawi and the staff members of the World Scout Bureau’s Global Support Centre, Europe Support Centre, Arab Support Centre, and Eurasia Support Centre for their presence, guidance, active participation and contributions at various meetings of the conference.
The Regional Director, J. Rizal C Pangilinan, and the staff members of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre for their hard work, commitment, dedication and passion in preparing, coordinating, and managing this Conference.

Our partner organisations and guests: Habitat for Humanity, the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAIICID), Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), and Duke of Edinburgh International Award for their active partnership and presentations at the Conference, and to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and International Catholic Committee on Scouting (ICCS) for their active participation.

The organisers and participants of the International Commissioner’s Gathering, APR Palaver, Chief Commissioner’s Meeting, Session on Communications and Partnership, APR Foundation Fellowship Gathering, APR Foundation Fundraising Dinner, Asia-Pacific Evergreen Scouts Gathering, the ATAS Gathering, and Welcome and Closing Dinners.

The Bayanihan Dance Troupe and Sindaw Philippines Performing Arts for showcasing the beauty of Filipino talent and performing arts at various social gatherings of the Conference.
BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

Youth

2/18  9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum

Recommend that the Conference acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by the 9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum and agree that all 31 recommendations enumerated under Conference Document No. 15 be submitted to the APR Scout Committee for its appropriate action.

Proposed By: Scouts of China (Belinda Wang Ling-Yu)  Seconded By: Boy Scouts of the Philippines (Dale B. Corvera)

3/18  APR Youth Leadership Training Course (APR YLTC)

Acknowledging that one of the strategic priorities adopted by WOSM in 2014 states that the Youth Programme should provide a non-formal learning environment, strengthening the capacity of young people to face the challenges of tomorrow.

The Conference requests the Asia-Pacific Region to support the development of youth leadership across the region by developing, hosting and providing financial support for an inter-region Youth Leadership Training Course (YLTC).

The YLTC should target youth members and young leaders aged between 18 and 30 years old. Each NSO shall nominate at least two youth representatives to attend the YLTC. Resources shall be provided to each participant to allow each NSO to successfully run its internal leadership programme.

Additionally, the Conference requests the APR to encourage and support its NSOs to facilitate their own national leadership developmental programmes for their youth members aged 18 to 30 years old.

Proposed By: Fiji Scout Association (John Naisau)  Seconded By: Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia (Susi Yuliati)

4/18  Sub-Committee under 30

Acknowledging Recommendation 3 from the APR Youth Involvement Workshop held in Australia in 2018 which stated:

“To increase the level of youth involvement in the Asia-Pacific Region Sub-Committees, the Workshop recommends that:

a. At least 40% of the Sub-Committee nominees from each NSO should be under the age of 30; and

b. A minimum of 40% of the selected Sub-Committee members should be under the age of 30.

To assist NSOs and APR in reaching these targets:

a. Young members should be considered for development and mentoring opportunities, eg. APR Workshops;

b. The Finance Sub-Committee should undertake a review of funding schemes in other regions to support young people participating at the regional level;

c. The minimum age of attendance at Regional Scout Youth Forums and Conferences be reduced to 15 years of age;
d. Applications for Sub-Committees should be promoted widely as an open call. Applications are submitted directly to World Scout Bureau’s Asia-Pacific Support Centre with each NSO’s approval to be sought by the Asia-Pacific Support Centre once applications are received.

Acknowledging Recommendation 18 of the 9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, the Conference recommends:

a. That NSOs are encouraged to nominate members for APR Sub-Committees who are under the age of 30 at the time of appointment;

b. Two members of each of the Sub-Committee must be under the age of 30 at the time of appointment

Proposed By: Scouts of China (Kuan Chih-Ming)  
Seconded By: SCOUTS New Zealand (Clarke Truscott)

5/18  APR Young Adult Members Group – Funding and Mentorship

Acknowledging that this resolution originated from the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum;

Acknowledging Resolution 3.6 from the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference held in 2015 which stated, “The Asia-Pacific Regional Finance Sub-Committee to review the funding for the Young Adult Members Group are given the opportunity to fully undertake their responsibilities.”

