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To: Chief Commissioners
   International Commissioners
   Chief Scout Executives

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25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference
03-08 November 2015

Dear colleagues,

Greetings!

We are very pleased to inform you that the host of the next APR Scout Conference, Korea Scout Association, is preparing to welcome you all in 2015.

Together with the host organization, we extend invitation to your National Scout Organization to participate with full delegation and adequate number of observers to attend the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in Gwang-ju, Korea. Below is a preliminary information of this event.

**Dates** : 03-08 November 2015

Tentatively, the joint meeting of APR Scout Committee with Heads of Delegations is on 03 November morning. Opening ceremony will be at 1100 hrs on 03 November and conference sessions will start in the afternoon. Closing of the conference is on 08 November in the afternoon.

Delegation is expected to arrive in Korea on 02 November and may leave on 09 November 2015.

**Venue** : Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwang-ju, Korea

**Theme** : Growth towards Unity

**Participants** :

- **Delegates**: Each member organization is entitled to send a maximum of six delegates. (Reference: Constitution and By-Laws of the WOSM/Asia-Pacific Region Article VII.1)
All the NSOs are encouraged to abide by the conference resolution in sending at least one young adult member under 26 years of age to the 25th APR Scout Conference as part of the official delegation (Conference resolution 2/07: Youth Program.)

*Observers:* NSOs may send adequate number of Scout Leaders and youth members as Observers.

**Accompanying Persons:**

Spouses/friends are invited as accompanying persons to the Delegates or Observers for whom the Conference Host Committee will design a special programme for the conference duration. They are invited to all main ceremonies and social activities organized during the conference.

**Registration:**

The conference registration will start beginning **January 2015 up to July 2015.** Registration forms will be available on the conference website which we will announce starting January of 2015.

**Registration Fee:**

- **Delegates and Observers** US$ 300.00
- **Accompanying persons** US$ 250.00
- **Youth Participants** US$ 125.00

Registration fee will cover inland transport, conference kit, all meals during the official period of the conference, conference souvenir and educational tour.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation at Holiday Inn is available with king size and twin beds. The cost of the rooms is still being negotiated with the hotel by the host organizing committee and will be communicated in due course.

In addition to Holiday Inn, participants will also be able to select hotel accommodation ranging from luxury hotels to budget hotels in Gwang-ju, near to the conference venue. Proposed list of other hotels are: Ramada Plaza, Shinyang Park Hotel, Hotel Prado, Central Tourist Hotel, Firenze Hotel, Masters Tourist Hotel, F&T Business Hotel and Hotel Nobles.

**Ancillary Events:**

The APR Course for Leader Trainers, 8th APR Scout Youth Forum and Chief Scout Executives Meet will be organized as ancillary events to the Conference.

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Detailed circulars of these three events will follow.

Further details and other relevant information will be relayed from time to time to all NSOs, as usual, through conference website, conference bulletins, conference updates, etc.
In order for the Host Organization to make an initial assessment of the number of Conference participants so that they could make the necessary arrangements for your reception and comfortable stay, we are attaching the Initial Reply Slip. Kindly fill it up and send it back to us latest on 10 October 2014 so that it could be discussed in the next preparatory meeting scheduled in October 2014.

Thank you for your kind attention and response.

Sincerely yours,

J. Rizal C. Pangilinan
Regional Director

Attachment: Initial Reply slip