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## Report of the Regional Chairman





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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### Introduction

Scouting greetings to all!

It is my honor to join you today, though virtually because of two “Hold Departure Orders” that prevent me from physically joining you in this 28th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference but my heart and spirit are with you throughout the entire duration of the Conference as I monitor your daily activities via online and Facebook. The following are the two important reasons why I cannot join you physically:

- First, being a Vice Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations in the House of Representatives of the Philippines tasked to craft our country’s national budget after scrutinizing all the budget proposals and requests from national government offices of the Republic of the Philippines, we are mandated to finish our job this October hence we cannot travel out of the country until after the House of Representatives has approved the National Budget on Third and Final Reading.

- Second, my Doctor has prevented me to fly out of the country as I am still undergoing treatment for my vocal folds. This is the reason why I am having some sort of a “bedroom voice” as you can hear now.

At any rate, let me present my report as your Asia-Pacific Regional Chair.

After six years of service in the Regional Scout Committee, I am deeply honored to present our report to this distinguished body, the 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

I consider myself fortunate to have served during a period of significant transition and innovation for our Movement. It has been a time when the Asia-Pacific Region embraced change with openness, creativity, and courage. These years provided many opportunities for me, as Chairman, to be directly engaged in organizational transformation, particularly in improving the delivery of services to our National Scout Organizations.

This report reflects our collective journey as a Region—highlighting our achievements in good governance, organizational excellence, membership growth, and strategic direction. At the center of these efforts is the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT), which has been instrumental in strengthening NSOs and ensuring that they remain transparent, accountable, and aligned with international best practices.

### GSAT and Good Governance

Good governance is the backbone of a strong and sustainable Scout Movement. For our NSOs, it guarantees transparency, inclusivity, and accountability, while enabling us to deliver quality programs to young people. The GSAT has been our guiding framework for this purpose—helping NSOs align with global standards across ten key areas of governance and program management.

In our Region, GSAT has been a powerful tool for growth and improvement. In 2023, we conducted GSAT Assessor trainings, including GSAT 3.0 Upskilling and Safe from Harm sessions, producing 10 certified assessors qualified to evaluate both governance and safeguarding. Scouts of China became the first NSO to



implement GSAT 3.0 in July 2023, followed by Bangladesh Scouts, NSO Thailand, and most recently, in August 2025, the Scout Association of Hong Kong completed its GSAT 3.0 assessment. These milestones underscore our Region's strong commitment to organizational excellence.

### **NSAT for Sub-National Level – An APR Initiative**

Recognizing the need expressed by several NSOs for a tool similar to GSAT already customized for National Scout Organizations, the APR Governance Sub-Committee took the initiative to develop the National Support Assessment Tool (NSAT) for sub-national level assessment. The tool has been piloted in three National Scout Organizations Scouts Australia, The Bharat Scouts and Guides, and Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia and is now ready to be presented to NSOs for wider implementation. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Task Force for its systematic and dedicated work in finalizing the tool, and to the three NSOs for their valuable role in piloting and providing constructive feedback, which greatly contributed to strengthening the final version.

### **Regional Scout Committee**

During this triennium, the Regional Scout Committee convened eight times to deliberate on priorities and guide our common vision. At every stage, we recognized the indispensable role of young people in shaping the future of Scouting. I am proud to say that our next Regional Scout Committee 2025-2028 will now include another member under 30 years old, a significant step in ensuring that youth voices are not only heard, but are central to our highest decision-making body.

In furthering our close collaboration with WAGGGS in serving the two SAGNOs in the region The Bharat Scouts and Guides, India and Nepal Scouts, we convened the first-ever Joint Asia-Pacific WOSM–WAGGGS Regional Scout Committee Meeting in October 2024 in Kathmandu Nepal. This milestone not only reflects our shared commitment to supporting SAGNOs but also sets the foundation for deeper cooperation, alignment of strategies, and stronger joint actions in advancing Scouting and Guiding across the Asia-Pacific Region.

### **APR Summit**

The Asia-Pacific Scout Leaders' Summit in April 2024 marked another milestone in advancing good governance within NSOs. The Summit highlighted essential themes, including the importance of clearly defined roles and responsibilities, enhanced youth participation in governance, and the adoption of transparent and ethical policies.

In addition, participants emphasized the development of national policies aligned with global standards, such as conflict-of-interest guidelines and the Code of Conduct for Organizing Youth Events. The Summit also underscored the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation through GSAT, and the importance of capacity-building initiatives, such as leadership training and volunteer development workshops.

Beyond these governance priorities, the Summit also served as a mid-term review of the current Regional Scout Plan and provided direction for the development of the Asia-Pacific Strategy 2025–2028, ensuring close alignment with the overall WOSM Strategy. It concluded with a strong call for greater accountability, clearer communication of Scouting values, and the establishment of strategic partnerships to strengthen governance and support the growth of Scouting in the region.





## APR Strategy and Triennial Plan

Between late 2024 and early 2025, we worked together, Regional Scout Committee, sub-committee chairpersons, task forces, and NSOs, to shape the 2025–2028 APR Triennial Plan. This was a collaborative process of consultation, drafting, feedback, and refinement.

The final plan, adopted at this very Conference, identifies seven key priorities: to innovate education, strengthen diversity and inclusion, guarantee safeguarding and wellbeing, value volunteering, build a fit-for-purpose organization, foster adaptability, and enhance influence. These priorities will guide the Region as we continue to maximize the talents and expertise of our volunteers.

## Growth and Membership

Another great achievement is our remarkable membership growth. By the end of 2023, our Region recorded a total of 37,249,348 members. This is a 4.85% increase from the previous year, representing over 1.7 million new members. Fourteen NSOs reported increases, with Nepal, Fiji, and the Philippines showing the most significant growth.

This growth is a result of intentional strategies, such as the Growth Consultant Program, the establishment of Growth Coordinators, and the support provided to NSOs in developing long-term National Growth Strategies. Today, 17 NSOs have growth strategies extending beyond 2023, demonstrating that we are not only growing in numbers but also in sustainability and resilience.

## Welcoming New NSOs in the Region

With the expansion of the geographical territory of WOSM, Asia-Pacific Region welcomed three Member Organizations to the region that is Organization of the Scout Movement of Kazakhstan, All Russian Scout Association and Ittihodi Scouthoi Tochikiston (Tajikistan). This expansion also has extended our role to support another 3 potential countries in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

## Conclusion

I look back with gratitude as my term comes to an end as Regional Chairman. We have faced challenges, and had some moments of disagreement. Yet, through unity, commitment, and shared vision, we have delivered our promise of **Unity, Growth, and Development**.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks:

- To the Vice-Chairpersons and members of the Regional Scout Committee, and the Sub-Committee Chairpersons and members for the term 2022–2025.
- To our National Scout Organizations for their trust, dedication, and partnership.
- To the World Scout Committee, the workstreams of WOSM, and the World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre Team for their invaluable support.
- To our colleagues from other Regions of WOSM for strengthening regional collaboration.



- To the staff of the Asia-Pacific Support Centre, under the leadership of our Regional Director, for their tireless passion and service and often going beyond the call of duty.
- And most importantly, to the young people and volunteers, to all of you who are here in the Conference, the true keepers of Scouting.

My friends, the record speaks for itself. We have built a stronger Region, and we have prepared the ground for an even brighter future.

Thank you and let us continue Scouting in our great region of Asia-Pacific!



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