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This is a fortnightly issue starting 15 September 2009 to provide updates and information to participants of the 23rd APR Scout Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 27 October–1 November 2009.

Conference Participation

We are happy to announce that as of now 25 countries have registered for the conference including members of World Scout Committee, World Scout Bureau offices (Geneva, Eurasia, Europe) and guests from Spain, Switzerland, Uganda, and the United States, as well as from ISGF and IUMS. Total number stands at 296 and is expected to increase before the deadline of 30th September as some APR countries have yet to register. The Youth Forum has 107 participants from 26 countries while the Course for Leader Trainers has around 47 participants from 8 countries.

Reminder: three conference forms

Many NSOs have yet to submit three different forms: a) Registration Form b) Accommodation Form c) Transportation Form. Your early submission, preferably before 30th September, would help facilitate logistical preparations by the host, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM).

Requirements for visa

Participants who need formal invitation for their visa application should send a request with passport details to Dr Mukhyuddin Bin Sarwani, International Commissioner of PPM at mmsarwani@scout.org copy to PPM national headquarters <23aprconf@malaysiascout.or>. The following info should be provided:

- Name (as written in passport)
- Nationality
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Date of issue
- Place of issue
- Expiry Date

In addition, please give contact details of the Malaysian embassy in your country.

Participation in Breakout Groups

NSOs are requested to submit the names of their participants for five breakout groups: 1) Membership, 2) National Strategic Plan Implementation, 3) Synergy between Program and Training, 4) Community-based and School-based Scouting, 5) APR Plan 2009-2012. Details of the group activity have been sent to NSOs thru regional circular no. 28.

Conference bulletins now available

PP Malaysia has sent two conference bulletin issues to NSOs. The first bulletin features general information on the conference and ancillary including general information about Malaysia plus interesting places to see. Bulletin 2 contains details of the venues, logo, mascot, pre-post program, accommodation, etc. The third is expected to be out in late September. All conference bulletins can be viewed from the website.

Exhibition panels for NSOs

NSOs requiring panels for their exhibits have to block the number of panels they need. Sizes available are 4x6 soft board. Please send your request early as panels are limited and will be reserved on a 'first come. first serve' basis.

NSO Flags

All NSOs are requested to bring two National Scout Organization flags of 6x4 ft size to be handed over to the host at the time of registration. These NSO flags are required to be hoisted inside the plenary hall and on the hotel grounds.

Accompanying Persons Programme

This is a 5-day programme starting on 27th until 31st October. Accompanying persons will have a city tour around Kuala Lumpur on the first two days and will join the entire conference for the educational tour in Malacca on the 30th. On the last day, they will have a trip to Putrajaya. Rover Scouts will guide accompanying persons during the entire programme.

Educational Tour for all Participants

The entire day of 30th October is allocated for the educational tour. Participants will be divided into three groups and will travel to Malacca, a historical city outside Kuala Lumpur.

Gatherings at the Conference

A number of gatherings will take place in the evenings after business sessions:

- 28 October: International Commissioners Gathering, APR Palaver (training team members with program commissioners), APR Scout Foundation Fellowship Gathering
- 29 October: APES Gathering, APR Scout Foundation Fundraising Dinner
- 31 October: ATAS Gathering

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