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To: Chief Commissioners
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7th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum – Forum Documents

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Manila!

With reference to APR Circular No.24/2011, we are pleased to attach the 7th APR Scout Youth Forum documents:

- Document No. 1: Provisional Agenda
- Document No. 2: Rules of Procedure
- Document No. 3: Topics for Discussion

We encourage you to give copies of these documents to your participants attending the Youth Forum for their advance information so that they come prepared for this event.

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

With best regards,

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Regional Director



Provisional Agenda

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

16 November 2012, Friday

- Arrivals of participants
- Registration
- 15:00 – 17:00 Staff Meeting
- 19:30 – 21:00 Dinner
- 21:00 – 22:00 Ice breakers/Team Building activity

17 November 2012, Saturday

- 07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 - 09:00 Meditation and Announcements
- 09:00 - 10:00 Introductory Session
 - Welcome Remarks by the Chairman of the 7th APR Scout Youth Forum
 - Introduction of Host Committee, Planning Committee, YAMG, and guest staff
 - Adoption of the Agenda
 - Adoption of Rules of Procedure
 - Introduction to the aim, objective and working method of the Youth Forum (including the purpose of the recommendations)
 - Report of the APR Programme Sub-Committee
- 10:00 - 10:30 Morning Tea
 - Participants should be assembled and seated at the hall by 10:30Hrs
- 10:30 - 12:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 12:00 - 12:30 Photo Session
- 12:30 - 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 - 16:30 Introductory Session (cont'd)
 - Keynote Speech
 - Brief overview of WOSM
 - Input on regional challenge
 - Appointment of tellers

- Call for nominations and election of Youth Forum Steering Committee. The 7th APR Scout Youth Forum elects the Youth Forum Steering Committee, which is composed of the following:
 - i. The Chairman, elected from the previous Youth Forum
 - ii. Four Vice Chairmen:
 - One from either - Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Kiribati, Polynesia, Malaysia, Indonesia
 - One from either - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
 - One from either - Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Cambodia, Philippines, Thailand, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macau
 - One from host NSO
 - iii. General Rapporteur, who shall be elected from the Youth Forum delegates.

16:30 - 17:00 Afternoon Tea

17:00 - 19:00 The Young Adult Members Group

- What is the YAMG all about?
- Report from the APR Young Adult Members Group (2009~2012)
- Explanation of the election process
- Introduction of YAMG Candidates

19:00 - 19:30 Free Time

19:30 - 21:00 Dinner

21:00 - 22:00 Social Night

18 November 2012, Sunday

07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast

08:30 - 09:00 Meditation and Announcements

09:00 - 09:30 Topic 1 – Bridging the gap with less privileged communities (Input)

09:30 - 10:00 Group Work (Topic 1 – Bridging the gap with less privileged communities)

10:00 - 10:30 Morning Tea

10:30 - 11:30 Group Work (Topic 1 – Bridging the gap with less privileged communities)

11:30 - 12:30 Group Work Reporting (Topic 1 – Bridging the gap with less privileged communities)

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch

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| 14:30 - 15:00 | Topic 2 – Bridging people and the environment (Input) |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | Group Work (Topic 2 – Bridging people and the environment) |
| 16:30 - 17:30 | Afternoon tea |
| 16:30 - 18:00 | Group Work (Topic 2 – Bridging people and the environment) |
| 18:00 - 19:00 | Group Work Reporting (Topic 2 – Bridging people and the environment) |
| 19:00 - 19:30 | Free Time |
| 19:30 - 21:00 | Dinner |
| 21:00 – 22:00 | Social Night |

19 November 2012, Monday

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| 07:30 - 08:00 | Leave for Educational Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savar National Memorial • Ganoshastha Centre |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Topic 3 – Bridging the digital divide (Input) |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Group Work (Topic 3 – Bridging the digital divide) |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Morning Tea |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | Group Work (Topic 3 – Bridging the digital divide) |
| 12:45 – 1345 | Group Work Reporting (Topic 3 – Bridging the digital divide) |
| 13:45 – 15:00 | Lunch and continue Educational Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monno Ceramic Industry • Dhamral Small Cottage Industry and Tea |
| 19:00 | Return to BRAC CDM |
| 21:00 - 22:00 | International Night (together with the participants from the APR Course for Leader Trainers) |

20 November 2012, Tuesday

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| 07:30 - 08:30 | Breakfast |
| 08:30 - 09:00 | Meditation and Announcements |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | Workshops |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Morning Tea |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | Discussion on the Youth Forum Recommendations |
| 12:30 - 14:30 | Lunch (Steering Committee and YAMG will meet to draft the final recommendations) |

