



Thousands commemorate Founder's Day in Nyeri, Kenya

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Scouts around the world marked the Founder's Day on Sunday 22nd February, 2009. Over 8,000 Scouts turned out at the Kabiruini showground in Nyeri district to mark the event. The theme of this year's occasion was 'Breaking Barriers.' In his speech, Kenya's Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka who is also the Kenya Scouts Chief Commissioner assured the Scouting fraternity in Kenya of continued government support.

He pointed out that the government had already released 20 million shillings towards the 13th World Scout Moot in 2010, which Kenya will be privileged to host. He also urged the youth to continue upholding peace and unity so as to set an example to the rest of the country. The Chief Scout for Kenya, Francis Kaparo was also present, among many other dignitaries and diplomats.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Baden, Baden-Powell's great grand children, spoke at the function. The Chief guest Mr. Stephens Harmon who represented the US Ambassador to Kenya, Michael Ranneberger urged the Scouts to uphold the principle of their motto and promise in order to maintain peace and unity in the country. He said the US government will continue to support the 'Scouting for Solutions' initiative and to that end will provide Kshs 120million in the next two years towards the Scout's programmes, particularly the fight against HIV/AIDS pandemic.

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