Acknowledging that each Young Adult Member Group is expected to fully participate in either the Regional Scout Committee or one of the Sub-Committees and Work Streams, to ensure that the Young Adult Members Group are given the opportunity to fully undertake their responsibilities we recommend:

1. The APR Financial Resources Sub-Committee review the APR Scout Youth Fund Guideline in order to provide sufficient and flexible financial assistance to the members of the APR Young Adult Members Group who will be participating in Sub-Committee Meetings and other related events;

2. The APR Programme Sub-Committee shall assign a mentor to each of the members of the APR Young Adult Members Group on top of the young member’s Sub-Committee Chairman in order to support their development during their term and organise a professional development programme for each.

Proposed By: The Scout Association of Hong Kong (Ng Ah Ming)  
Seconded By: Scouts of China (Kuan Chih-Ming)

6/18  Youth Involvement in NSO Decision-Making

The Conference:

1. Encourages all NSOs to include at least two young people under the age of 30 as voting members in the decision-making processes on their National Board;

2. Within the 2018-2021 Triennium, all NSOs in the Asia-Pacific region should work towards including at least two young people, under the age of 30 as voting members in the decision-making process in their National Boards;

3. Requests that the APR Scout Committee cause the development of a toolkit and provide support to NSOs to include young people in their National Boards.

Proposed By: Scouts of China (Kuan Chi-Ming)  
Seconded By: Scouts Australia (Phil Harrison)
Regional Support in Developing National Youth Involvement Policy and National Youth Programme Policy in each NSO

Acknowledging the Youth Involvement Strategic Priority adopted by WOSM in 2014, Scouting should give young people the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to empower them to take an active part in the Movement and in their communities.

The Conference recommends to the APR Scout Committee to support and urge each NSO to promptly develop and implement their own:

1. National Youth Involvement Policy
2. National Youth Programme Policy

Proposed By: Scout Association of Maldives (Ismail Shafeeq)  
Seconded By: Bhutan Scouts Association (Karma Tenzin)

Disaster Management and Relief

Propose to the APR Scout Committee, in collaboration with the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre, to:

1. Continue to raise awareness of disaster and risk reduction management across the Asia-Pacific Region by way of conducting disaster management workshops;
2. Promote fundraising projects for disaster relief in the Asia-Pacific Region; and
3. Include disaster management awareness in Youth Programme.

Proposed By: Scout Association of Hong Kong (Ng Ah Ming)  
Seconded By: The Scout Association of Macau (Chou Ian Kuai, Linda)

Safe from Harm

The Conference, acknowledging the progress for Action Step 3.5 from Objective 3 under ‘Young People’ in the document ‘Implementation of APR Plan 2015-2018, requests that the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee support the implementation of the WOSM policy on “Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm” for all National Scout Organizations.

It is requested further to the Conference that WOSM’s online learning module on Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm be distributed and promoted to all National Scout Organizations.

Proposed By: Scout Association of Hong Kong (Ng Ah Ming)  
Seconded By: The Scout Association of Macau (Chou Ian Kuai, Linda)

Asia-Pacific Region GSAT

The Conference, recognising that the Asia-Pacific Region is the largest region in World Scouting, and is well-positioned to demonstrate the best practice in governance, both to its different National Scout Organizations and other Scout Regions, recommends that:

1. The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee to complete an externally facilitated GSAT Review which should cover the following GSAT dimensions: D02 - Governance Framework, D-04 Integrity Management and D10 – Continuous Improvement;
2. The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee to implement all the recommendations of the GSAT Review;

3. The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee to send a report to all NSOs, the results and the review at the conclusion of the audit and to present any changes required by this resolution to the next Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

Proposed By: Nepal Scouts (Keshav Bahadur Bohara)  Seconded By: SCOUTS New Zealand (Clarke Truscott)

11/18 APR Triennial Plan 2018-2021

Recognising the valuable work done to develop the draft of the APR Triennial Plan 2018-2021: “In Growth, Everyone Counts”, particularly the work done to demonstrate the alignment with the WOSM Triennial Plan 2017-2020; and

Acknowledging that many useful additional recommendations were raised at the Break Out Group on the APR Plan 2018-2021 & WOSM Triennial Plan 2017-2020, particularly the need to include financial management objectives; objectives to improve financial stability for NSOs; and improve the KPIs to relate them to objectives outcomes throughout the plan;

The Conference endorses the draft APR Plan 2018-2021 and approves it in principle, and requests that the APR Scout Committee consider and study the additional recommendations made by the Break Out Group, as well as any other additional input from NSOs (received by 30 Nov 2018) with a view of incorporating them into the APR Plan 2018-2021.