- 14:30 - 15:30 Election of Young Adult Member Group (2012 – 2015)
- Explanation of election procedure
 - Reconfirmation of YAMG Duties
 - Voting for the YAMG
 - Announcement of YAMG 2012-2015
- 15:30 - 16:30 Adoption of Youth Forum Recommendations
- Presentation from Steering Committee
 - Discussion on the recommendation
 - Adoption
- 16:30 - 17:00 Tea Break
- 17:00 - 17:30 Concluding Sessions and confirmation of the Youth Forum Recommendations
- 17:30 - 20:00 Open Forum and Evaluation
- 18:30 - 20:00 Closing Ceremonies
- 20:00 – 21:00 Dinner
- 21:00 – 22:00 Free Time

21 November 2012, Wednesday

Departures / Home Hospitality

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Rules of Procedure

(Doc. No.2)

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

This "Rules of Procedure" complements the "Guidelines for Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forums" approved by the APR Scout Committee, and is normally published with the Guidelines.

A. APPROVAL BY EACH ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM

Each Regional Youth Forum should present this draft Rules of Procedure for approval at the Introductory Session.

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure may be proposed and adopted, provided that they do not contradict to the Guidelines for Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, as amended by the APR Scout Committee in April 2009.

Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure must be forwarded in writing to the Planning Committee in advance of the session at which they will be submitted for approval. The Planning Committee may establish a deadline for receipt of proposed amendments.

B. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the APR Scout Youth Forum is the elected Chairman of the YAMG coming from previous Youth Forum.

C. VICE-CHAIRMAN

As specified in the Guidelines, the APR Scout Youth Forum will elect four Vice Chairmen. Any official delegate may nominate a candidate according to categories prescribed in the "Guidelines for Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum."

D. RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE AND PROCEDURE

1. Composition. The four Vice-Chairmen constitute the Recommendations Committee. A Chairman should be elected from among them.
2. Function
 - a) The Recommendations Committee is responsible for formulating recommendations based on the Youth Forum discussions, either on its own initiative or on the basis of suggestions made to it by Youth Forum participants.
 - b) Initiating Recommendations of thanks, congratulations, commendations, condolences and the like.
 - c) Collating and editing Recommendations submitted by delegations, individual delegates or the Discussion Patrols
 - d) Presenting for approval of the Forum a list of Recommendations thus initiated, collated and edited.
 - e) The Resolutions Committee may fix a closing time for receipt of such suggestions.

3. What are recommendations?

- a) As stated in the Guidelines for Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forums provide opportunities for young people in Scouting to express their views and make recommendations on issues of interest to them.
- b) A Recommendation is a document written, based on the discussion during the APR Scout Youth Forum, to provide relevant input and proposals. As part of the Youth Forum Report, these recommendations are presented at the Regional Scout Conference. Any member national Scout organization, supported or seconded by another member national Scout organization, may pick-up any or all recommendation/s of the Youth Forum and put them forward as proposed resolutions to the conference.

4. Type

There are Recommendations of thanks, congratulations, commendations and condolences. There are also Recommendations for the adoption of certain policies, principles, procedures, projects, etc. previously selected and that are directly related to the subjects discussed during the APR Scout Youth Forum. All Recommendations coming out of the APR Scout Youth Forum are recommendatory and therefore the Forum Recommendations does not have any constitutional character and are not binding to national Scout organizations.

5. Style

- a) Recommendations should be written in English.
- b) All Recommendations should be simple, omitting lengthy preambles and whereas. The rationale of the Recommendations may be explained if needed during the oral reports. As ideas count more in the preparation of Recommendations, they should be written in the simplest and most understandable form.
- c) The style should also follow a format, the SPEAR method:

S - Subjects. Title of the recommendation

P - Problem. Explain the problem or the issue

E - Existing projects/what Scouts are doing. Provide information on existing project that addresses the issue; Historic justifications, official figures and references; Cite past resolutions, precedents and statements about the purpose of action. Emphasize the difficulties that have been encountered in the past (if any).

A - Agencies involved/aids. Provide information on agencies that might be helpful as partner to address the problem. Or congratulate NSOs and/or organizations which have worked on the issue.

R - Recommendations. Policies that the recommendation desires to create. Use them to explain what the committee or NSOs will do to address the issue. The clauses should be clear, workable and unambiguous.

6. Presentation of the recommendations

- a) Each delegate will be provided in advance a list of the Recommendations to be acted upon. They should be available sufficiently in advance to permit participants to study them before the final session of the Youth Forum. The recommendations, in any case, must be available in writing or flashed through a projector during the adoption.

