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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.

Documents Issued

Four conference documents out of 29 have been issued to all NSOs for advance information:

- Conference Agenda
 - Rules of Procedure (revised)
 - Candidates for APR Scout Committee 2009-2015
 - Amendments to the APR Constitution & By-Laws
- Second batch is due for release and the rest will be issued during the conference.

World level Leaders at the Conference

World Scout Committee (WSC) Chairman Rick Cronk will be present at the conference together with both WSC Vice-chairmen Mario Diaz and Simon Rhee, and a number of WSC members, WOSM Secretary General Luc Panissod, WSB Executive Director Jim Sharp, and the Regional Chairmen of Africa, Arab, Eurasia and Inter-america.

Heads of Delegation Meeting

All heads of delegations are invited for a joint meeting with the Regional Scout Committee on 27 October at 1100hrs. Agenda includes a briefing on the conference agenda and its various gatherings. The host will give updates on registration, accompanying persons program, educational tour, district hospitality, among others.

Partner organizations taking part

Presentations from existing and potential partners, including the Consortium for Street Children, INITIATE, UNICEF, UNEP, European Scout Region and Inter-American Scout Region, will be made at the conference.

Breakout Groups

Congratulations to six NSOs – Bhutan, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Nepal and Thailand – who were the first to send the names of their participants for the five breakout groups: 1) Membership Growth, 2) National Strategic Plan Implementation, 3) Synergy between Youth Programme and Training, 4) Community based/ School-based Scouting 5) APR Plan 2009-2012.

However it is noticed only a few names have been forwarded and it is expected that all participants join a breakout group.

Constitutional changes to be presented

Two constitutional changes will be proposed to the conference for approval. One is related to the resignation, termination of membership from the committee due to failure to attend two consecutive meetings of the Regional Scout Committee. The second one seeks alignment of the membership status of the Regional Chairman or Vice-Chairman in the World Scout Committee.

Airport Reception and Local Transport

All delegations will be met by Scouts in uniform at designated waiting areas from all entry points: 1) KLIA or Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2) LCCT or Low Cost Carrier Terminal 3) Bus Terminal 4) Railway Stations. Those arriving at KLIA will be provided with Airport Express Train Tickets to KL Central, and those from LCCT will be given bus tickets to KL Central. At the KL central, another group of Scouts will bring participants to their hotels. Therefore, all delegations are urgently requested to send their transportation forms to inform the host of their arrival details.

Conference-related meetings and activity venues

All venues are located at Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

- **Registration and information Centre**, 24 October to 2 November, Ground floor of Hilton Hotel
- **Secretariat**, 26 Oct to 1 November, Accord Room
- **Sub-Committee Meetings**, 26 October, Central Exchange Rooms A & B, Central Ballroom A and B
- **APES Gathering**, 29 October at 1730 to 1900h, Suite 1
- **ATAS Gathering**, 31 October at 1730 to 1900h, Central Ballroom A

Special Package rate for conference guests

The host, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia, offers a special package rates for those attending the conference for not more than 4 days and 3 nights, i.e. to deliver a topic, to attend the ATAS/APES and Foundation Gathering, or to receive APR Awards. Invitees under this category are "guests". The package rate of 400MR (approximately US\$115.00) to cover inland transportation, a lunch, conference kit and invitation to special events. The package does not cover accommodation.

Host of World and Regional Events

All NSOs hosting future world and regional events will make presentations and updates of their events on 31 October: Philippines for the 26th APR Scout Jamboree; Kenya for the World Scout Moot; Brazil for the 39th World Scout Conference and Sweden for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree.

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