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Candidates for the Young Adult Members Group 2009 - 2012

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from Manila!

Following Regional Circular no. 23 dated 29 May 2009 calling for nominations for the Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) for the term 2009-2012, we are pleased to announce that eleven (11) nominations which as been received before the deadline of 31 August 2009.

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

1. Jade Elliot - Scouts Australia
2. Md. Harun Or Rashid - Bangladesh Scouts
3. Lam Kwok Hei, Dicky - Scout Association of Hong Kong
4. Ari Adipratomo - Gerakan Pramuka
5. Jieun Seo - Korea Scout Association
6. Mohd Hafiz Ariffin - Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia
7. Zahir Maeedh Mohamed - Scout Association of Maldives
8. Craig Gardner - Scouting New Zealand
9. Marygold Zulueta - Boy Scouts of the Philippines
10. Oliver Zikai Lim - Singapore Scout Association
11. Krittee Tantivisitkul - National Scout Organization of Thailand

According to the YAMG concept paper, the number of young people to be elected will be determined by the number of Sub-Committee created by the APR Scout Committee. For the next triennium, the APR Scout Committee created six sub-committee's and therefore, the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum will be electing seven [7] young people to the Adult Members Group. The Chairman of the Young Adult Members Group who will be elected among the seven elected members will be an ex-officio member of the Regional Scout Committee.

Attached are the professional and Scouting profiles of the candidates. The profile is written based on the nomination form submitted by National Scout Organizations. The second part are excerpts from the nomination form.

Please pass a copy of this document to your participants to the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum. We will appreciate it if you can coach them so that young people can elect the YAMG that truly represent young people in the Asia-Pacific Region.

With best regards,

Abdullah Rasheed
Regional Director
Jade Ashlie Elliot

AUSTRALIA

Personal Information:

Aged 20. Single. Scouting Background: Currently the Chairperson of the National Youth Council, Scouts Australia; Attended the National Venture Youth Forum Escape, 2009; Delegate, 10th World Scout Youth Forum and 38th World Scout Conference; Observer, 5th APR Scout Youth Forum and 22nd APR Scout Conference. Community Involvement: Volunteer Fire Fighter of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service;

Student of University of New England Armidale, taking up Bachelor of Primary Education.

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

I am standing as a candidate for the APR Young Adult Member Group because I feel I can help put into action the thoughts and opinions of the youth members in Scouting throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. Youth involvement at all levels of Scouting is something I am passionate about and I want to be a part of. Having been a part of the National Youth Council for Scouts Australia for the past 3.5 years representing the Youth members of Australia at a National level I have had many opportunities to see how Scouting is run and how Youth members have their input into the worlds largest YOUTH movement. I feel I have the skills and commitment to help grow this new group and help put into action the thoughts of the Asia-Pacific Region youth members.

I believe the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum should elect me to the Young Adult Member Group because I am a dedicated Scout who will do my utmost best to fulfill any tasks I take on. I am fluent at English, used to communicating via e-mail and other electronic means and good at working in an group as well as on my own. I believe I have the skills and dedication to help put into action the thoughts and ideas of the members of the Asia-Pacific Region.
Md. Harun Or Rashid

BANGLADESH

Personal Information:

Aged 22. Single. Scouting Background: Senior Rover Mate (2008-present), Assistant Cub Scout Leader (2006-present); Attended the 5th APR Scout Youth Forum and the 22nd APR Scout Conference; Attended the 12th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange; Attended the 1st International Centenary COMDECA, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh; Attended the 6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp, Gazipur, Bangladesh.

Holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Information Science and Library Management from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

Dear friends, I would like to share with you my motivation to become your representative as a Young Adult Member in the YAMG (Young Adult Member Group) to the Asia Pacific Region (APR) of WOSM from 2009-2012. My priorities as a Young Adult Member would be to improve the Youth Program and increase youth participation at all levels of governance in Scouting.

Scouting is one of the biggest factors that has changed my personality and got rid of the biases. Scouting allowed me to experience a bigger world. The APR Youth Forum in Japan in 2007 was the greatest joyful times in my life and also the most meaningful experiences. Beginning from my high school I have already achieved 8 years of productive and successful Scouting. But as time goes by and as I grow older, I get to think of my duties as a grown-up and a young Scout Leader. I could simply enjoy considering the many prepared programs and activities. But now, as I have become a responsible individual, it is time for me to act out my duties to share the opportunities and privileges of Scouting with the world. I believe the YAMG is the perfect position for me to contribute on issue concerning young Scout Leaders. I'm confident; I could succeed as a Young Adult Member. My sociability is one new friend - one of the biggest reasons why I am participating in the upcoming Youth Forum and enthusiastically looking forward to serving the Scout Movement as a Young Adult Member.

