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

SUBJECT : BSP SUPPORTS CUB SCOUT PROGRAMME CENTENARY

- 1. Historical Background.** The Cub Scout Program was developed in answer to a clamor by boys and their parents expressed as early as 1911. The Cub Scouting started as Wolf Cubbing in England in 1914 when the founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell (B-P), began experimenting with a program for younger boys. B-P called them "Wolf Cubs" because in his book, *Scouting for Boys*, he described Scouts as "wolves," the Red Indian title for a good Scout. Hence the boys who were going to learn how to be "wolves" were called "Wolf Cubs."

To make it more appealing for the younger boys, B-P injected a romantic "make-believe" background. He thought about real Wolves in the jungle and at once he remembered a ready-made story about wolves and a "man-cub", Mowgli, who was brought up with a wolf cub pack. The boy Mowgli, was taught the Law of the jungle, which was like the Scout Law, stated in different terms. The Mowgli stories were in *The Jungle Book*, written by a friend of B-P, Rudyard Kipling. When B-P explained his plan for forming Packs of wolf Cubs as a junior section to the Boy Scouts, Kipling gladly agreed that the Mowgli stories, together with all the colorful jungle characters, the ceremonies and fun, should be used as the back ground for wolf cubs. The jungle book team has endured through the years and is still the background to Cub Scouting in many countries of the world.

In 1916, B-P formally introduced the Wolf Cub Programme with the publication of his book *Wolf Cub's Handbook*. One difficulty that the program encountered was the lack of male leaders. Since it was the middle of the First World War, most of the young men who might have served as Cubmaster were in the service. So women became leaders, and from that time on, women have dominated the leadership in this section. Since 1916, Cub Scouting has spread with very little change throughout the world. In the United States, for example, the program was adopted to utilize their rich Indian lore as the basis of their Cub Scouting Program. This was the same program introduced by the American in the Philippines.

In 1962, the Boy Scout of the Philippines introduced a revitalized Cub Scouting Program that conformed to our own culture. Without deviating from the internationally accepted aims and principles, a scheme was devised to meet the characteristics and needs of Filipino boys, emphasizing the tradition and culture of our own people. The Cub Scouting program underwent another revision in 1974 (*New Direction in Philippine Scouting*) and then in 1987 (*New Horizon in Scouting*). The present program, approved and implemented in 1992 brings back the symbolism of the Usa (deer) in the program introduced in 1962. To date, the program is officially named as "**KAB Scout Section**" where the word "**KAB**" refers to an acronym which stands for "**Kabataang Alay sa Bayan**".

- 1. Rationale.** Last January 2016, the World Scout Bureau issued the **WOSM Circular No. 2/2016 – Cub Scout Centenary** calling for all National Scout Organizations to join the WOSM to celebrate the 100 Years of Cub Scouting – and viewed as an **opportunity to drive innovation in Scouting, grow membership and strengthen the profile of Scouting as we create our impact to the lives of young people and in the community**. This thrust supports the BSP's Strategic Priority Areas under "Quality Program and Training for Young People and Adults in Scouting", "Image Building" and "Community Involvement".

2. **Aim and Objectives.** At the level of the BSP, the celebration aims to highlight the **KAB Scout Program** as vital educational program that helps schools, institutions and the home in moulding the character of young people and children of the KAB Scout age, it further seeks to train young KAB Scouts to develop responsible citizenship by taking active role in the home and in their schools.

At the end of the celebration, the KAB Scout Program should be able to:

1. Engage more participation and support from Parents, Guardians and School Administrators in the KAB Scout Program;
2. Provide more meaningful and relevant KAB Scout activities, especially the **Outdoor Program in KAB Scouting** that will increase and satisfy KAB Scout Advancement requirements;
3. Promote Scouting profile thru positive image of KAB Scouts' activities in the home, school and community; and
4. Increase membership in the KAB Scout Section.

3. **KAB Scout Special Activity Highlights.** As support to the Cub Scout Programme Centenary, BSP calls to all Sponsoring Institutions, Districts, Councils and Regions to strengthen and promote wide array of activities in the KAB Scout Section that leads to the fulfilment of the KAB Scout Achievement Badge requirements to include but are not limited to:

