



World Scout Moot 2004

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The spectacle of music and dance set the stage of the lively closing of the 12th World Scout Moot at the CKS Memorial Park in Taipei. A parade of colors started with the World Scout Flag, followed by the flags of the 86 countries represented at the event, and finally the Moot flag. The Moot closed on 10 August. Approximately 2,500 people participated in the event.

Taiwan Rovers handed over the World Scout flag to the organizers of the next Moot in 2008, Mozambique. The Mozambique delegation welcomed all the Scouts to their country in four years.



At the opening ceremony on July 30, the President of Republic of China, His Excellency Chen Shui-bian, urged every participant to fully live the spirit of Scouting as a worldwide family and to learn with an open mind and optimistic attitude, and to courageously face the challenges of the future.

The Chairman of the National Executive Board of Scouts of China, Dr Yung Chaur Shin, delivered his greetings to the Scouts. Three Scouts led the Scout Law in three languages as a solemn oath of keeping the basic principles of Scouting at heart. Six representatives of various religious groups blessed the Moot and nations of the world with a prayer.

The 12th World Scout Moot was hosted by the Scouts of China, and is the first moot to have been held in Asia.



World Scout Moots are gatherings of members of senior branches of National Scout Associations (traditionally called Rovers) and other young adult members. Participants range in age from 18 to 25 inclusive. Moots provide an opportunity for young adults in Scouting to meet together with the objective of improving their international understanding as citizens of the world.