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7th ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL SCOUT LEADERS SUMMIT  
Bangalore, Karnataka, India  
24-27 June 2010

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Manila!

It is our pleasure to announce that the 7th APR Scout Leaders Summit will be held in June 2010 in Bangalore, India hosted by The Bharat Scouts & Guides.

On behalf of the Regional Scout Committee and The Bharat Scouts & Guides, we are inviting key leaders of National Scout Organizations in the region to the forthcoming Scout Leaders Summit.

Ideally, each NSO should be represented by the:

- Chief Commissioner or equivalent
- International Commissioner
- Chief Scout Executive or equivalent

We strongly encourage the presence of all the above key leaders in this important event.

In addition, members of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee and the Management Sub-Committee will be directly involved in running the Summit. All six Sub-Committee Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members are also expected to attend and be involved in the summit.

Other details:

**Event Title:** 7th APR Scout Leaders Summit

**Dates:** 24-27 June 2010. Participants are expected to arrive on 23 June and may depart on 28 June 2010.

**Purpose:** To bring together the key scout Leaders of all member Scout organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region to:

- Analyze the developments in the region since the 6th APR Scout Leaders Summit in 2009 and identify challenges
- Provide direction for APR Vision beyond 2013 and identify focus areas for the period 2012-2015
- Provide input for the 39th World Scout Conference 2011
Programme: Draft Summit Programme will be circulated to all NSOs by end January 2010. However, if an NSO has any suggestions for a particular item to be included in the summit programme, please let us know latest by 31 December 2009.

Sub-Committee meetings: Prior to the summit, all sub-committees will have their respective meetings from 21-22 June and details of these meetings will be sent to them, shortly.

Registration fees: US$ 250 per person in twin sharing rooms. Fee will cover inland transportation, food and accommodation for 5 nights, educational tour, summit documents and souvenirs.

Conference Venue: The Atria Hotel, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. The hotel is strategically located in the heart of the city on Palace Road. It is easily accessible to MG Road—the corporate hub of Bangalore which is just 5 Kms away. It is also accessible from the airport in 45 minutes and less than 10 minutes from the city Railway station. For more information, you may visit the website at http://www.atriahotel.com.

Accommodation: All participants will be accommodated on twin sharing basis in the same hotel as the summit venue. If any participant wishes to stay in a single room, an additional amount of US$ 30 to the package price will be required. Further details will be in the General Information Sheet which will be issued by the end of January 2010.

Accompanying persons program: There will be an Accompanying persons program during the summit and the fee is US$200. Further details will be announced in the General Information Sheet.

Visa: Please check with your travel agent or the nearest Indian Embassy or Consul for the visa requirements. If you need invitation letter, please write to the host country, The Bharat Scouts & Gudes, well ahead of time so as to have ample time in securing your visas.

Local Attractions: Places to Visit: Lal Bagh, Cubbon Park, The Bull Temple, Bangalore Palace, Vidhan Soudha, Musical fountain and many more. Bangalore is one of the most beautiful cities in South India, a tourist destination and popularly known as Silicon valley. It is also very close to the historical city of Mysore.

Foreign Exchange: Current Exchange Rate 1 US Dollar = 46.41 Indian Rupee (as of 25 Nov. 2009). US dollar is widely used; TC, VISA Cards, Master Cards are likewise accepted in most hotels and restaurants.

Weather: Due to its elevation, Bangalore is blessed with relatively pleasant climate. The city of Bangalore counts amongst the few cities in India that experience an agreeable weather throughout the year. Bangalore’s weather in June varies between 20°C - 29°C.

Please confirm your participation by sending the attached reply slip latest by 28 February 2010.

With our best regards.

Yours in Scouting,

Abdullah Rasheed
Regional Director