- b) The Chairperson of the Recommendations Committee will present the Recommendations to the Forum and the sponsoring NSO will, if questions arise, explain briefly the rationale of the Recommendations.
- c) After the above procedure, the Recommendations are re-read and acted upon individually by the Forum. All Recommendations that need clarification, consolidation or amendment are tabled for later discussion and action. All non-controversial Recommendations are therefore, acted upon with facility.
- d) The other Recommendations are then acted upon giving priority to those Recommendations that need clarification only. All Recommendations that need consolidation and/or amendments are again tabled for later discussion and action.
- e) Those remaining Recommendations to which some delegates have indicated the desire to consolidate or to propose amendments are then re-read and discussed. All speakers for or against, are given time limits to express their views.
- f) After the discussion, the sponsor, those in opposition to, and all those interested in the reforming, "rephrasing" or rewording of the resolution are asked to meet together to come up with a more acceptable proposal. If necessary, the session may be declared in recess for the purpose.
- g) The redrafted Recommendations are then presented to the plenary session for consideration.
- h) Following practice in many countries, where an amendment to a recommendation is proposed by a delegate and duly seconded, the amendment is first put to the Forum for a adoption, before the original recommendation. If the amendment is lost, the recommendation is then put; if the amendment is carried, then the recommendation is amended accordingly.

E. ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Recommendations Committee will then present the recommendations at the final session of the Youth Forum for approval. The recommendation shall then be adopted.

Only official delegates of the Youth Forum may vote, if need be. Each national Scout organization from the Asia-Pacific Region may cast two votes, irrespective of the number of delegates representing a National Scout Organization at the Forum.

Decisions made by vote must be approved by a majority of votes cast; abstentions are not considered. Voting may be by show of hands. If there is no visibly clear majority, the Chair may call for a vote by roll-call of delegates or by secret ballot.

F. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The Official language of the Regional Youth Forum is English. Other languages may be used to address the Youth Forum provided a competent interpretation or translation into English is possible from within the resources of the Youth Forum.

G. DURATION OF THE FORUM

The Youth Forum should be held in four full days.

[Note: This Rules of Procedure is adopted from the Rules of Procedure of the past Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forums.]



Topics for Discussion

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

The Planning Committee of the 7th APR Scout Youth Forum has created an online discussion site at <http://7apryouthforum.proboards.com/>. The list of the proposed "topics for discussion" are listed below, according to the number of views it received, as follows:

1. Bridging the gap with less privileged communities

As the world progresses in education, health and economy at a rapid pace, there are societies or communities struggling to reap the benefits from these 'developments' happening around them. As Scouts are deeply involved in community development, what can be potential roles of Scouts in uplifting the lives of these people?

This topic is related to Youth Involvement in the community, which is the third area of work for young people to be fully involved in decision-making in the Movement (The Youth Involvement Toolbox, 2005). This topic is also related to is one of the four priorities set by the World Scout Committee for the triennium 2011-2014 - "Youth for Change." This topic can also cover "Scouts of the World Award and the "Messengers of Peace" Project.

Young people can discuss and identify the impact they have in the world in order to encourage them to take active role in their communities. Young people in the Youth Forum could come up with some ideas for actual programs that NSOs could support.

2. Bridging people and the environment

Nature has inspired the human civilization to innovate with brilliant ideas and progress. Yet, the physical environment is being sacrificed the most for paving the way for development. Without the sustainability of 'Nature' the existence of the human race is impossible. What can we do to protect the environment from being depleted?

Most NSOs have "A Scout Cares for the Environment" as one of the points of the Scout Law. How does this particular law manifest at the unit level and what concrete activities take place to fulfill this law?

Looking at the World Scout Environment Programme, young people at the Youth Forum could call upon themselves to put together recommendations on how they will actively participate, enhance and promote the WSEP. Furthermore, the Youth Forum can also make recommendations on how to make an impact during the Earth Hour, Clean Up the World, and the World Environment Day.

3. Bridging the digital divide

With the economic disparity comes the disability to connect to the digital world, which is a major reason for some communities to prosper at a slower pace than others. In fact, according to a Penn State telecommunications researcher, technology is helping communication companies merge telephone, television and Internet services, but a push to deregulate may leave some customers on the wrong side of the digital divide during this convergence. Technology convergence may widen the digital divide.

How can we contribute to connect the unconnected communities? How do we harness technology to aid and ensure the effective implementation of the Scout Method at the grassroot level? Is this possible considering recurring costs?

NOTE:

The above topics are pre-selected topics chosen based on the feedback from the online discussion board. These topics are sent to Youth Forum Participants, well in advanced so that they may be able to study and prepare before the Youth Forum. Coming prepared to the Youth Forum is very important so that participants actively participate in the discussions and eventually, come up with good recommendations which the conference may pick up as a conference resolution.