

Boy Scouts of the Philippines
NATIONAL OFFICE
Manila

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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

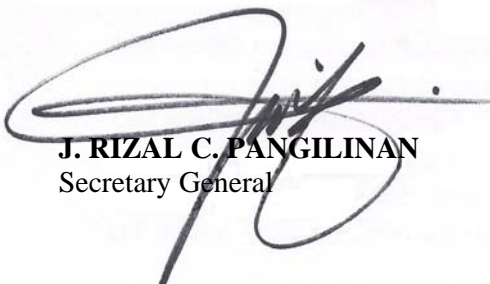
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TO : Regional Scout Directors, Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge

SUBJECT : **NATIONWIDE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN FOR MESSENGERS OF PEACE**

1. In recognition of the Scouting's mission to educate young people to play an active role in society, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines enjoins everyone to support and actively promote the Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiatives through the Nationwide Signature Campaign for Messengers of Peace Manifesto along with the conduct of all Scouting activities in your respective regions, councils, districts and institutions.
2. Since 2011, we have undertaken series of initiatives promoting peace, especially in the recently concluded 8th National Rover Moot, 5th National Scout Venture, National Scout Youth Forum, Safety & Risk Management Seminar-Workshop held in BSP Camp Malagos, Davao City; the Peace Torch, Peace Baton Relay and Tree Planting for Peace in General Santos City, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and Tacurong City where thousands of Senior and Rover Scouts took an active part in promoting the Culture of Peace. Regional and Council Jamborees have also promoted the culture of peace in their respective programs.
3. The aim of the Messengers of Peace initiative is to inspire millions of young men and women throughout the world to work for the cause of Scouting: *Creating a Better World!* The initiative promotes young men and women as Leaders for Life – in their communities and in their world.
4. In view thereof and in fulfillment of our respective Council, Regional and National Calendar of Scouting Events and Observances, all Regional Scout Directors and Council Scout Executives are expected to include the signing of Messengers of Peace Manifesto as part of their activities.
5. Program of activities which you may adopt to promote Peace must include; Dialogue & Communication Workshop, Peace Symposium, Concert, Youth Forum, Rover Congress, Fun Run, Community Outreach, Peace Camp, Poster Making, Wall Mural Painting, Photo, Song and Essay Writing Contest and alike. Should you wish to avail the program materials and resources on Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiatives and Projects you may download it at the WOSM Website http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/library
6. Attached is the Messengers of Peace Manifesto, which you may reproduce for your consumption. Duly signed Messengers of Peace Manifesto should be mailed to and expected to reach the National Office, BSP on or before **January 31, 2013**.
7. For information, guidance and wide dissemination.



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Secretary General



BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES
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MESSENGERS OF PEACE MANIFESTO

We in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), under the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiatives do firmly believe that PEACE is attainable; In recognition of the favorable opportunity to transform the culture of hostility and violence into a culture of peace and harmony; justice and equality;

In acknowledgement that this transformation requires affirmative action and active participation of everybody from all sectors of the society and from every religion, culture and ideology; and In accepting the urgency to put an end to the aged-old conflicts in various parts of the country, which caused social disintegration, economic challenges, and even loss of lives among our brother Muslims, Christians, Indigenous and Minorities.

As Messengers of Peace and Agents of Change...

We Pledge that, On My Honor... I will to my best, in our daily lives, in our families, in our work, in our school and in our community – To actively and consistently promote, by all means possible, the conception of a culture of peace built upon the integrity of human life and universal understanding.

As Messengers of Peace and Agents of Change... We solemnly Pledge to:

- ✓ Respect the life, dignity and sacredness of every human being without discrimination or prejudice to any gender, race, religion, culture and belief;
- ✓ Practice an active role in civic engagement through peace projects, citizen's participation in governance through dialogue and character-building.
- ✓ Reject all forms of physical, sexual, psychological, economic, environmental, social and political violence;
- ✓ Share time and resources with others and use our combined efforts for non-violent, compassionate action to manifest love and justice among all creation on Earth;
- ✓ Use Dialogue and Emphatic Listening Approach towards Peace-Building in appreciation of the richness of our cultural and religious diversity;
- ✓ Promote responsible consumer-behavior and developmental practices that respect all forms of life and preserve the balance-cycle of natural resources and protection of the environment;
- ✓ Be sensitive to the difficulties and suffering of others, especially the marginalized, displaced, differently-abled and people in extremely difficult circumstances;
- ✓ Exert full effort to contribute and build lasting peace, friendship in all conflict areas and live together in harmony and mutual respect for one and each other's rights.

With the grace of the Almighty, Supreme Being, we humbly commit ourselves to live by and unfold this declaration and its ideals and messages it symbolizes.

So Help Me God.

BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Region

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I Support Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiatives!

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