As Baden Powell said: “The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people”, I believe so much in this idea, and that’s why I have brought that a lot of times into my life, with voluntary work, and that taught me, that the youth needs learn to develop skills, to get involve in the decision making process and the leadership. I really like the work with youth, just like teach and share all my knowledge and in this way promoting the youth involvement I can tell you that this has been really successful in country, working at the same time with the practical method of the Scouting and the politic of youth involvement. It is so important to say that this requires a lot of time and effort, that with pleasure I willing to give to the APR, by giving my personal, professional and Scout contributions.
Dicky Lam Kwok Hei

HONG KONG

Personal Information:
Aged 19. Single. Scouting Background: Venture Scout of the 9th Tsuen Wan Group; Member, Administration and Promotion Committee of the Scout Orienteering Club; Member, Event and Technical Committee of the Scout Orienteering Club; Member, Youth Involvement Project of Programme Branch. Recent community involvement: Volunteer Leader of East Asian Games 2009; Volunteer Service for Opening Ceremony of Easy Asian Games 2009 (Handprint Wall)
Student of Chinese University of Hong Kong Major in Economics

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

Scouting influenced my life. Before participating in Scouting, my life was boring and colorless. As to help more people can enjoy such meaningful activity. I wish to try my best to take part in different parts, different levels of Scouting as to contribute to Scouting comprehensively, especially to give my opinion of taking part in Scouting which would be so useful to improve the Scout movement development while I am now a young member. I believe to be a member of Young Adult member Group can help me to achieve this, and also to provide me an opportunity to create a better world through creating a even better Scout Movement.

I have taking part in Scouting for eight years. During these years, I have joined many international Scouting events like the 21st World Scout Jamboree in UK, the APR jamboree in Japan etc. At the same time, I have been involved in the community and my school actively, which is demonstrated by receiving the Scout of the Year 2005. Concurrently, I have sufficient leadership to deal with different kinds of works and working with different kinds of people, as I have been a numerous experiences of working with both youth and adult, for example being the President of Students Association and a volunteer Leader of East Asian Games. I wish I could be elected so that I could have a chance to use my ability and experience to contribute the Scout movement.
Ari Wijanarko Adipratomo

INDONESIA

Personal Information:
Aged 22. Single. Scouting Background: Member, National Rover Scout Council (Dewan Kerja Nasional); Earned the Rover Eagle Scout (Penegak Garuda) in 2004; Woodbadge Holder;

Holds an Associate of Art in Social Sciences at the Harry S. Truman College, Chicago, USA

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

I am with humble candidate for the Young Adult Member Group because I strongly feel that I could contribute my ideas to the APR. I believe I could use the APR as the medium to interpret my ideas and affect many people positively with my idea through WOSM-APR.

By direct observation and interaction with many people from many countries, I do think that my idea can be brought up and quite valuable for the development of the Scouting throughout the world. The base problem that underlie the challenge of the scouting these days are equally the same between developed countries and developing countries. Some of the strategies can be adopted and therefore can be inter-related in the practice of Scouting Reformation.

I believe that by electing me, the representative of Indonesia with the biggest member of Scouting in the World, APR will have a valuable asset in the APR Young Adult member Group. I believe that the status of Indonesia as the biggest scouting organization will have a positive higher bargaining position and bring significance in the structure of the World Scouting.

I am with humble believes that my nomination from the Indonesian Gerakan Pramuka is because they strongly feel with my experiences I could bring a new color to one of the subcommittee, especially the Scouting Profile. To better serve the Scout and Community, I am again with humble nominating for the member of APR Young adult Group.
Ji Eun Seo

KOREA

**Personal Information:**


Student of Kyung Buk National University taking up Japanese Literature and Language

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**Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group:** (extracted from the nomination form)

Scouting makes me Global person and wide viewer. Recently, I am experiencing the joy of instructing children as a scout leader. As much as watching children learning and improving, seeing myself changing through this experience is another joy of being a scout leader. Of course there are many more things to do as a leader than being just a scout, but I could learn the role of a leader, the importance of responsibility and many other things. I believe that being a Youth Adviser is the same thing as being a Scout leader. I will make the upcoming Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum into a stepping-stone for me to gain experience and improve myself.

My biggest strength is that I have the ability to communicate with English and Japanese. So when I served in many International events, I can make more friends than any other people. Especially the many conversations I had with various people from many countries allowed me to understand them better. I will take advantage of this skill to do my best as Korea Contingent in the upcoming Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum.

