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Quantitative and qualitative Evaluation of the 38th World Scout Conference 2008, Republic of Korea

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to share with you the key points from the Evaluation of the 38th World Scout Conference which took place earlier this year (July 2008) in Jeju island, Republic of Korea. Detailed versions of the reports are available for download from the following link:

www.scout.org/conference

1. Statistical Analysis

This report has been extracted from Conference registrations. A record number of 947 delegates and observers were present at the Conference, making it the highest number ever. It may also be noted that 150 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) sent delegates to the conference, ensuring that 94% of the eligible 160 NSOs were represented.

Although there was no significant improvement in the percentage of women participants (12%) in this Conference, the proportion of participants under the age of 26 (28%), especially amongst delegates, was much higher than earlier Conferences. More than 80% of the participants under the age of 26 at the Conference attended the World Scout Youth Forum, before coming to the Conference. At this point it is important that we recognise the support of Operation Saekdong, organised by the Korea Scout Association, in enabling a good number of young people to attend both events.

A new online (Internet based) registration system was launched for this Conference, which eased the registration process and 44% of the participants were registered through this system.

For a detailed version of the above analysis, please visit the link above to download a document with comprehensive analysis from the Conference registrations.

2. Evaluation by Participants

A paper based participant's evaluation questionnaire was distributed along with the welcome kit to all participants attending the 38th World Scout Conference. However, only a small number of them (68) returned the completed forms. Hence in an attempt to obtain more responses, the same evaluation form was made available on an online (Internet based) survey platform, following the Conference. As a result a total of 165 responses, including 97 received online, were collected.

The feedback collected were divided in to five key areas:

- Content
- Actors
- Method
- Logistics
- Atmosphere

This Conference saw a very high level of satisfaction from the participants as 90% of the respondents rated that the overall atmosphere of the Conference as 'Excellent' and 'Good'. The hosts, Korea Scout Association received many accolades as more than 82% of the respondents rated positively the venue, transportation, hospitality, meals and accommodation.

The variety of working methods used in the Conference, including workshops and interactive opportunities for participants was highly appreciated. Support provided in terms of documentation, presentations (plenary & workshops) and translations were rated positively too.

A common suggestion coming from many respondents was to improve the voting system and to explore possibilities of using an electronic process in the future. There were suggestions to try and allocate more time for discussions and debates before voting on resolutions.

More results and comments from the participant's evaluation can be downloaded from the link mentioned earlier in this Circular.

As the process for planning and executing the next World Scout Conference (2011, Brazil) is already underway, this quantitative and qualitative evaluation from the Korea Conference is very important for us.

Thanks for your help in registering on-line and in filling the evaluation questionnaires (both online and on paper). We have taken note of the many suggestions for improvements and are grateful for your kind and encouraging comments.

Together in association with the hosts of future World Conferences, we are committed to improve our services to NSOs. We look forward to your continued cooperation and support in this process.

Yours sincerely,

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