Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Manila!

At the 23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in October 2009, five (5) members of the Regional Scout Committee will complete their term of office (Chapter IV, Article VIII, Point 3 of Asia-Pacific Regional Constitution & By-Laws). They are:

- Mr. Mohammed Ali Khalid, Bharat Scouts & Guides
- Mr. Tan Cheng Kiong, The SingaporeScout Association
- Mr. John George Ravenhall, Scouts Australia
- Dr. Yung Chaur-Shin, Scouts of China
- Mr. Oh Sang-Gyoon, Korea Scout Association

These retiring members of the Committee shall only be eligible for re-election after a lapse of three (3) years (Chapter IV, Article VIII, Point 4 of Asia-Pacific Regional Constitution & By-Laws).

To fill-up the resulting five (5) vacancies, nominations from member Scout organizations are solicited for a term of six (6) years (2009-2015). If your Scout organization wishes to make a nomination, such nomination must reach the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office in the attached form not later than 26 April 2009 (6 months before the opening of the Conference). Enclosed nomination form and information sheet must be completed by the nominating Scout organization and by the nominee, respectively, and not more than one nomination per country shall be submitted.
In making nominations to the Regional Scout Committee, we encourage NSOs to consider the nomination of female members to the committee in order to abide by the 22nd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference resolution no. 2/07-e which states: “The NSOs and APR Scout Committee be encouraged to maintain gender balance at all possible levels including Regional Committee.” You may recall that at the moment we do not have any single female member in the Regional Scout Committee.

Not more than one (1) elected member from any one member Scout Organization may serve in the Regional Scout Committee at any one period (Chapter IV, Article VIII, point 2 of the APR Constitution & By-Laws). Therefore, candidates from the following member countries are not eligible to run for the 2009 election:

- Boy Scouts of the Philippines
- Bangladesh Scouts
- Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia
- Pakistan Boy Scouts Association
- National Scout Organization of Thailand

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

With best regards,

[Signature]
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Regional Director

Attached:
- Nomination Form
- Information Sheet for Nominee
- Duties & Responsibilities of the members of the Regional Scout Committee

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