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To : Chief Commissioners
    International Commissioners
    Chief Scout Executives

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APR Seminar on Disaster Management

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia- Pacific Support Centre!

In the past decade, our region has suffered numerous times from disasters. In most situations, Scouts have been actively helping during and even after the disaster, while being affected as victims themselves. Thus, we need to uphold what we believe and stand for, that Scouts must always “Be Prepared” at all times. As an educational movement, it is our responsibility to equip our members with knowledge and skills on how to be equipped especially during the time of disaster.

At the APR Scout Leaders Summit 2017, in Bali, Indonesia and during the APR Scout Conference 2015, in Gwangju, Korea, key leaders of different National Scout Organizations (NSOs) identified the need “to strengthen NSO’s capacity in disaster management” under the priority area of Management.

In this direction, several NSOs expressed their commitment towards capacity building through a conduct of training course on disaster management in the region. In fact, the Asia-Pacific Support Centre organized the APR Workshop on Disaster Management on October 2016, in Japan. As a follow-up, the “APR Seminar on Disaster Management” is being organized, to be hosted by Korea Scout Association.

Details are as follows:

Date : 21 - 25 June 2018
Participants are expected to arrive on Wednesday, 20 June, and may depart on Tuesday, 26 June.

Venue : Julpo Bay Tidal Flat Ecological Park, Buan, Jeollabukdo

Participants : This Seminar aims to gather a maximum of 40 national and sub-national level leaders who are involved, responsible for, or have interest in the area of disaster management. Participants should be ready to accept the role of an NSO coordinator who will commit to strengthen further the capacity of an NSO, and must work to establish a local network.

Aim : To bring understanding on the nature of global risks; identify the best preventive methods in disaster management, and how best to prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster both locally and internationally.

Objectives :
- To share the work being undertaken by various NSOs in the Region
- To introduce key concepts in disaster management
- To identify the role of Scouts at pre, during, and post disaster stage
- To develop system of networking amongst and within NSOs in managing relief work

Methods : Lecture, Panel Presentation, Case Presentation and Study, Project Workgroups
**Registration Fee:** USD$150.00 which covers inland transport, food (from dinner on 20 June to breakfast on 26 June) and accommodation during the event (check-in on 20th June and check out on 26 June), and programme materials.

**Visa:**

Most countries require visa to enter the Republic of Korea. For more information visit [http://www.visa.go.kr](http://www.visa.go.kr) and apply for your visa ahead of your travel date to avoid last minute rush.

Should you require visa, please send your passport details in advance for a visa request letter from the host organizing committee.

NSOs are requested to send their nominations using the attached reply slip latest by **30 April 2018**.

Happy Scouting everyone!

With best regards,

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Regional Director

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