I will participate actively in debate using my knowledge and experiences acquired from attending many International events. Especially, through the experience of participating in World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference through I was Staff, I was able to experience beforehand the similar kind of discussion which will take place in Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum in Malaysia. I will embrace my responsibilities as a Youth Advisor and try my best to make the discussions more progressive.
Mohd Hafiz Ariffin

MALAYSIA

**Personal Information:**
Aged 20. Single. Scouting Background: Currently the Assistant District Commissioner (Program Division) of Johor Bahru; King’s Scout (Johor State), 2006; Attended the 5th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, Delegate and 22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Observer Community Involvement: Scouting For Nature – Turtle Life Project, 2009; Seagrass Conservation Project, 2008; Mangrove Tree’s Conservation, 2008

Student of University Tun Hussein Onn, taking-up Bachelor in Technology Management with Honours

**Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group:** (extracted from the nomination form)

This is because I have a strong background of scouting and I’ve achieve certain levels and achievements in the world of scouting. With these knowledge, exposure and experiences, I believe that I can share useful input, thoughts and ideas at regional level.

Talking about youth involvement, I’m now involving myself actively as the youth representative at various level in scouting in my country which I’ve to cooperate with adult leader to pursue what the young people needs. So by joining the Young Adult Member Group maybe there will be a lot of input and knowledge can be learn so that it can be implement and share at all level of scouting.

**Why should the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum elect you as a Young Adult Member Group?**

Firstly, Why I should be elect is because I have certain required capabilities and skills to be the Young Adult Member Group such as the ability in Leaderships, Management Skills, Communication skills, decision making and critical thinking. So that I could use this ability and skills as YAMG to improve the scouting quality together.

The second is I’m passionate to cooperate and work at higher level in scouting, to have a good exposure what is the governance standard at regional level, at regional level it is a good platform to have knowledge sharing and can learn different culture on how does other Scouts implement their mechanisms and methods in Scouting. All these values can be adapt and share with the APR scout youth members to improve their way of scouting and mind perspectives.
Maeedh Mohamed **Zahir**

MALDIVES

**Personal Information:**

Aged 19. Single. Scouting Background: Currently a Rover Scout; President Scout, 2009; Attended the 21st World Scout Jamboree, 2007; Participated in three consecutive JOTI/JOTA; Golden Jubilee Jamboree (8th National Jamboree), 2000; Community involvement: The Return of the Flowers Campaign, 2007; Tsunami Relief and Recovery Project

Student at the Yuvaraja's College, Mysore University in India taking-up Environment Science, Earth Science and Resource Management

**Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group:** (extracted from the nomination form)

I have been an active scout for over 13 years now. I first joined the scout movement aged 7 as a cub scout. Then a Scout and after that a Rover Scout. I have also completed my Basic Scout Leaders Course and am a Full fledge Scout Leader. I have also been awarded the Presidents Scout Award (which is the highest rank/award given to any scout in the Maldives) and I am a member of the APR ATAS [#450].

I believe that the Young Adult Members Team should consist of youth members with Scouting experience and knowledge in order to fully fill its purpose. I do believe I fulfil the requirements necessary to become a member.

Furthermore I am prepared, if elected, to fully participate in either the Regional Committee and/or one of the Sub-Committee/Work Streams which is assigned to, by e-mail, mail and fax, as well as, attend a minimum of one meeting during the triennium.

I would like to share and apply my knowledge and skills; I have learned so far to serve the APR Young Adult Members Group.
Craig Andrew Gardner

NEW ZELAND

**Personal Information:**

Aged 22. Single. Scouting Background: Member, National Council; Member, National Youth Council of Scouts New Zealand; Rover Crew Leader; Scout and Venturer Leader; Queen’s Scout Award as a Venturer; Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, 2006; Organized and attended numerous major community service projects as a Rover; Member of the Programme Team, 10th New Zealand Venture 2007; Represented New Zealand at the Queen’s Scout Parade at Windsor Castle in London, 2007; Delegate to the 10th World Scout Youth Forum and 38th World Scout Conference in Korea.

Holds a Bachelor Degree in Science, Major in Chemistry. Currently a taking up Master of Science in Forensic Science at the University of Auckland

**Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group:** (extracted from the nomination form)

Scout and Proud is a statement I feel truly describes me. Since I was 6 I have had so many unforgettable experiences, and learnt so many skills from Scouts. Because of what I have gained from the Movement, I feel it is my responsibility to give back, and enable the next generations of young people to have the opportunities I have been given.

I am standing for election to the YAMG because of the passion I have in the continued success of Scouts, and the belief that a vital part of its success is the continued input of young people.

