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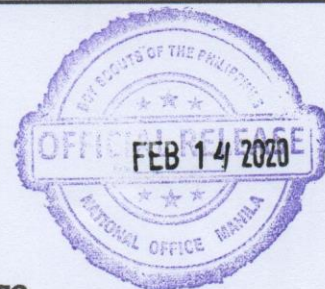
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**National Office Directors and Executives
Regional Scout Directors and Executives
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge
All Others Concerned**



SUBJECT

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B.-P. DAY 2020: 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 world's biggest educational youth movement, the man behind the legacy of World Scouting, **Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden Powell**. Among Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, this very special day is known to them as the **"World Thinking Day / Founder's Day"** Celebration.
2. **Rationale.** In 2017, 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, especially in the ways NSOs/NSAs celebrate the Founder's Day. Thus, 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 and 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, and between all countries".
3. **Aim and Objectives.** For this year's celebration, the **Boy Scouts of the Philippines' B.-P. Day 2020** aims to highlight its National Flagship Programmes, as our way to strengthen our thrust towards **Membership Growth**, especially in creating awareness about **Road Safety** and the significance of **Tree Planting** in combating the harmful effects of global warming and climate change. It further seeks to reaffirm our Founder's vision on Scouting's purpose by rededicate to our commitment of bringing more Scouts and young people together, united in Peace to support and collaborate with each other to make positive change in creating a better world by creating better communities. Our B.-P. Day 2020 Celebration should be able to:
 - a. Collaborate with young people, both male and female, to think about community service projects related to Environment, Peace and Development
 - b. Celebrate the birthday of our Founder, by rededicating ourselves to the **Ideals** and **Fundamental Principles** of Scouting and to live up to the tenets of the Scout Oath and Law; and
 - c. Engage and involve more children and the youth to worthwhile activities that will improve the quality of life in the community as our way in creating social impact as our approach to non-formal education through Scouting.

4. **Call to Action.** Everyday Scouts from all over the world have made significant contributions in "Creating a Better Communities". Now as we celebrate the **163rd Birthday of our Founder**, Let's honor his legacy by taking positive actions to serve our communities and do our daily good turns in the areas of Environment, Peace and Development Education.

a. Road Safety Awareness

- i. Promote Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm by taking school-based and community-based advocacy about Road Safety
 1. Use of Pedestrian Lanes
 2. Observance of Traffic Signs, Rules and Regulations
 3. How to facilitate Road Traffic Assistance
 4. Reporting Road Traffic Emergencies to Authorities
- ii. Create a Scouts of the World Award Discovery and Voluntary Service Project related Road Safety
 1. Repainting of Pedestrian Lanes and Sidewalks
 2. Repairing of Traffic Signs in school front
 3. Road Clean-Up and Clearing of Sidewalk Obstruction
 4. Installation of Road and Sidewalk Lights
- iii. Promote Road Safety Awareness through Social Media Campaign as Scouts' Pledge to Safer Roads:
 1. Proper Use of Helment
 2. Proper Use of Seat Belt
 3. Proper Use of Pedestrian Crossing and Sidewalk
 4. Don't Drink and Drive
 5. Stop Texting while Driving
 6. Say NO to Road Rage

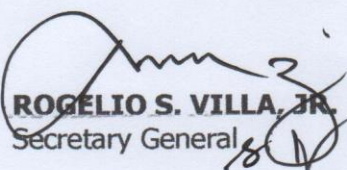
b. Scouts Plant and Nurture Trees

- i. Earn your World Scout Environment Badge, Go Green, Grow Green and Earn Green Merit Badges by means of planning and taking actions on Environment Related Service projects in the communities such as
 1. Backyard Gardening
 2. Seed Germination and Production
 3. Mangroove Reforestation
 4. Massive Tree Planting Activities
 5. Symposium about Climate Change and Global Warming
 6. Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction and its Impact to Environment
 7. Aerophonics and Hydrophonics

c. Membership Growth

- i. Promote Diversity and Inclusion in Scouting by planning and helping in the organization of Scouting Units for Differently-Abled Children and Youth such as Deaf, Blind, Mute and the Handicapped; Indigenous Children in Remote Areas in the Provinces
- ii. Promote Community-Based Scouting (CBS) by looking for Civic Groups, NGOs and LGUs to sponsor Out-of-School Youth as CBS Units.
- iii. Coordinate with Provincial, Municipal and City Social Welfare and Development Offices for possible introduction of Scouting to Children in Conflict with the Law, Juvenile Delinquents and other youth offenders as alternative approach to non-formal education and character development.
- iv. Promote Inter-religious Dialogue, Dialogue for Peace under Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiatives by offering Scouting to Parish and Churches to adopt and organize their Youth Ministries as Scouting Unit.

5. **Campaign.** Let your voices and issues be heard and create trending impact by making your activities viral and online with the use of action photos with captions. Use the following hashtags to track our efforts and initiatives all together, #Scouts4RoadSafetyPh; #ScoutsGoGreenPh; and #ScoutMeInPh for Membership Growth.
6. **Period of Actions.** As we join this world celebration, Scouts and Leaders in all Sponsoring Institutions, Scouting Districts, Local Councils and Regional Offices are encourage to hold service projects and activities aligned to our National Flagship Programmes, especially during the upcoming Founder's Day from **February 14 to February 29, 2020** encompassing **pre and post B.-P. Day Celebration.**
7. All concerned are enjoined to promote the Founder's Day Celebration, either before or after your respective Scouting events and observances nearest to **22 February 2020**, particularly in the Unit and Sub-Unit Activities for the KID, KAB, Boy, Senior and Rover Scout Sections, as well as the Community-Based Scouting Units by involving your respective Commissioners at all ranks and levels to help assist in the planning of activities in the Schools, Districts, Councils and Regions.
8. **Share Your Stories.** Inspire other Scouts to replicate and do the same activities and best practices in your Local Councils, Sponsoring Institutions and Scouting Units by sharing your stories with action pictures. You may send copies of your report to **Mr. David Dominic M. Lanuza** of the Public Relations and Communications Office thru email at daviddominic.lanuza@gmail.com or you may reach him at (02) 527-8317 loc. 532. Do not forget to visit our official website at www.scouts.org.ph and our official social media accounts on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bspNHQ/> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/scoutspn>
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