Proposed By: Scouts Australia (Aaron Wardle)  Seconded By: Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (Dr Mohd Zin Bidin)

12/18 APR Plan Alignment with WOSM

The Conference:

1. Recommends that the APR Scout Committee directly align the action steps of the APR Plan 2018-2021 to meet the strategic priorities of the WOSM Triennial Plan 2017-2020;

2. Recommends that the APR Scout Committee ensures that the KPIs set in the final version of the APR Plan 2018-2021 are well aligned to meet the KPIs set by the WOSM in order to achieve the objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020;

3. Recommends that the next Regional Triennial Plan (2021-2024) is fully aligned with the upcoming World Triennial Plan 2020-2023 in order to achieve WOSM Vision 2023.

Proposed By: Scouts of China (Kuan, Chin-Ming)  Seconded By: Kiribati Scout Association (Temawke Kuraoti)

13/18 Conflict of Interest Policy

The Conference recommends that as part of the good governance model, the Asia-Pacific Region should develop and implement a conflict of interest policy for the 2018-2021 triennium.

Proposed By: The Singapore Scout Association (Antong Shahrudin Rahmat)  Seconded By: Scout Association of Maldives (Ismail Shafeeq)
Proposed Amendments to the APR Constitution
(Article VII, Chapter IV)

The Conference:

1. Recognising the fundamental importance, in terms of achieving the purpose of the Scout Movement, of involving young people in decision-making;
2. Considering that Scouting is not only a Movement for young people but also a Movement of young people;
3. Believing that Scouting is a Movement based on democratic principles;
4. Recognising the value to the individuals concerned and to the Movement as a whole of leadership opportunities for young members;
5. Acknowledging Resolution 2/93 from the 33\textsuperscript{rd} World Scout Conference (Thailand) strongly urging NSOs to involve young people in decision-making at all levels;
6. Noting Resolution 9/14 from the 40\textsuperscript{th} World Scout Conference (Slovenia) stating (in part) “the value of involving and including young people in decision-making for achieving the purpose of Scouting” approved the adoption of the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy (2016) which specified that:
   a. By involving young people in decision-making processes in Scouting, we are not only fulfilling our Mission and respecting the Scout Method, but are also supporting both young people and adults to reach their full capacities and engage in constructive dialogue in order to contribute to the dynamism and democratic character of their organisations.
   b. It is very important that young peoples’ involvement in decision-making at institutional level (NSO and WOSM) is meaningful and transparent, which relies on developing effective working relationships between adults and young people.
7. Accepting that Resolution 3.1/15 from the 8\textsuperscript{th} Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum to the 25\textsuperscript{th} Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference (Korea) requested the APR Scout Committee consider and take appropriate action to the recommendation that the Asia Pacific Region must more actively engage young people in decision-making positions endorsed:
   a. To add one additional position on the YAMG for the role of Vice-Chair, increasing the overall membership to seven;
   b. Include this additional YAMG appointment on the Regional Scout Committee, increasing the overall membership of YAMG Members on the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee to two.

Hence, the Conference strongly requests the Regional Committee to take steps to propose amendments to Article VIII, Chapter IV of the APR Constitution and By-Laws to read as:

The Committee shall consist of ten persons, one of whom will be an adult member under the age of 30 years (at time of first appointment) excluding the Chairman of the Young Adult Member Group, from Member Organizations in the Region who shall be elected by the conference by secret ballot for a term of up to six years.

Proposed By: Scouts Australia (Aaron Wardle)  
Seconded By: SCOUTS New Zealand (Clarke Truscott)
15/18  Seeking support of policy makers for the Scout Movement in all countries

The Conference, supporting membership growth and the development of inclusive Scouting, encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to send letters to Presidents, Governments and Parliament of countries to seek their support for Scouting.

