

CELEBRATING THE DAWN OF A NEW CENTURY OF SCOUTING – SCOUTING’S SUNRISE 1 AUGUST 2007

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Come 01 August 2007, Scouting turns to 100 years. And what time it has been.

From a mere 20 boys experimenting the first scouts camp at Brownsea Island, England in 01 August 1907, lead by the founder Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden Powell or fondly know as BP by Scouts around the world, Scouting today has grown to a million times bigger and involves girls and boys, men and women from every race, religion and culture, and nearly every country in the world!

For Malaysia (then Malaya), Scouting came only after three years when the Scouting movement was founded. Frank Cooper Sand formed a Scout troop of 30 Scouts in Singapore in 1910. Three years later, Scouting was founded in Sabah in Sandakan by Rev. Thomas Cecil Alexander. Rev. Thomas continued to serve the movement until 1926 and returned to England. From then on, Scouting grew rapidly through out the State. Today there are about 30,000 scouts in Sabah, mostly based in Schools.

To celebrate the centennial of Scouting in 2007, the theme “*One World One Promise*” were adopted, bringing together "One world" of 28 millions Scouts sharing the same "One Promise" and Law. Many program were implemented worldwide in conjunction with the centennial celebration including the centennial Gifts for Peace projects which starts in 2006, the 21st World Scout Jamboree UK 2007 from 28 July to 8th August 2007, the World Scout Congress in Geneva, Switzerland in November 2007 and Join-in-Centenary programmes.

The “Scouting's Sunrise” is another important programme for the centenary celebration. It is also giving the opportunity for all Scouts who are unable to attend the UK World Jamboree to celebrate this historical and memorable event. On 1 August 2007, exactly one hundred years after Baden-Powell ran his experimental scout camp on Brownsea Island, millions of Scouts and former Scouts, from all across the globe, will gather together in millions of locations to celebrate the dawn of a new century of Scouting by renewing their Promise, do a Good Turn, present their Gifts for Peace projects and celebrate with their communities. Each National Scout Organisation of the world are asked to hold the Scouting’s Sunrise program, be it at national or local level, and at a prominent place to that particular country so as to provide a key focus for the media and the public.

For the Scouts in Sabah, the Scouting’s Sunrise event is even more special and meaningful as the Scouts Association of Malaysia has chosen Sabah to host the

nation's 'Scouting's Sunrise' program at the peak of Mt. Kinabalu. The Scouts Association of Malaysia Sabah Branch with the cooperation from the Sabah Ministry of Youth and Sports will be organising the Scouting's Sunrise program at Mt. Kinabalu Park and Bundu Tuhan from 30th July to 1st August 2007 and will be officiated by the Y.A.B Chief Minister of Sabah, who is also the Chief Scout of Sabah. About 40 Scoutleaders and former Scouts from in and outside Sabah is expected to scale South East Asia's highest peak and raise the Scout Flag and the Nation's flag on the dawn of 01 August 2007. Another 300 Scouts are expected to join in the Scouting's Sunrise Camp held at Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre.

Even after 2007, Scouting is expected to continue to play a role in the society by promoting peace and solidarity. Community projects, camps and other beneficial events are continuously being planned and participated by Scouts throughout. While Scoutleaders have relentlessly and voluntarily committed themselves to their tasks to ensure Scouting will continue to play an active role in the society and live another century, it is the support of the young boys and girls, the community and local leaders, friends and families that have help Scouting to live. The Scouts Association of Malaysia Sabah Branch would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Scouts Association of Malaysia for their trust and most importantly the Sabah Ministry of Youth and Sports for the tremendous support.

Happy Scouting's Sunrise – One World, One Promise.

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