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**Invitation to the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop: “Safe from Harm in Action:
Strengthening Safeguarding through Implementation and Assessment”**

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Support Centre!

World Scouting is actively supporting National Scout Organizations to meet the Safe from Harm membership requirements. As part of this, we encourage all NSOs to take action in completing the Safe from Harm Self-Assessment, adopting a National Safe from Harm policy, establishing a National Safeguarding Reporting Procedure, and appointing a National Safe from Harm coordinator. These steps are essential to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all young people in Scouting.

We are pleased to announce that Scout Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) will host the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on **“Safe from Harm in Action: Strengthening Safeguarding through Implementation and Assessment,”** scheduled from **9-12 August 2025**.

This workshop will convene key Scout Leaders to develop, review, and/or enhance their alignment with WOSM Safe from Harm requirements, including the National Safe from Harm Policy, the National Safeguarding Reporting Procedure, as well as establishing the National Listening Ear Support Network. By the end of the workshop, participants are also expected to develop a roadmap for Safe from Harm implementation, outlining an action plan tailored to their NSO’s context and priorities.

The workshop details are as follows:

- Dates:** **9-12 August 2025** (Participants are expected to arrive on the evening of 8 August and may depart in the evening of 12 August)
- Venue:** Hong Kong Scout Centre, Scout Path, Austin Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- Accommodation:** BP International, Scout Path, Austin Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- Eligibility:** Ideal participants include NSO staff or leadership, such as Safe From Harm Coordinators, senior-level Commissioners, and interested volunteers. Candidates should possess:
- A basic understanding of an existing approved NSO Safe From Harm Policy;
 - Knowledge of their NSO’s Code of Conduct and relevant national regulations;
 - The authority and capacity to lead, implement, or strengthen Safe From Harm procedures and reporting mechanisms.
- Workshop Fee:** The fee is **USD250.00**, which covers local transportation between the airport and venue, meals from dinner on August 8 to lunch on August 12, shared accommodation from August 8 to August 12, an educational tour, and workshop materials.

Registration Deadline: Please complete the registration form using the link below by **15 July 2025**; late applications will no longer be accepted due to limited spaces.

Registration link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/845e1e673c7d4a1ab460e3d2e14fb1eb>.

As mandated by the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee on 17 April 2024, all adults participating in regional events must **hold a valid Safe From Harm Certificate (SfH 1: Safe from Harm Essential Learnings and SfH 2: Safe from Harm Advanced Learning for WOSM Volunteers and Staff)**. Submission of this certificate is required to confirm participation in the workshop and will be done through the registration link above.

For questions or further information, please contact Ms Ili Batrisyia Yahya <nur.iliyahya@scout.org>.

We look forward to your active participation in this important initiative to help create safer Scouting environments across our region.

With best regards,



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Attachments:

- General Information for Participants