Proposed By: Myanmar Scout (Dr. Tin Nyo)  Seconded By: The Singapore Scout Association (Antong Shahrudin Rahmat)

16/18  NSO Global Support Assessment Tools

Acknowledging that this recommendation originated from the 9th APR Scout Youth Forum, the Conference recommends to the APR Scout Committee to:

1. Encourage all NSOs to complete the self-assessment of the Global Support Assessment Tool;
2. Encourage a minimum of 8 NSOs to audit their organisations with the Global Support Assessment Tool within the 2018-2021 triennium, and support these NSOs to develop and implement an action plan following the audit.

Proposed By: Scout Association of Maldives (Ismail Shafeeq)  Seconded By: Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (Dr Mohd Zin Bidin)

17/18  Committee Diversity

Acknowledging Resolution 9/15 of the 25th APR Scout Conference which stated, “Recognising the significant importance of gender equity towards growth of Scouting, all member NSOs open to boys and girls are strongly encouraged to take deliberate action to ensure nominations of women alongside men for the APR Task Forces, Sub-Committees and the Regional Scout Committee.”

The Conference acknowledges that many of the elected committees do not reflect gender diversity. As such, the Conference seeks to re-emphasise to those member NSOs to take deliberate action to ensure nominations of women alongside men for the APR Adult Members Group, APR Task Forces, Sub-Committees and the Regional Scout Committee.

Proposed By: Bangladesh Scouts (Dr. Md Mozammel Haque Khan)  Seconded By: Fiji Scout Association (John Naisau)

18/18  Diversity and Inclusion

To promote Diversity and Inclusion, the Regional Scout Committee shall consider the establishment of a Task Force to support NSOs to celebrate diversity and become more inclusive. A specific focus should consider gender equality at national and regional levels.

Proposed By: Scouts of China (Chen Ming-Chun)  Seconded By: Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (Dr Ekbert Yong)
19/18  **Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in NSOs**

Reaffirming the WOSM Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, the Global Dialogue for Peace Programme should be instituted by every NSO. Each NSO is further encouraged to have at least two or three trained facilitators for Dialogue for Peace.

*Proposed By:* Korea Scout Association (Eugene Eun-Gui Kim)  
*Seconded By:* Scout Association of Japan (Masato Mizuno)

**Programme**

20/18  **Sustainable Development Goals – Program (SDGs – Program)**

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum requests that the Regional Scout Committee and the Youth Programme Subcommittee encourage each NSO to recognise the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by means of:

1. Reviewing the current National Youth Programme, incorporating the SDGs elements into the Programme, and intensifying efforts made from the Better World Framework;
2. Implementing new Programme/Policies in relation to the SDGs;
3. Motivating Scout members to take the initiative to organise projects related to SDGs;
4. Working on enhancing relationships with related organisations such as the United Nations;
5. Improving the available resources currently distributed to NSOs in relation to SDGs.
6. Conducting a series of workshops and/or webinars to raise awareness of SDGs. The theme of each session should change each time it is run to encompass all SDGs.

The APR Scout Committee, in partnership with the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre, should jointly initiate, support and oversee implementation of programmes in achieving the SDGs in every NSO of the Asia-Pacific Region.

This should be implemented by the second quarter of 2019.

*Proposed By:* Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (Dr Mohd Zin Bidin)  
*Seconded By:* Nepal Scouts (Keshav Bahadur Bohara)

**Growth**

21/18  **WOSM Potential Member Support from the APR Scout Committee**

The Conference recommends that the APR Scout Committee, with the assistance of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre, support two National Scout Associations of the Council of South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA) to become full members of WOSM and a progress report be submitted in the July 2020 CSPSA Forum in Fiji.

*Proposed By:* Fiji Scout Association (John Naisau)  
*Seconded By:* Kiribati Scout Association (Temawke Kuraoti)
Adults in Scouting

22/18 Adults in Scouting and Growth

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee:

1. Facilitate and support of NSO’s adult training through e-learning

2. Provide guidance to NSOs to design attractive and needed youth programmes according to a specific context of each NSO;

3. Provide a clear framework of supporting NSO’s Growth and Strategy.

Proposed By: Cambodia Scouts (Tauch Choeun)
Seconded By: Scouts of China (Su Te-Hsiang)