

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.

Countdown

With only 11 days left for the conference, 3 days for CLT and 6 days for the Youth forum, it is urgent that matters relating to arrival details and registration, etc. – if not done – are completed immediately.

Payment of conference registration fee

The registration database shows that many conference participants have yet to remit their registration fees. As such, those who have not remitted their fee will have to do so at the time of registration at the conference venue. Payment can be made in US dollars equivalent to Malaysian Ringgit at the current exchange rate. When payment is made on registration, **only cash (in US dollars or in any hard currency) will be accepted. Credit card payment will not be accepted.** Please note that the conference ID will be issued only upon clearing the registration fee.

All NSOs that have remitted their fees are advised to bring along a copy of their remittance receipts for ready reference in case inconsistencies arise.

Reception on arrival in KL

Malaysian Scouts, in uniform, will receive participants of the Youth Forum, CLT and conference at a special reception corner at the airport's meeting points both at KLIA and LCCT, from 18th October at 8.00 in the morning. Meeting points are located after immigration and customs. The Scouts will provide either a van for the International Youth Centre (Youth Forum and CLT venue), or a KLIA express train ticket, or a LCCT bus ticket as the case may be. Upon reaching the KLIA train city terminal and LCCT bus terminal, local Scouts in uniform will bring participants to their respective hotels.

NSO survey

In the past two regional conferences (Brunei Darussalam and Tokyo), APR initiated two surveys with NSOs to determine their satisfaction with regional services.

This year's survey will be on-line and much more comprehensive. All NSOs have already been requested to participate. It is of utmost importance that all NSOs in APR fill-up the on-line survey before the 26th of October 2009. This survey will help the World Scout Bureau and the World Scout Committee, as well as the Regional Scout Committee, in better understanding the needs of NSOs and to identify where to target future priorities and planning. Results will be computer-generated and will be shared with all NSOs sometime in November. All NSOs are requested to complete the survey by all means before the conference.

Malaysian dignitaries to grace conference and ancillary events

Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia is lining up top officials of the government for the possibility of gracing the different ceremonies of the conference and ancillary events.

- Yab Dato Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia
- Yab Dato Haji Muhyidin Bin Mohd Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia
- Yb Dato' Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Minister of Youth and Sports
- Yb Datuk Ir Dr Wee Ka Siong, Deputy Minister of Education
- Yb Tuan Wee Jeck Seng, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports

High Tea at the King's Palace

All participants are invited for high tea at the King's Palace in Kuala Lumpur. This will take place on 29 October just after the breakout group reports.

Special sponsorship for ancillary events

To ensure the participation of deserving youth members and Scout Leaders in the APR Youth Forum and CLT, two key sponsorships were arranged with the support of The Scout Association (UK) and Scouts Canada. From the balance of funds of the 2007 World Jamboree's "Operation One World", APR has arranged financial support for six young people from Cambodia, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, India, and Sri Lanka. Similarly with funds from Scouts Canada, APR allocated funds for five CLT participants from Bhutan, India, Nepal, Philippines and Indonesia.

Participation Update

The number of participants is increasing every day, and as of today, 15 October, there are 357 participants from 38 countries in Asia-Pacific and from around the world, including World Committee members and staff.

This is the last issue of this conference update and we hope to see you all in KL soon...

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