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To: Chief Commissioners  
International Commissioners  
Chief Scout Executives

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**24th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference**  
24-29 November 2012



Greetings!

We are very pleased to inform you that as early as two years ahead of the conference, the host of the next APR Scout Conference, Bangladesh Scouts, is preparing to welcome you all in 2012.

Together with the host organization, we extend invitation to your National Scout Organization to participate with full delegation and adequate number of observers to attend the 24th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in Dhaka City, Bangladesh. Below is preliminary information of this event.

**Date :** 24-29 November 2012

The joint meeting of APR Scout Committee with Heads of Delegations is on 23 November afternoon. Conference sessions are proposed to start at 0900 hrs on 24 November and opening ceremony will be at 1100 hrs and closing of the conference is on 29 November in the evening.

Delegation is expected to arrive in Dhaka on 23 November and may leave on 30 November 2012.

**Venue :** Dhaka Sheraton hotel, Dhaka City, Bangladesh

**Theme :** Scouting – Bridging the Gap

**Participants :**

*Delegates:* Each member organization is entitled to send a maximum of six delegates. (Reference: Constitution and By-Laws of the WOSM/Asia-Pacific Region Article VII.1)

All the NSOs are encouraged to abide by the conference resolution in sending at least one young adult member under 26 years of age to the 24th APR Scout Conference as part of the official delegation (Conference resolution 2/07: Youth Program.)

*Observers:* NSOs may send adequate number of Scout Leaders and youth members as observers.

**Accompanying Persons :**

Spouses/friends are invited as accompanying persons to the delegates or observers for whom the Conference Host Committee will design a special programme for the conference duration. They are invited to all main ceremonies and social activities organized during the conference.

**Registration :**

The conference registration will start beginning **January 2012** up to **July 2012**. Registration forms will be available on the conference website < <http://www.24aprsc.org> > starting October 2011.

**Registration Fee :**

<i>Delegates and Observers</i>	US\$ 300.00
<i>Accompanying persons</i>	US\$ 250.00
<i>Youth Participants</i>	US\$ 125.00

Registration fee will cover conference kit, all lunches during the conference, coffee break, conference souvenir, inland transport, welcome and farewell dinners, and educational tour.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation at Dhaka Sheraton hotel is available with king size, queen size and twin bedrooms. The cost of the rooms is still being negotiated with the hotel by the host organizing committee and will be communicated in due course.

In addition to Dhaka Sheraton hotel, participants will also be able to select hotel accommodation ranging from luxury hotels to budget hotels in Dhaka City, near to the conference venue.

**Ancillary Events :**

The APR Course for Leader Trainers on 15-21 November 2012, 7th APR Scout Youth Forum on 17-21 November 2012 and Chief Scout Executives Meet on 21 November 2012 will be organized as ancillary events to the Conference.

Detailed circulars of these three events will follow.

Further details and other relevant information will be relayed from time to time to all NSOs, as usual, through conference website, conference bulletins, conference updates, etc.

Thank you for your kind attention and response.

Sincerely yours,



**Abdullah Rasheed**  
Regional Director

*Attachment: General Information Sheet*

**24<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Conference**  
Dhaka Sheraton hotel, Dhaka City, Bangladesh  
24-29 November 2012

**General Information**

**Conference Date** 24-29 November 2012

The joint meeting of APR Scout Committee with Heads of Delegations is on 23 November at 1600-1800 hrs.

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**Theme** Scouting – Bridging the Gap

**Logo**



**Venue** Dhaka Sheraton hotel, Dhaka City, Bangladesh

**Conference Fee** *Delegates and Observers:* US\$ 300.00

*Accompanying Persons:* US\$ 250.00

*Youth Participants:* US\$ 125.00

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**Communication with host country**

It is requested that all NSOs shall use the special conference secretariat e-mail and contact numbers as follows with regards to all communications with the host country relating to the conference and ancillary events.

E-mail : [24aprsc@bangla.net](mailto:24aprsc@bangla.net)

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Conference website: <http://www.24aprsc.org> (effective 01 Jan. 2011)

**Ancillary Events**

**7<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth forum**

Dates: 17-21 November 2012

Fee: US\$ 100.00

**APR Course for Leader Trainers**

Dates: 15-21 November 2012

Fee: US\$ 150.00

**Chief Scout Executives meet**

Date: 21 November 2012

**Participants**

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3. *Observers:* NSOs may send adequate number of Scout leaders and youth members as observers.

**Accompanying Persons**

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**Visa**

Please inquire locally if you require entry visa to Bangladesh. If you do, please send your Passport details well in advance for a Visa request letter to the host organizing committee. Please apply for your visa well ahead of your travel date to avoid last minute rush and disappointment.

Further, NSOs are expected to coordinate with Bangladesh Scouts in the facilitation of visas.

**Weather**

Weather in Bangladesh at the conference time will be pleasant. Weather in Bangladesh is tropical with a gentle winter from the month of October to March.

Due to the variation in Weather in Bangladesh, travelers can carry some lightweight cottons and linens all round the year. Light, warmer clothes are required during the evenings in cool season.

**Reception On arrival**

Bangladesh Scout leaders will receive participants upon arrival at the airport. They will be in uniform. After immigration and customs, you will be received and directed for transportation arrangements. Please send your itineraries well in advance so that the host organization can plan your reception.

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**Accommodation shall be booked directly to the hotel by the participants using the hotel accommodation registration form.**

**Currency**

The name of Bangladeshi currency is Taka. There are two types like in many other countries - notes and coins. Notes are of one taka, two taka, five taka, ten taka, twenty taka, fifty taka, one hundred taka and five hundred taka. Coins are of one poisha, five poisha, ten poisha, twenty-five poisha, fifty poisha, one taka and five taka.

Current exchange rate (as of Dec. 19, 2010) is US\$1 = 69.70 BDT.

Throughout the country, you can change your money at banks, major hotels and money changers. There are ATMs in every city too.

All the major credit cards are widely accepted at shopping malls, major hotels, tour agencies and entertainment outlets.

**What to bring:** Scout uniform, personal clothings, light pullover/jacket, slippers, personal toiletries, medicines, etc.

**Contact Persons:**

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