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8th Asia-Pacific Regional Air/Internet Jamboree

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from Manila!

The Asia-Pacific Region of WOSM is pleased to announce the 8th Asia Pacific Regional Air-Internet Jamboree to be hosted by Korea Scout Association (KSA) from 4 - 5 August 2012 in conjunction with the 13th Korea National Scout Jamboree.

The Air-Internet Jamboree is a regional event that was established in 2004 in which Scouts can contact each other by means of amateur radio and through the Internet. Having a live conversation with a fellow Scout in some other place in the world gives the same excitement like having a normal Jamboree on the land minus the normal expenses. Just like the normal Jamboree, the Air-Internet Jamboree is also an event during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared. It's a great and unique opportunity for Scouts of all age ranges to communicate with each other as if they are nearby when in actual fact they are all in their own countries. Indeed, Radio Scouting eliminates the distances and fosters a closer relationship of the worldwide Scouting movement.

Furthermore, National Scout Organizations (NSOs) are requested to appoint a Coordinator for this APR Air/Internet Jamboree, preferably the person-in-charge of information communication technology, who will be the focal contact person of the Jamboree organizers and the WSB-APR office.

Once you have named the Coordinator, kindly send his/her name and contact details to KSA at international@scout.or.kr with a copy to APR Office.

Basic information of this event are as follows:

**Dates:** Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th August 2012
Official Opening Ceremony – 11:00am (UTC/GMT+9) on Saturday, 4 August

**Venue:** The main management site of the 8th APR Air/Internet Jamboree will be on the Jamboree Site in Goseong, Gangwon Province, Korea

**Theme and Concept:** Forest (숲)
The story of Scouting originated in nature. Through the theme ‘Forest’, Scouting can return to its origins and remember the basic principles of Scouting. Therefore, the motto "Getting Back to Our Nature" will be widely disseminated during the event.

**Communication Media:**
- amateur radio users can use the official radio channel
- Mobile Phone & SMS (and Kakao Talk)
- Skype – voice and text chat
- Web-based Chats, Facebook
Logo: The character represents Gangwon Province, "Banbi" the half-moon Bear embodies reliability and kindness, while being a loveable character.

Further information regarding this event will also be posted on the Facebook page-
https://www.facebook.com/groups/425682327464530/

All NSOs of the region are requested to circulate this information widely to all units in their country so that young people have the opportunity to take part in this event.

We look forward to meeting you during the Air-Internet Jamboree!

We invite and welcome all the NSOs to participate in the event with full enthusiasm.

Yours in Scouting,

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