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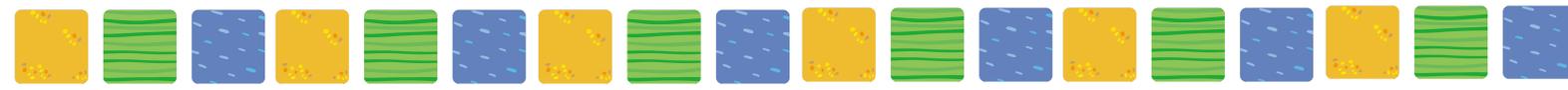
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Distinguished members of the World and Asia-Pacific Scout Committee, respected  
National Scout Organization leaders, fellow Scouters, esteemed guests, brothers and sisters in Scouting.

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Good morning and warm greetings of peace, unity, and friendship.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND FORMATIVE YEARS

Conference,

- It is indeed a profound honor and privilege to stand before you today — not only as your newly elected Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, but as a lifelong Scout who has been shaped, inspired, and guided by this noble Movement.
- My journey in Scouting began many years ago as a young Scout, full of curiosity and wonder. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving as a Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, Chief Commissioner, and now as the Chief Scout of Malaysia.
- Today, through your trust and confidence, I humbly accept the responsibility to serve as Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee.
- This journey is not merely personal— it is a testament to what Scouting can do. It shows that when young people are guided by purpose, discipline, and values, they can grow into leaders who serve humanity with humility and integrity.

### 2. THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION: THE HEARTBEAT OF GLOBAL SCOUTING

- The Asia-Pacific Region is the largest and most diverse region in the World Organization of the Scout Movement.
- From the mountains to the seas, from remote villages to dynamic global cities, we are home to a rich mosaic of cultures, languages, and faiths — all united by one timeless Promise.
- This diversity is not a challenge; it is our greatest strength. It reflects the very spirit of Scouting: to build a better world through understanding, friendship, and service.
- As the largest region, we carry an equally great responsibility — to lead with vision, to innovate with courage, and to inspire with unity. Our mission remains clear: to nurture young people into responsible, ethical, and compassionate global citizens.

### 3. A CALL TO LEADERSHIP: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

- Colleagues and friends, this moment in our history — marked by rapid change, uncertainty, and transformation — is both a challenge and an opportunity.
  - Our immediate past Chairman, Dale Corvera reminds me to explore into the future work yet to be done.
  - As we embark on the 2025–2028 Triennial Plan, I wish to outline 10 priorities that will shape our journey together.
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## I. Empowering Young People

We will ensure that young people are not just participants but active decision-makers in Scouting. Youth empowerment is not a slogan — it is our duty. Let us continue to strengthen representation, mentorship, and leadership opportunities for our Scouts across the region.

## II. Innovating Education

We must make Scouting more relevant than ever — by integrating competency- based, engaging, and technology- enhanced learning. Through the Scout Method, we will inspire more young people to learn by doing, to think critically, and to lead with heart.

By blending digital tools with the Scout Method, we will ensure Scouting remains fun, engaging and transformative.

## III. Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion

➤ Our membership must reflect the societies we serve. Every young person— regardless of background, ability, or belief — must feel welcomed and valued. We will open more doors for youth across all communities, including vulnerable and marginalized groups, ensuring that Scouting remains inclusive and empowering.

➤ Let us remove barriers, and broaden our reach to ensure every child, regardless of race or background, feels welcomed and valued in Scouting.

## IV. Ensuring Safety and Well-being

The safety of Scouts is non-negotiable. We will continue to strengthen Safe from Harm initiatives. We will champion safeguarding as a cornerstone of scouting, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment where young people can grow, explore and lead with confidence.

## V. Valuing Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of Scouting. Their service, often unseen, fuels our movement’s success. We will continue to invest in their training, recognize their dedication, and provide flexible, meaningful ways to serve and mentor the next generation.

## VI. Ensuring Good Governance

Good governance is good Scouting. We will uphold transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership at all levels. By adopting international best practices, through GSAT and NSAT, we will make our region a model of integrity, transparency, accountability and sustainability.

## VII. Expanding Scouting’s Reach (Growth)

We will strengthen support for every National Scout Organization (NSO) and extend our outreach to new territories — including Russia, China, and nations in the South Pacific. Our goal is to make Scouting accessible to every young person who seeks purpose and belonging.





## VIII. Embracing Digital Transformation

Digital transformation is no longer optional. Scouting must evolve with the world. We will harness digital tools, data, and innovation to make our programs more efficient, engaging, and future-ready — while preserving the values that make Scouting timeless.

