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## **CIRCULAR NO.13, series of 2014**

To: Chief Commissioners  
International Commissioners  
Chief Scout Executives

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### **Scouting with children and young people with special needs**

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings!

Regional Circular No. 2, Series of 2013 concerns about the Conference Resolutions of the APR Scout Conference in Malaysia 2011. One of the resolutions is Conference Resolution No. 03/12, which has a number of points for National Scout Organizations (NSOs) to consider in implementing Scouting with children and young people with special needs. As an action to this resolution, the APR Scout Committee, in its meeting in March 2013 in Jakarta, has agreed to send a reminder to National Scout Organizations on the points as adapted by the regional conference.

Excerpts from the Conference Resolution No. 03/12:

- NSOs should support leaders to modify or adapt components of the award schemes that ensure the youth with special needs are able to achieve success whilst still being challenged;
- Each NSO should have a system in place, which allows them to monitor modifications or adaptations that have been made to the award scheme. Higher awards should be reviewed by the appropriate person at each NSO/Branch, e.g.: sectional commissioner and the coordinator for special needs program;
- Each NSO is encouraged to host or attend an Agoonoree or Agoonorette.
- NSOs are encouraged to include youth with special needs at major events such as Jamborees and Moots and ensure facilities and activities are available for these young people.
- NSOs are encouraged to develop processes to collect appropriate data about youth members with special needs to develop appropriate programs and training.
- NSOs are encouraged to make their best practices of program delivery for young people with special needs and training of leaders available to APR for distribution to other NSOs.
- Each NSO should be encouraged to appoint a coordinator for special needs programs.
- Each NSO representative at the workshop is encouraged to report on the Special Needs Workshop and provide the recommendations to their NSO.

May we take this opportunity to inform our NSOs that an APR Workshop on Scouting for All is being organised next year, 2015. One of the contents of this workshop will be Scouting with children and young people with special needs. We would like to encourage your National Scout Organizations to plan to send participants to this workshop, especially your coordinator for special needs program, if your NSO has appointed one.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee looks forward to hearing from National Scout Organisation of any action taken on the recommendation of the conference.

Thank you and best regards.



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