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

SUBJECT : B.P. 2024: CHIEF SCOUT OF THE WORLD

- 1. Historical Background.** On 22 February every year, millions of Scouts around the world gather at local, national and international levels to celebrate the Founder's Day, the birthday of Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell (1857-1941), the pioneer of Scouting. Among Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, this special day is referred to as the "Founder's Day | World Thinking day" celebration, a crucial event in the Scouting calendar when members renew their Scout Promise, reaffirming their commitment to the core values of the Movement.
- 2. Rationale.** To date, 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 collaboration efforts of both organizations, particularly in the celebration of February 22, 2024. They circulated the Founder's Day Statement with greater emphasis to 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, 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 that happened over the years, we can clearly conclude that the purpose mentioned by the Founder remains relevant today as it was in 1941.

- 3. Aims and Objectives.** February 22, 2024, The Founder's Day is coming. How will we celebrate BP Day 2024? Celebrating the day of the Chief Scout of the World aims to build awareness and online crowdsourcing to and from Scouting communities in various parts of the country. It encourages everyone to reflect on his vision and empower our promise to further unite our young people in peace, as we develop a challenging nation and create a better world.

This can be achieved through the following:

- a. Work in partnership with young people to initiate a community service project that will benefit a certain community – particularly in line with Peace, Development and Environment;
- b. Organize a celebration and/or a gathering reaffirming and re-dedicating ourselves to the Ideals and the Fundamental Principles of Scouting and the Scout Oath and Law;

- c. Engage and involve more young people in the community and be able to create a social impact through various Scouting activities and programs that Scouting is an educational movement of young people.
4. **Call to Action.** As we celebrate the 167th Birthday of our Chief Scout, World Scouting call us to serve the community and do good turn in the areas of Peace, Development and Environment Education, include us but are limited to:
- 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 Peace Road Show
 - vi. Dialogue for Peace
 - 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 & Resell
 - v. Renewable Sources of Clean Energy: "Scouts Go Solar"
 - d. **Special B.-P. Day Activities**
 - i. 2024 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)
 - vi. Scouting Membership campaign
5. **Action Period.** Joining the world celebration of the Founder's Day, Scouts and Scout Leaders at all levels are encouraged to initiate service projects related to Peace, Development and Environment initiatives from **February 21-25, 2023** in their homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities as part of their meetings, activities and programs, likewise, the promotion of Founder's Day Celebration across all directions and platforms is highly enjoined.
6. **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 captions and will include your activities and service projects in the BSP Official Facebook Page. You can also post on your social media platforms using the hashtag **#HappyBirthdayBP2024**.



7. Should you have further queries, you may refer them directly through the Field Operations Division, Program and Adult Resources Development at (02) 8527-5112 loc. 518 and look for **Mr. Carmelo B. Francia**, Youth Development Officer II, or you may send emails at boyet.francia@scouts.gov.ph.
8. For your information, guidance and wide dissemination.



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