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To: Chief Commissioners
International Commissioners
Chief Scout Executives

28 November 2014

8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum – Korea

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Manila!

We are pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Region is organizing the 8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum in conjunction with the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference. This event is being organized in collaboration with Korea Scout Association.

In pursuance to the 33rd World Scout Conference Resolution 10/93, the purpose of having the regional youth forum as an ancillary event to the conference is to provide young people the opportunity to participate in decision-making. The youth forum gives young people the avenue to enhance their skills in decision-making at the institutional level of Scouting.

Below are the preliminary information of this event:

Date: 29 October – 1 November 2015

Participants should arrive 28 October 2015 and may leave 2 November 2015 if not attending the 25th APR Scout Conference. It is important to arrive one day before as the forum venue is about 4 - 5 hours away from Incheon International Airport (ICN).

Venue: Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC)
Suncheon, Cholla Nam-do, Korea
Tel. No.: +82 61-755-4210
Email: SAPSCholic@gmail.com

Theme: “Growth Towards Unity”

Eligibility of participants: Each National Scout Organization (NSO) shall appoint two delegates with a maximum of eight observers to the Youth Forum (total of ten participants).

Participants from NSOs must be endorsed by the National Scout Organization and must be between 18 to 26 years old on the date of the forum.

We would like to recommend that your National Scout Organization holds a National Scout Youth Forum to select participants who can properly represent the NSO to this event.
Youth Forum Registration Fee: **USD100.00** per participant

The fee covers forum kit and materials, inland transportation, and accommodation for five nights (check-in on 28 October and check-out on 2 November), food for five days (dinner of 28 October to breakfast of 2 November), educational tour and forum documents saved in CD-ROM.

One of the responsibilities of participants to the Youth Forum is to inform the Youth Forum Planning Committee through their NSOs about the topics they are interested in and would like to discuss during the Youth Forum. According to the Guidelines for Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, the final topic for discussion would be sent to participants three months before the opening of the Youth Forum. Therefore, to gather ideas from young people, we would like your NSO to help us invite as many young people as possible to join the Youth Forum Facebook Group, as follows:

https://www.facebook.com/8APRScoutForum

Please complete the attached Reply Slip and send it to the World Scout Bureau, Asia-Pacific Regional Office **not later than 30 June 2015** with a copy to Korea Scout Association. Please note that this reply slip is different from the “Youth Forum Registration Form” where your participants will be asked to fill-up individually, through their NSO, at a later date together with Forum Fee.

Furthermore, National Scout Organizations are also encouraged to include young people in the conference delegation as official delegates or observers, in pursuance to the 22nd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference Resolution 2/07 adopted in Japan, which reads “NSOs be encouraged to send young delegates with at least one young member under 26 to the APR Scout Conference”. Therefore, we would like to encourage all NSOs to arrange for their Youth Forum participants to continue attending until the conference.

Youth Forum participants, who will attend the 25th Asia-Pacific Conference, shall pay an additional **USD125.00** as registration fee to the conference. This conference fee does not include accommodation and meals during the conference. Furthermore, participants and staff who will also attend the 25th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference shall fill-up a Conference Registration Form separately, through their NSO, and pay the appropriate conference fee.

Additional detailed information including the general programme will be circulated in due course.

Your cooperation in making this Regional Youth Forum a success would be appreciated.

With best regards,

J. Rizal C. Pangilinan
Regional Director

Attachment:
- Reply Slip

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