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**Addresses at
Closing
Ceremony**





Closing Remarks

Conference Chairman Simon Hang Bock Rhee

Ladies and gentlemen, dear brothers and sisters in Scouting, and esteemed guests, as we come to the conclusion of the 28th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference, I would like to take this moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we have shared over the past few days.

Our Conference began with a dynamic opening ceremony that not only set the stage for collaboration and friendship but also ignited our collective spirit and enthusiasm for the important work that lies ahead.

Throughout our time together, we had the privilege of witnessing inspiring recognitions, including the prestigious Bronze Wolf presentation, which celebrated the dedication and accomplishments of our three brothers in the Asia-Pacific. Additionally, we acknowledged the invaluable contributions of volunteers from various National Scout Organizations who dedicated their time and efforts throughout the triennium to help us achieve our objectives.

I am pleased to share that during this Conference, your voices were heard, leading to the election of five new members to the Regional Scout Committee.

This Conference also signifies a fresh start for the triennium as we welcomed new sub-committee, task force, and ad hoc committee members, who will assist the Region in realizing our goals and objectives. These dedicated volunteers have already participated in their initial meetings and task force sessions, providing invaluable opportunities to strategize effectively for the future of Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region, thereby ensuring we are well-prepared to confront the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

We engaged in insightful discussions on pivotal topics such as the WOSM Triennial Plan, the Future of Education in Scouting, the World Events Strategy, Safe from Harm, and Women in Leadership. We also heard presentations from esteemed partners, including the Book Bridge Foundation, the World Association of Girl Guides and Guides Asia-Pacific, and the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, all while highlighting the critical importance of Women in Leadership. The action time presentations, which explored initiatives like Membership Growth, Safe from Harm, and the Sustainable Development Goals, were particularly enlightening and underscored our commitment to meaningful progress.

During this Conference, we also adopted several important resolutions that will guide our collective efforts moving forward. The significance of these resolutions cannot be overstated, as they serve as a framework for our strategic initiatives and priorities in the coming triennium.

The Cultural/International Evening was a standout moment, beautifully showcasing the rich tapestry of cultures represented within our Region and fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other's unique heritages.

As we conclude our time together, we celebrate not only our achievements but also the enduring friendships we have formed during our heartfelt farewell dinner and closing ceremony. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all participants for your unwavering enthusiasm and commitment, to our esteemed speakers and presenters for their enriching contributions to our discussions, and to the organizing committee for their tireless efforts in ensuring that every aspect of the conference ran seamlessly.

As we part ways, I hope you carry with you new knowledge, meaningful connections, and a renewed sense of inspiration to guide you in your Scouting endeavors. Let us continue to work collaboratively towards our



shared vision for a brighter future. I eagerly look forward to the opportunity to see each of you at our next conference. Thank you!

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Scouts of China Secretary General Dr. Yun Ying Chang

Good afternoon,

Together, we have accomplished our mission over the past few days. Let us give ourselves a round of applause. Whenever and wherever the Scouts need something good, we always come through. We should need each other more often.

We bring core memory and the friendship that is formed. See you next time in Hong Kong.

Thank you and good night.

Vote of Thanks

Regional Director JR C. Pangilinan

Dear Conference,

Our gathering here in Kaohsiung ensures that the 37,249,348 Scouts influenced by the program of Scouting will have a safe space under our care. The historical constitutional amendment to our constitution that any Member Organization who is not compliant with the WOSM Safeguarding Policies and measures, are not permitted to:

- nominate or have their members renominated for Regional committees, taskforces or other roles; and,
- bid or host Regional events.

This is the first Region implementing an enforcement mechanism for SfH compliance. Thank you Conference.

As we close this event, we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre Team for their invaluable support to the 28th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference. This is the only regional conference which was fully attended by the World Scout Committee.



To our colleagues from other support centers for their presence and in strengthening regional collaboration. Thank you.

The graduating members of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee headed by Dale B. Corvera is remarkable. Thank you Dale, Somboon, Shimada, Elston, Rafiqul and Dianne for your commitment to service.

Our Sub-Committees Members, Task Forces, and Ad Hoc Committees, our WOSM consultants who worked with us for the last triennium and other volunteers recognized earlier, please accept our thanks to all of you.

We are equally grateful to the National Scout Organizations across the Region for their unity and collaboration, as well as to our partners, donors, and collaborators whose support strengthens our mission. Our member Scout organizations, THANK YOU VERY much for making this Conference a success. It showcase the true spirit of Scouting – the volunteerism, partnership, and service.

To our host NSO, The General Association of Scouts of China, THANK YOU for being a generous host. I am sure that all of the participants have enjoyed their stay here with you hospitality.

To the devoted staff of the Asia-Pacific Support Centre supported by our Global Colleagues and other support centers worldwide – working together for World Scouting. WE DID IT WELL, THANK YOU.

FINALLY, our DEAR PARTICIPANTS, our collective achievements over this triennium are a testament to the dedication, passion, and teamwork of many – ALL OF YOU!

RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND IN SCOUT SIGN AND PUT THAT ON TOP OF YOUR SHOULDER AND SAID – “MY PRESENCE IN THE CONFERENCE IS THE BEST PART OF IT”.

Thank you young people and volunteers, you are the true keepers of Scouting.

Our journey doesn't end here, it is just the beginning of something amazing!

See all of you in Hongkong in 2028.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL! HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY BACK HOME.





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Regional Scout Committee Major General Dato' Professor
Dr. Mohd Zin Bin Bidin

To my brothers and sisters in Scouting,

As we gather here at the conclusion of the 28th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference, I wish to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. This gathering has been a remarkable testament to our shared commitment to the values and principles of Scouting, and I am truly honored to stand before you today.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the Scouts of China, along with your dedicated staff and volunteers, for the tremendous effort you put into organizing this event. From the merry opening ceremonies to the international gatherings, and from the side meetings to the main plenary sessions, you have meticulously arranged every aspect of this Conference for our benefit. We cannot thank you enough for the warm welcome you have extended to us in this culturally rich city of Kaohsiung. Your hard work and commitment have truly made this event a memorable experience for all of us.

I would also like to acknowledge the members of the World Scout Committee, led by Chair Daniel Corsen, and the World Scout Bureau, Secretary General David Berg and team. Thank you for gracing us with your presence at this important event. I hope that your experiences here in the Asia-Pacific Region have been met with the warmth and hospitality that our community is known for.

To our Asia-Pacific Support Centre staff and volunteers, who dedicated themselves to ensuring that you had the best experience during this event, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. WELL DONE!

To our National Scout Organizations (NSOs) in the Asia-Pacific, I am deeply moved by the support you have shown over the past few days. Your participation and engagement have highlighted what makes our Region truly exceptional. The unity and collaboration among our members exemplify the strength of the Asia-Pacific Region and serve as a shining example for Scouts around the world.

Together, you showed why the Asia-Pacific Region is GREAT. It is your dedication, passion, and commitment to Scouting that inspire us all. As I step into my role as your new Regional Scout Committee Chair, I am excited about the opportunity to serve you and to work alongside each of you. Together, we will continue to build on the foundation we have established, ensuring that Scouting thrives and reaches new heights in our diverse and Region.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. I look forward to the journey ahead, and I am eager to collaborate with all of you as we strive to create a brighter future for Scouting in the Asia-Pacific. Together, we will make a lasting impact on the lives of countless young people.

Thank you!

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