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To: Chief Commissioners
International Commissioners
Chief Scout Executives

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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from World Scout Bureau/APR Office!

Promote Rover Peace Baton

It is evident that we live in a world of conflicts, disputes and misunderstanding yet peace is never far from each. Let us not allow our differences to act as walls and hinder development, growth and prosperity but instead be the bridge for settlements, understanding and communication to take place.

Peace is not in the absence of war but amidst the presence of justice. It consists of copious forms and in which we may promote the awareness of its necessity worldwide.

A region wide peace baton passing that includes every member country within the Asia Pacific Region would take place to promote peace. It will be a marathon within the country in which everyone is invited. Moreover, the major initiatives and participation of the Rover Scouts is requested.

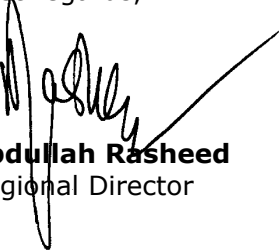
In the completion of the grand celebration of the Asia Pacific Region's 50 years, each NSO would address a particular global issue and address a brief message of having the necessity and importance of peace through the marathon.

There would be four groups in accordance to their geographical location. The marathon "Run for Peace" will start in a designated country in each group then pass along its neighboring countries. Eventually, all of the four batons will end up at the home of the region in the Philippines. While the baton is in a country, the mode of marathon (walk, ran, bicycle, motorcycle, cars, etc.) and arrangement of the passing it through one point to another shall be the responsibility of the respective NSO.

Tentative plan can be viewed at the attached agenda to this circular. We would like to request you to give us your feed back on this matter and appoint a coordinator in your NSO. He will be in charge of the whole plan. Please send us his credentials along with his contact number by the end of January 2006.

It is of unprecedented importance that we show our concern for such a vital cause. Your support and cooperation in this matter would make a difference.

Best regards,



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Rover Peace Baton Passing

An awareness event that promotes peace amidst the various global issues that are essential for us to have a prosperous relationship.

This is a region wide event that would be divided into four groups. These groups would be in accordance to their geographical location. This will take place simultaneously starting from the farthest country to the Philippines, the home of the Asia Pacific Region. The baton will be passed on from one country to the next until it reaches to the Philippines. While a baton is in a country, before the marathon, a brief message from the NSO addressing their particular global concern and the necessity and importance of peace will be the concentration of the marathon.

Schedule of Activities

It is proposed that the marathon start on 1 August 2006 and continues until it reaches the Philippines. Possible date of the batons from 4 directions to reach the Philippines is on the 31st of December 2006.

Groupings/Sequencing of Baton Passing

<u>Group A</u>	<u>GroupB</u>	<u>GroupC</u>	<u>GroupD</u>
Indonesia	Japan	Maldives	New Zealand
Malaysia	South Korea	Sri Lanka	French Polynesia
Brunei Darussalam	Mongolia	India	Fiji
Singapore	Rep. Of China	Pakistan	Australia
Thailand	Macau	Nepal	Papua New Guinea
	Hong Kong	Bhutan	
		Bangladesh	

ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

Senior Scout, Rover Scouts (16-26 years of age) and Scout Leaders are encouraged to participate in this event

TIMELINE

- Project preparation time December 2005-2006.
- Project participants recruitment April-June 2006.
- Sponsorships and other logistics April-July 2006.
- NSO/International Coordination June-July 2006.
- 7th of August 2006 start the baton passing for this significant event.