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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : **REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS, COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES
AND OFFICER-IN-CHARGE**

SUBJECT : **B.-P. DAY 2016: CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF THE FOUNDER**

1. **Historical Background.** February 22, 1857 marked the birthday of the Chief Scout of the World, the Founder of the biggest educational youth movement in the world, the man behind the legacy of World Scouting, Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden Powell. Among Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, this special day is referred to as the "World Thinking Day / Founder's Day" celebration.
2. **Rationale.** To date, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) issued a joint communication for all WOSM and WAGGGS member countries on the collaborative efforts of both organizations, particularly in the celebration of February 22 2016. They circulated the Founder's Day Statement with greater emphasis to B.-P.'s last message to Scouters and Guides released in 1941, in describing the purpose of Scouting and Guiding and he wrote:

"Its aim is to produce healthy, happy, helpful citizens, of both sexes, to eradicate the prevailing narrow self-interest, personal, political. Sectarian and national and to substitute for it a broader spirit of self-sacrifice and service in the cause of humanity; and thus to develop mutual goodwill and cooperation not only within our own country but abroad, between all countries".

As we reflect on the events which happened over the years, we can clearly conclude that the purpose mentioned by the Founder remains relevant today as it was in 1941.

3. **Aim and Objectives.** The Founder's Day is coming on 22 February 2016. How will you celebrate B.-P. Day 2016? Celebrating the Legacy of the Founder aims to create awareness and online crowdsourcing to and from Scouting communities in different parts of the country and encourages everyone to reflect on the vision of our Founder and reconfirm our commitment of bringing together more young people united in Peace and support each other, working in the spirit of collaboration and make positive change in the communities – as we help create a better world.
Specifically, the celebration should be able to:
 1. Collaborate the young people, both male and female, to think about a community service project that will benefit the community – particularly in line with Peace, Development and Environment;
 2. Celebrate the birthday of the Founder by reaffirming and re-dedicating ourselves to the Ideals and the Fundamental Principles of Scouting and the Scout Oath and Law;
 3. Engage and involve more children and the youth in the community and be able to create social impact that Scouting is an educational movement of young people.
4. **Call to Action.** Everyday Scouts from all over the world have made significant contributions in "Creating a Better World". Now, as we celebrate the **159th Birthday** of our Founder, World Scouting calls for action to serve the community and do our good turn in the areas of Peace, Development and Environment Education to include but are not limited to:

a. Peace Education

- i. "Peace Starts with Me" Campaign
- ii. Anti-Bullying Awareness Campaign
- iii. Campaign Against Child Labor and Child Trafficking
- iv. Scout Go for Traffic and Road Safety

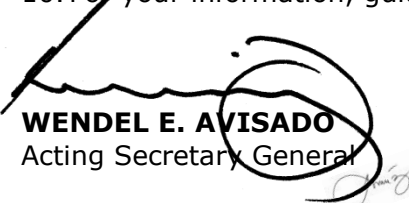
b. Development Education

- i. Library Clean-Up and Book Donation Drive
- ii. Blood Donation Drive
- iii. Feeding Program: Health and Nutrition Education
- iv. Social Outreach: Gift Giving
- v. Medical and Dental Mission
- vi. Numeracy and Literacy Skills Workshop for Out-of-School-Youth
- vii. Fund Drive supporting Differently-abled Young People and the Elderly
- viii. Scouting supports Indigenous People
- ix. Scouting supports Ticket to Life Project (Street Children)

c. Environment Education

- i. Mangrove Reforestation and Massive Tree Planting
- ii. Environment Protection and Conservation
- iii. Solid Waste Management: Segregate, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- iv. Renewable Sources of Clean Energy: Scouts Go ` Solar
- v. School-Inside-the-Garden Beautification Project

5. **Period of Action.** As we join this world celebration, Scouts and Leaders in all Local Councils are encouraged to hold service projects related to peace, development and environment initiatives from **03 – 22 February 2016** at their home, school, neighborhood and community.
6. All concerned are enjoined to promote the Founder's Day Celebration through Service Projects, Programs and Activities by engaging more young people in the Boy, Senior, Rover Scout Sections and the Neighborhood or Community-Based Scouting units by involving your respective Commissioners at all ranks and levels to help and assist in the planning of activities in the schools, communities, districts, councils and regions.
7. **Share Your Stories.** Inspire others and be a **Scout Messenger of Peace** by sharing your stories to other Scouts from different parts of the world thru the www.scout.org platform. If you have not signed up yet, please visit www.scout.org/register, create a profile and start sharing. Send us your **action photos with caption** and will include your activities and service projects in the "News and Events" section of the BSP Official Website at www.scouts.org.ph. You can also post on your social media platforms using the hash-tag **#HappyBirthdayBP**.
8. Should you have further queries, you may refer them directly through the Field Operations Division, Program and Adult Resources Development at (02) 527-5112 loc. 524 and look for **Mr. Yasser F. Sarona**, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive, or you may send emails at yaz.sarona@scouts.org.ph
9. Attached herewith is the Joint Communication issued by the WAGGS and WOSM for your easy reference.
10. For your information, guidance and wide dissemination.


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World Thinking Day/Founder's Day Statement

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As we reflect back over the events which have happened over the last year, we can clearly conclude that the purpose mentioned by the Founder remains as relevant today as it was in 1941, if not even more so.

From natural disasters, to human conflicts, to ongoing social injustices including lack of access to healthcare, education and a safe space to live, in the last year young people across the world have found themselves, their families and their communities impacted in ways which will change their lives forever.

But, without exception, in response to each natural disaster, each human conflict, each global issue, young people across the globe are standing up, making themselves heard, advocating on behalf of others and taking action to make the world a better place.

The privilege of our roles is that everyday we get to hear from, speak with and see in action the inspiring young people and the incredible volunteers that support them, who in the name of Guiding and Scouting selflessly give their time and expertise each day to support others.

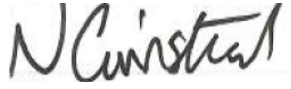
From the relief response mobilized in the immediate aftermath of the Nepal Earthquake, to the sustained and co-ordinated efforts in place to support refugees displaced from their homes, to our joint delegation to COP21 lobbying global leaders to take action now in relation to climate change, the contribution and impact of Scouts and Guides all over the world has been significant.

This active contribution to a better world adds to the irreplaceable educational role that Scouting and Guiding continues to have in thousands of communities across the world. Through our unique methodology we continue creating meaningful learning experiences which build knowledge, awareness, understanding and empathy and develop autonomy and self-confidence in millions of young people world wide.

So for World Thinking Day and Founder's Day 2016, on the day when we celebrate the joint birthday of our Founders, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the vision that Baden-Powell described so passionately; that we reconfirm our commitment to bringing together young people united in peace and friendship, that we support each other, working in a spirit of collaboration to ensure as many young people as possible are

able to benefit from the opportunities that being members of our two global organisations can provide.

Thank you for everything you do in support of Guiding and Scouting and we wish you a very Happy World Thinking Day and Founder's Day!

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