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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS
COUNCILS SCOUTS EXECUTIVES AND
OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE

SUBJECT : B.-P. 2022: THE CHIEF SCOUT OF THE WORLD



1. Historical Background. Every year on 22 February, millions of Scouts around the world celebrate Founder's Day, the birthday of **Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell** (1857-1941), the founder of Scouting. This special day is referred to as the **"World Thinking day | Founder's Day."** Founder's Day is a crucial event when members renew their Scout Promise, and reaffirm their commitment to the core values of the Scouting Movement.

2. Rationale. 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. The statement emphasizes BP's last message to Scouters and Guides in 1941, which describes the purpose of Scouting and guiding:

"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, we can clearly conclude that the purpose mentioned by the Founder remains relevant today.

3. Aims and Objectives. More than 50 million Scouts in 172 countries celebrate Founder's Day. How will we celebrate B.-P. Day 2022? Celebrating the Day of our Chief Scout of the World aims to build awareness and online crowdsourcing among scouting communities as it encourages Scouts to reflect on the vision of the Chief Scout and empower them to unite young people and make change a potent factor in our communities.

- Work in partnership with young people, to initiate a community service project that will benefit a certain communities – particularly in line with Peace, Development and Environment;
- Organize a celebration a gathering reaffirming and re-dedicating ourselves to the Ideals and the Fundamental Principles of Scouting and the Scout Oath and Law;
- Engage and involve more young people in the community and be able to create a social impact showing scouting an educational movement for young people.

- 4. Call to Action.** Scouts all over the world share their significant contributions in "Creating a Better World." In celebrating the **165th** Birthday of our Chief Scout, Scouts shall serve the community and do good turn in the areas of Peace, Development and Environment Education, that includes the following:
- a. Peace Education**
 - i. "Peace Start with Me" Campaign
 - ii. Anti-Bullying Awareness Campaign
 - iii. Campaign Against Child Labor
 - iv. Scouts Go for Traffic and Road Safety
 - v. Messengers of Road Show
 - b. Development Education**
 - i. School grounds clean-up and Book Donation Drive
 - ii. Blood Donation
 - iii. Outreach Program
 - iv. Numeracy and Literacy Skill Workshop (Out-of-School-Youth)
 - v. Fund Drive for Differently Challenged Young People and Elderly
 - vi. Supports Indigenous People or communities
 - vii. Supports Ticket to Life Projects (Street Children)
 - viii. Joining the Habitat for Humanity
 - c. Environment Education**
 - i. Green is Go! Go for the Real Thing Project
 - ii. Coastal Clean-Up and Inland Bodies of Water
 - iii. MANGROVE Planting and Massive Tree Planting
 - iv. Solid Waste Management: Segregate, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - v. Renewable Sources of Clean Energy: Scouts Go Solar
 - d. Special B.-P. Day Activities**
 - i. 2022 Founder's Quiz Bee
 - ii. Film Showing: Life and Works of the Founder
 - iii. Weekend Backyard Camp
 - iv. Scout and Proud: wearing of Scout Scarf on BP Day
 - v. Poster and Slogan Making Contest (Theme: Do A Good Turn Daily)
- 5. Action Period.** Joining the world celebration of BP's Day, Scouts and Leaders in all Schools, Scouting Districts, Local Councils and Regional Offices are encouraged to initiate service projects related to Peace, Development and Environment initiatives from **February 21-25, 2022** in their homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities as part of their regular Langkay, Kawan, Troop, Outfit and Circle Meetings and Activities.
- 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 KID, KAB, 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 programs and activities in the schools, communities, districts, councils and regions.
- 7. Share Your Stories.** Inspire others and be a Scout Messengers of Peace by sharing your stories to other Scouts from different parts of the world through 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 captions 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 hashtag **#2022HappyBirthdayBP**.

8. Queries, may course directly to the Field Operations Division, Program and Adult Resources Development at (02) 527-5112 loc. 518 and look for **Mr. Carmelo B. Francia**, Program Research & Development Officer III, or you may send emails at boyet.francia@scouts.org.ph.
9. For your information, guidance and wide dissemination.


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