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Good morning my dear Scouts!

It has been an up and down triennium since the 2022 when I was charged the responsibility as President of the APR Scout Foundation Management Committee. After the COVID-19 struck worldwide in 2020, it has never been the same till now. We heard of ZOOM/virtual/online meetings and so on and so forth.

But as always, as Scout, we are resilient, and I am happy to report to you today on what we did as APR Scout Foundation Management Committee for the triennium 2022-2025.

With our experience, I would say that raising funds is very tough. But, thanks to all our NSOs and Scouting friend (where many of you are here), who made our job bit easier because of your extended support to the Committee.

Brief History

As most of you are aware, the then Regional Scout Committee (RSC) has established the APR Scout Foundation in 1992.

Ensuring good governance, the RSC made sure that the management and controls are in place, thus establishing the APR Scout Foundation Management Committee (to manage), appointing Scout Association of Hong Kong as Trustee, while APR Support Center liaise and coordinate on the Foundation matters. And the rest is history.

Support to Triennium 2022-2025

Today, we will focus on the Triennium 2022 to 2025.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Foundation supported various initiatives focused on strengthening Scouting.

In 2023, key events included workshops on crisis communication, humanitarian action, peacebuilding, wellness awareness, and youth engagement in sustainable development goals. Staff development was supported through a workshop on data analysis and environmental sustainability.

In 2024, workshops focused on inclusivity, educational policies, and cultural diversity, with events like the Adults in Scouting Workshop in Japan and the Diversity and Inclusion Forum in Taiwan.



In 2025, workshops continued to address key priorities such as diversity, health, and social impact, with notable events in the Philippines, Nepal, and Malaysia, all contributing to the Region’s goals for inclusive and impactful Scouting.

Projects Supported

Each year, the APR Scout Foundation calls for projects proposals from AP NSOs to be supported. Two (2) of which have been received and were approved.

One is - The Bhutan Scouts Association (BSA) which has successfully implemented the project “Implementing Quality Scouting Program for Young People through Capacity Development of Scout Unit Leaders with US\$9,000.00 grant.

While The Organization of the Scout Movement of Kazakhstan, “Ethno Camp “project made a strong impact on youth and communities with the non-interest loan of \$15,000.00.

In 2025, we also receive and already approved by the Committee a project from Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia titled “PPM E-Learning Platform Development for Scouting Growth and Digital Transformation”.

Support to our young people

From 2022 to 2024, the APR Scout Foundation consistently supported the participation of young people in key regional events.

In 2022, five (5) Regional Youth Representative (RYR) / Young People were supported to attend the Regional Scout Committee and Sub-Committee Induction held in May. The following year, in June 2023, three (3) RYRs received support to participate in the Asia-Pacific Youth Mobilization Summit in Malaysia.

In October 2024, one (1) RYR was supported to attend the Brand Management Workshop in Bangkok, while an additional two (2) RYR received travel subsidies to take part in other regional events.

For 2025, three (3) participants were approved of travel subsidies.

Fund Raising Initiatives

During the triennium, four (4) fundraising event has been held and hosted by our generous NSOs – Scout Association of Hong Kong, National Scout Organization Thailand, TGAS of China, and Scout Association of Japan.

In total, the Foundation raised over US\$100,000.00 from new and upgraded members as well as from the proceeds of the said events.



I am also happy to share with you that as initiated in 2022 – the “30 Years APR Scout Foundation Limited Edition Scout Medallion” raised over US\$140,000.00. Our appreciation to our supporters.

Partnership with the World Scout Foundation on investment

Finally, our investment with the World Scout Foundation with current principal amount of US\$1.6 Million now valued of US\$3.35M (an accumulated ROI of US\$1.27).

Our appreciation to WSF for this strong partnership of trust.

Memberships

To date, I am happy to share with you that Foundation memberships has reached to 1,172 with 946 adult members and 226 youth members.

We expect tonight at the Fundraising Dinner at least 30-50 new/upgraded members. Our Donor Champions will also be recognized at the event.

I believe that we have accomplished much in this triennium, but I also I believed that there is much more we can do in the future to serve Scouting and to serve our young people. And we could only do it with your patronage and support. Let us continue our generosity in supporting young people through Scouting

Finally, let me leave with a quote from our very own Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powel of Gilwell as he said –

"The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others."

Thank you and God Bless Us All.



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