I know that on the YAMG I will work to ensure the voice of the young people is carried forth and heard. I will network with young people throughout the region on relevant matters to ensure that what is presented is representative of the common opinion.

The Asia-Pacific Region is unique in its diversity of people and culture, a feature that provides both great opportunities but also challenges. I believe that through effective communications, I will be able to establish the feel of the member nations and their youth, thus representing all opinions from around the region.

The planning of the next APR Youth Forum is a responsibility I would look forward to. I have experience in major event organization so would be able to offer many skills to ensure another successful event.

It is my passion for Scouts that brings me here and it is a passion I love to share. The strength of Scouting is its young people and so I stand for the YAMG to give the youth a strong voice. I will work hard to ensure that Scouting in the Asia-Pacific region continues to be strong, and most importantly relevant to the future generations.
Marygold J. Zulueta

PHILIPPINES

Personal Information:


Student at the Ateneo de Davao University taking Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Major in Management Accounting

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

I am a candidate for Young Adult member Group due to my own will. Being invited by my father to enter this activity was a great opportunity that I immediately grab. I was looking forward to be able to travel different parts of the world and to meet people from other countries; also I want to open myself, to socialize. If given a chance to be elected as a Young Adult Member Group, it would be my pleasure and happiness to help other, especially the youth considering myself.
Personal Information:

Aged 20. Single. Scouting Background: Chairperson, National Rover Council; Assistant Scout Leader, Aglo-Chinese School Scout Group; Earth Hour 2009; Volvo Race Scouts Day 2009; Facilitator, Project Phoenix

Currently serving as a member of the Singapore Armed Forces (National Service)

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

The motto of Rovering is the "Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service". I believe that as a Rover Scout, I have the duty of service to not only myself but to my God, Country and the international community.

As a Rover, I feel that embarking on the Rover Progress Scheme helps me in developing myself both as a Scout and as a person in terms of skill and character. Pursuing the Rover Progress Scheme for two years I have managed to attain the Voyager Tier Award. Rovering has enabled me to see Scouting on an International light and it gave me the opportunity to interact with other Rover Scouts from other countries. Also being passionate in environment and development work, I pursued the Scouts of the World Award, completing the Discovery Workshop back in December 2008 and the voluntary Service Project in July 2009. Working with Thai and Malaysian Scouts in the two events showed me that there is a lot that can be done on a regional and international stage. It inspired me to do more outside my country ans to help create a better world.

I hope that if I am elected into the YAMG, I can give of my experiences and take back from the experiences from others as well. Being a Scout for more than 10 years, I hope this can be a unique experience for me and an experience that I can treasure for its lessons learnt, friends made and memories cherished.
Krittee Tantivisitkul
THAILAND

Personal Information:
Aged 20. Single. Scouting Background: Currently a member of the International Committee; Established the Thailand International Young Scout Club; Participated in the 11th Korea/24th APR Jamboree in Korea; IST Member, 25th APR Jamboree 2005; Participant, SAJ Invitation Program 2006; Contingent Staff, 2nd International Patrol Jamboree, 2006; Delegate, 10th World Scout Youth Forum and Observer, 38th World Scout Conference, 2008.

Student of Civil Aviation Training Center taking-up Airport Management

Why should I be elected by the 6th APR Scout Youth Forum as member of the Young Adult Member Group: (extracted from the nomination form)

Scout is one of the best activities in my life. It’s change me and give me the process of life. Also it show me that no matter where I am, I will find friends who doing the same thing with me although in the different location, language, culture or uniform but we will have the same believe “Scout.”

I’ve joined couple of the world scout events, that I can share the experiences with others, that let me know how they work and run their activities or their problem of the people from different part of the world and that experiences will be helpful for the young adult member position. I am thankful to the National Scout Organization of Thailand (International Department) for the passed few years to give me a chance to help and work in their team. To make me gain the new experience and met people from around the world and also made me grew up and thought me a lots of things.

First: I knew that youth have a power and I really believe that only one thing that we need is chance. I don’t think that young people don’t get enough of that yet. Second: Why every times youth have to join with adult. Why adult don’t join with the youth. Because scout is the activity that run and operated by youth and support by adult. But in the real world there is too much commercial and profit in this activity that make the old guy still keep doing the young people job. That is reverse to the main idea of scout. Third: Responsibility & Sacrifice: to the thing that never know and see but like to do.

From those things make me feel that I want to do something. So Young adult member is a good chance for me to prove. Before I’m going to the next step which mean “adult.” Youth Power is exist but its just waiting for us to act out. I believe in scouting and I believe that we can make change.

Thank you for considering me for the role of young adult member