## IX. Advancing Peace, Unity, and Sustainability

In a world divided by conflict and inequality, Scouting must remain a bridge of peace. Guided by faith, respect, and shared humanity, we will continue to champion harmony, sustainability, and global citizenship — aligning our efforts with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

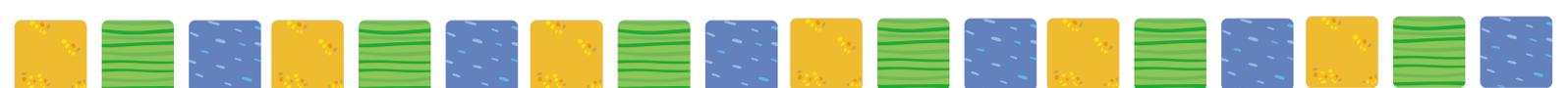
## X. Remaining Relevant and Influential

Scouting must be a leading voice in non-formal education and a trusted partner in addressing global challenges. Through strong advocacy, partnership and communication, we can show the world that Scouting is a movement of impact and integrity.

## 4. THE SPIRIT OF INTEGRATED VERSATILITY

- The theme of this Conference — “Scouting: Integrated Versatility” — captures perfectly what our times demand.
- We must be adaptable, innovative, and resilient — ready to navigate an era shaped by artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and shifting global challenges.
- Scouting must not only keep pace with change; it must lead change — ensuring that our young people are prepared for the world of today and equipped to flourish in the world of tomorrow ensuring that they are ready for life.

## 5. A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT

- My fellow Scouters, as we move forward, let us not simply talk about our goals — let us live them, act on them, and achieve them together.
  - Let this triennium be remembered as the time when the Asia-Pacific Region rose boldly for the future — united, inclusive, and visionary.
  - As Baden-Powell said, “Leave this world a little better than you found it.” Let that be our promise — not just to ourselves, but to every young person who wears the Scout uniform with pride.
  - I therefore call upon all members of the APR Scout Committee and Sub- Committees, to stand together with us, shoulder to shoulder in the spirit of unity, collaboration and shared purpose.
  - Let us work hand in hand, across borders and backgrounds, to ensure that Scouting continues to be a beacon of hope, opportunity and positive change for every young person in our region.
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## 6. CONCLUSION

Conference,

As we conclude, allow me to share a story that has deeply inspired me, one that has beautifully captured the essence of Scouting's transformative power. In his book, "If You Want To Be Successful, Start By Making Your Bed", Admiral William McRaven spoke of how a single act can create a ripple effect that changes the world.

He said, in life, each one of us will meet around 10,000 people. If these are 8,000 Scouters among you, and each one can change the life of 10 people, in 5 generations will change the lives of 800 million people.

That my friend, is the very spirit of Scouting. Each time we guide a young person or empower a vulnerable child, we ignite a spark that can transform the world.

So let us continue this noble journey to serve with passion, to lead with integrity, and to inspire with love. Let us stand united, strong and proud as Scouts of the APR – the largest, most diverse, and most dynamic region of the world.

Let us move forward as one Asia-Pacific family — diverse in culture, yet united in spirit; grounded in heritage, yet courageous in innovation.

As Scouts, we do not wait for the future to happen — we build it... together.

That is our calling — to serve, to inspire, and to make a difference where it matters most. Let us be the generation that proves that Scouting is not merely a movement of the past — but a movement for the future; a movement that gives every young person

the courage to dream,

the strength to act,

and the heart to serve.

And as Nelson Mandela once reminded us, "History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children."

So let us make that difference — in every troop, every school, and every community we touch. Together, with unwavering faith and readiness, let us ensure that the Asia-Pacific Region continues to shine as the

heartbeat of world Scouting —

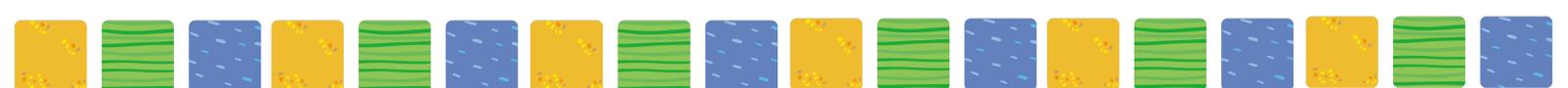
strong in purpose,

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And with that, thank you for your attention, and together let us continue this journey of peace, unity, growth, and purpose.

Thank you.



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