- a. **KAB-O-REE – A 2-3 days Special KAB Scout Outdoor Camp** conceptualized from the term "Jamboree" while the "KAB-O-REE" is more suited and specifically designed for KAB Scouts' Achievement Badge requirements. The activity aims to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for KAB Scouts to experience living in the outdoors comfortably and appreciate nature and environment as God's wonderful creation and to inculcate the value of conservation and preservation of the environment. This can be integrated with "Father and Son" Camp for KAB Scouts.
- b. **Kawan Holiday** – A typical Kawan Holiday is a wonderful and fun-filled day in the lives of a KAB Scout together with his parents or guardian and the leaders of the Kawan. It is an exciting Kawan Festival of Activities for KAB Scouts to enjoy lots of varied games educational activities that promotes healthy, happy, active and exciting holiday and live up to the ideals and principles of KAB Scouting.
- c. **Kawan Expedition and Field Trip** – Kawan Expedition is an outdoor activity that takes the KAB Scouts to the open air which is far from their usual Color Group and Kawan Meeting area. It is one of the most-awaited highlights in the Annual Kawan Program Plan. This includes park, garden or scout camp visit and exploration where most activities are related to nature and environment.
- d. **Kawan Water Fun** - Water fun as a special Kawan Meeting is necessary in order to create an occasion for the badge requirement regarding swimming. It should be anticipated, planned, organized and evaluated. From the time it is conceived and included as one of the highlights in the Annual Kawan Program Plan and assigned to the "Ideas" Committee, until it is planned and organized three months before its scheduled time, water fun has always been an anticipated special Kawan Meeting.
- e. **KAB Scouts Olympics** (Sports and Athletics) – KAB Olympics aims to promote physical fitness, active and healthy lifestyle, sportsmanship, brotherhood and camaraderie among KAB Scouts. It's field day activity where KAB Scouts get to play a miniature Olympic events such as discuss throw, shot put, hammer throw, 20-foot dash etc.
- f. **KAB Sayahan** (Recreational Leadership) – this include varied KAB Scout Games, Songs, Yells and other wholesome recreational activities that will develop inter-personal and social skills among KAB Scouts.
- g. **KAB Sulong** (KAB Scout Achievement Badges) – this activity aims to comply and satisfy different requirements in the KAB Scout Achievement Badges through varied indoor and outdoor activities. An ideal event to have Teaching KAB Scout Skills thru Demonstration Method in Base System where KAB Scouts learn how to tie knots, fold the Philippine Flag, simple First Aid and Bandaging and many other skills suited to their needs, wants and interests.

- h. **KAB Sining** (Arts and Crafts) – this include different colorful handicrafts and art projects and materials based on the KAB Scout Achievement Badges. KAB Scouts will learn the use of various craft patterns, creative arts, tangram puzzles that enhances problem-solving skills among KAB Scouts through Geometrical Shapes, Letters, Numbers, Signs, People, Animals and other Usual Objects. KAB Scouts are expected to discover and explore their talents in skills in arts and crafts while sharing and exchanging bright ideas from fellow participants.
 - i. **KAB Tanghal** (KAB Ceremonies, Stunts and Skits) – this activity requires demonstration of different KAB Scout Ceremonies such as Investiture Ceremony, KAB Scout Campfire, Going-Up Ceremony and alike. This also includes Stunts, Skits, Tricks, Pantomimes, Puppets Shows, Reader's Theater and Story Telling. A perfect place to teach values among KAB Scouts. This event inspires and stimulates imagination, creativity and enthusiasm among KAB Scouts and their Leaders.
 - j. **KAB Palaro** (Traditional Filipino Games) – an event that highlights Filipino culture and tradition. These are traditional games commonly played by children, usually using indigenous and native materials and instruments
 - k. **Kawan Leaders Pow-Wow** – the celebration is not limited to KAB Scouts alone, in fact, this can be another learning opportunity for Kawan Leaders as well through the "Kawan Leaders Pow-Wow". The term "Pow Wow" is another fun-filled and exciting training event for Kawan Leaders, Assistant Kawan Leaders, Kawan Committee Members, Deputy Council Commissioner for Program, District Commissioner for KAB Scouting and Parents of KAB Scouts. It is a get-together of Leaders who are involved in Kawan varied activities from the Institution, District, and Local councils. The Pow Wow is a conference, a convention, a big fun-filled gathering where key leaders of Kawan gain know-how and the will to do. It is for open-minded leaders in Scouting who are willing to share ideas as well as acquire new ones. It is for those who want to help the KAB Scout grow through the KAB Scouting Program.
4. We enjoin all concerned to collaborate with your **respective Commissioners in-charge of the KAB Scout Program, Kawan Leaders, Asst. Kawan Leaders, Kawan Committee Members and Coordinators** at various levels and help to plan out the implementation of your **Institutional, District, Council and Regional "KAB Scout Special Centennial Activity Highlights"**.
 5. **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.
 6. 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
 7. Attached herewith is the WOSM Circular No. 2/2016 on Cub Scout Centenary for your reference.
 8. For your information, guidance and wide dissemination.

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To: International Commissioners

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Cub Scout Centenary

Dear friends,

In 1916, our Founder created the Wolf Cub programme for young people aged between seven and 11 years. Within its first year, 30 000 young people joined this programme. Today, it is widely known as the Cub Scout programme and has over 13 million members across the world.

This year, we will celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting. This is an opportunity for the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to drive innovation in Scouting, grow membership and strengthen the profile of Scouting, in line with Vision 2023:

“By 2023 Scouting will be the world’s leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values.”

What better way to reach out and touch lives in our efforts to create a better world than to start building character, resilience, leadership and responsibility in young people by nurturing them from a young age through Cub Scouting. 2016 offers us the opportunity to do that as we celebrate the centenary milestone of Cub Scouting.

We believe that the celebration will mostly be carried out by the National Scout Organizations (NSOs) as the Cub section is an important part of most NSOs’ growth strategies. To grow to having 100 million young people in the Movement, we need at least 30 million Cub Scouts! This calls for close collaboration at all levels – world, regional, national and local.

At the world-level, WOSM will support and collaborate with NSOs to highlight Cub Scouting and the centenary celebrations through various activities, focusing on adventure, international dimension, service and friendship that will be developed, planned and rolled out throughout the year.

In due course, among other things, we will also be developing a creative package, including the Cub Scout Centenary logo.

More details will be released in the next communication regarding this.

Yours sincerely,

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