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

SUBJECT : **2014 PHILIPPINE SCOUTING MONTH CELEBRATION**

1. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) enjoins all its members, Scouts and Adult Leaders nationwide to celebrate the **2014 National Scouting Month** under Presidential Proclamation No. 1326, in line with our **Philippine Scouting Centennial Celebration's** theme **"Peace and Development through Scouting"**, thereby creating awareness and promotion among **Scouts as Messengers of Peace**.
2. This is also in celebration and recognition of the **Filipino children as the most valuable asset of the country in nation-building**, and support to the celebration of the **2014 National Children's Month** under Presidential Proclamation No. 267.
3. Given the foregoing, all Local Councils are therefore enjoined to hold activities that are meaningful and relevant to the theme and focus on the following areas and fields for action:
 - a. **Environment Education:** Scouts and their Troop can run projects to develop eco-friendly daily practices, educate their communities to use their natural resources in a sustainable manner, plant trees in order to absorb CO₂, reduce greenhouse gases emissions, planting trees and mangrove, promote clean and renewable energies, restore devastated ecosystems and ensure access to safe water for everyone. Councils and Regions are enjoined to submit project proposals to avail of the funding support from the **"Green is Go! Go for the Real Thing Project"** see NO Memo No. 61 series of 2012 for your reference.
 - b. **Development Education:** Scouts can help to promote health, education, and basic social services, the respect of human rights and the sustainable use of natural resources are as important as economic growth when it comes to development matters. Scouts as World citizens must work together against the issues arising in these fields.
 - c. **Peace Education:** Scouts as agent of positive change can help build a culture of peace, fight against prejudices and racism, cyber bullying, juvenile delinquency, mediate tense situations towards conflict resolutions, promote intercultural understanding and create dialogue.
4. The **World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)** and the **United Nations (UN)** jointly promotes the observance of the following UN World and International Day, which we strongly recommend to be part of your Scouts' activities during their Unit and Sub-Unit Meetings, to wit:
 - a. 01 October – UN International Day of Older Persons
 - b. 02 October – UN International Day of Non-Violence
 - c. 05 October – UN World Teacher's Day
 - d. First Monday of October – UN World Habitat Day
 - e. 09 October – UN World Post Day
 - f. 13 October – UN International Day for Disaster Reduction
 - g. 16 October – UN World Food Day
 - h. 17 October – UN International Day for Eradication of Poverty
 - i. 24 October – United Nations Day
 - j. 24 October – UN World Development Information Day

5. This is an appropriate time for us to provide leadership opportunities to our Scouts and Scout Leaders to become active **"world citizens"** by practicing **"global citizenship"** through responding and taking actions positively on global issues at the local level – thereby promoting tolerance, equality, solidarity, respect of nature and environment through shared responsibility in the community. Thus, training our young people to become **"Scouts of the World"** and strengthening our **"Environment Education in Scouting"**.
6. **October 01, 2014** marks the celebration the Scouting Month and all Councils are enjoined to conduct activities such as Sunrise Parade, Thanksgiving Mass, School Campus Clean-Up, Coastal Clean-Up, Book Donation Drive for Public School Library, Community Outreach Program, Anti-Dengue Campaign, Anti-Drug and Substance Abuse Symposium, Fun Run Activity, Slogan & Poster Making Contests, Poem & Essay Writing, Scouts Quiz Bee, Scout Rally, Skill-O-Rama and alike to support Scouting's image, profile and visibility all over the country.
7. Weekly Themes and Activities for Kawan/Color Group, Troop/Patrol, Outfit/Crew and Rover Circle Meetings can be derived from the above mentioned programme resources and to the following websites:
 - a. <http://scout.org/messengersofpeace>
 - b. <http://scout.org/scoutsoftheworld>
 - c. <http://scout.org/wsep>
 - d. <http://www.un.org/en/events/observances/days.shtml#oct>
 - e. <http://vote.myworld2015.org/>
 - f. <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/our-work/international-coastal-cleanup/>
 - g. <http://yunga-youth.weebly.com/challenge-badge.html>
8. All Regional Scout Directors are enjoined to monitor and supervise the month-long educational activities of all Local Councils in their respective area and must submit post activity and pictorial report on or before 28 November 2013.
9. For widest dissemination, information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.



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