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**Report of the President of APR Scout  
Foundation**

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Greetings, fellow Scouts!

The past two years of our Triennium 2018 - 2021 were a challenging period for everyone. But as Scouts, we continue to rise over any difficulties. We focus on what we can do to help and continue the commitment as you have tasked us to handle the APR Scout Foundation Management Committee.

We have many first in this triennium:

- Of course, the 1<sup>st</sup> ever virtual APR Scout Conference;
- The first time that as Committee members, we learned how to use the technology for our meetings;
- The first time that our Fellowship Gathering will also be held virtually;
- The first time that you will not spend \$100 to a fundraising dinner; and,
- Unfortunately, this is the first time that you will not receive some souvenirs from the APR foundation as the courier service is another challenge.

Nevertheless, we still encourage you to continue to support us by enlisting yourself as a new member or upgrading your membership contribution if you are already a member, to the APR Scout Foundation. You may also avail our limited-edition medallion, just for this 30th anniversary of the Foundation. I will discuss that later as I go along with my report.

**Let's begin with the Brief History of the APR Scout Foundation.**

For the sake of those who have joined this conference for the first time, I would like to begin by giving you a brief background of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Foundation. It was in December 1991 when the Regional Scout Committee decided to establish APR Scout Foundation, with the purpose of assisting in the growth of Scouting by funding worthwhile community development projects of National Scouts Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region. And to start with, The Scouts of China on Taiwan contributed US\$10,000.00 as seed money to the Foundation.

To make sure that the funds are well managed, APR Scout Foundation Management Committee is organized and its members appointed every three years (or from Conference to Conference) to oversee the affairs of the Foundation while Scout Association of Hong Kong was appointed as Trustee of the Foundation. The Asia-Pacific Support Center serves as the Secretariat as represented by the Regional Director.

Since then, the APR Scout Foundation has supported fifteen (15) projects of National Scout Organizations in areas of educational method, community development, infrastructures, financial resources, emergencies, and disaster awareness, and many more either through grants or loans. Additionally, around hundred Scouting activities hosted by NSOs has been financially supported by the APR Scout Foundation.

As for our fund, I am happy to report to you that the seed money has now grown into over US\$2.98 million, including the ROI of our investment with the World Scout Foundation. Membership totaled to 890 adult members and 130 youth members. The complete list is flashed on the screen.

### **Celebration of the 30 years of APR Scout Foundation**

Now I would like to discuss with you the celebration of the 30 years of APR Scout Foundation. The Committee made sure that despite of the pandemic, we will be able celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- The theme of the anniversary is "Supporting Scouting to Build a Better World"
- A logo contest was held with entry of Noel Lisondra from the Boy Scouts of the Philippine chosen as the winner with US\$300 prize. Badge has been produced for this anniversary logo and you can avail it at Scout Bazaar.
- A Coffee Table Book of the "30 Years of the APR Scout Foundation" has been published to showcase the works and achievements of the APR Scout Foundation. You may check it at scout.org website.
- We will be having a virtual Foundation Fellowship Gathering tonight at 6:30 pm and I'm inviting you to attend this special gathering. It is free and open to everyone.
- Finally, for us to raise fund so we can support more projects, I am encouraging you to avail our limited edition "30<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Medallion". We have produced three kinds - 50 pcs of gold - serially numbered. This can be availed for your support of US\$1,000 to APR Scout Foundation. The second kind is 100 pcs silver medallion for which you can avail at US\$200. The third category of medallion is bronze and for the young people, it is 100 pcs and US\$100 dollars for each piece. Contact our colleagues at Scout Bazaar to avail these limited-edition medallions.

### **Achievements in the Triennium 2018-2021**

What have we achieved and done in this triennium? First, I would like to report on membership contributions received. Due to the current situation of covid pandemic, the APR Foundation experienced a decline in the

membership's recruits. Total amount received for the triennium is US\$31,500 from thirteen (13) NSOs. List is flashed on the screen for information. Our appreciation to those who continue support this worthy cause. I would also like to especially mention our youth members who catches the vision and support Scouting by contributing to the Foundation.

### **Fund Raising event**

Now on the fundraising activities. Again, due to Covid-19 pandemic, our various scheduled fundraising events have been cancelled. We are however able to hold one fundraising event in Kagoshima, Japan. The event was a success and attended by around 100 Scouts and leaders, where we also recruited eight (8) new and upgraded members. Our appreciation to Scout Association of Japan and our friend Mr. Tadashi Murayama for sponsoring the said event.

### **What have we supported?**

As mentioned, the Foundation was established to help fund projects and support Scouting in the Region. For this triennium, the APR Scout Foundation granted the AP Support Center with US\$84,000 for 40 activities to support NSOs hosting Scout activities. It was ensured that all activities supported by the Foundation are as per the APR Plan2018-2021. Unfortunately, some of the events because of the pandemic has been re-scheduled until the situation normalizes.

A project "Scout Youth Center" of Pakistan Boy Scout Association was also granted with US\$15,000.00 non-interest loan. This project is on-going.

The Foundation also supported our two (2) young people who have attended the Youth leadership Training course in Panama in December 2019.

The APR Scout Foundation also commits US\$15,000.00 to support the conduct of this 27<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Conference hosted by the AP Support Center.

Additionally, to continue to support our young people, Terms of Reference between the APR Scout Foundation and our Regional Youth Representatives is under review .

Having said that, I continue to encourage our NSOs to submit their project proposal to APR Scout Foundation.

## **Fund balance**

APR Scout Foundation fund balance to date reached US\$2.98 M including the ROI of our investment with World Scout Foundation. The investment with the WSF with principal amount of US\$1.6 Million has a value as of 30 September 2021 of US\$2.68M. Our appreciation to WSF for their continued support.

With the accomplishments in this triennium, despite some setbacks because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I believe that there is much more we can do in the future to serve Scouting and to serve our young people. And we could only do it with your support. Thank you all and we look forward to your patronage in coming days too.

And before I end, I would like to leave you a quote from Laotze, a great ancient Chinese philosopher, that says "To serve is to make you have more; to give is to make you own more."

Thank You and Wish You All the Very Best!

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APR Scout Foundation Management Committee