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### **The Scout Association of Macau (TSAM)**

Dear Friends in Scouting,

The World Scout Bureau has received an application from The Scout Association of Macau for recognition, as a Member Organization, by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The Scout Association of Macau has been an Associate Member of WOSM within the Asia-Pacific Scout Region since 1983.

As you might recall, this application is in line with Resolution 3/14 of the Slovenia Conference. In accordance with the requirements of the WOSM Constitution, the World Scout Committee considered this application and recommends that it be accepted.

Under the terms of Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution, "if within three months the recommendation is unopposed or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Organizations," The Scout Association of Macau will be declared a Member, as the National Scout Organization of Macau, of the World Organization of the Scout Movement as from 25 July 2015. Affirmative votes are not required.

Yours sincerely,

Scott A. Teare  
Secretary General, WOSM

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### Foundation



The Scout Association of Macau (TSAM) was established in December 1983 that started with 200 members. The recognition certificate of TSAM as an Associate Member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement/Asia-Pacific Region since 1983 was given in June 1995 at the 18th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

### Headquarters

The permanent headquarters is situated inside a historical fortress of over 160 years. The building is well preserved with antique Portuguese architecture. The fortress was offered to the Association in 1999 by the former Macau government.

### Development

The principles and methods of the Association are based on the legacy of Lord Baden-Powell, to inspire and guide the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people. Since its establishment, the Association has been receiving full support from the government and from all social strata. A stable growth is maintained both in financial and human resources. In 2013, membership reached more than 2,400 members in three sections: Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts.

### Training

Training plays an important role in the Scout program where Scouts acquire useful skills from program and training activities, which are useful in daily life and where they develop team spirit, leadership and civic education. The Wood Badge training is aimed for leaders to enrich their Scouting knowledge and skills. The 7<sup>th</sup> Wood Badge Course and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Course for Assistant Leader Trainers were held respectively in 2012 and 2015.

### Serving the Community

Scouts in Macau are well known for their good turn by rendering community and charity services, such as the Charity Walk for Millions, the Green Day, the East Asian Games, to name a few.

In recognition of the contribution of Scouts to their communities, The Scout Association of Macau was awarded by the former Governor of Macau and the Ex-Chief Executive of the Special Administrative Region of Macau the "Outstanding Youth Organization Award" and the "Medal of Philanthropic Merit" in 1998 and 2001 respectively. TSAM is recognized by the government as their partner in nation building through youth development and training.

### Education on Nationalism

After 20 December 1999, the Government of People's Republic of China resumed its exercise of sovereignty over Macau under the principle of "one country, two systems". The Macau Special Administration Region exercises a high degree of autonomy. To enhance nationalism and education, the Association revised the

verses of the Scout Promise. The new version of the Scout Promise and Cub Scout Promise were solemnly introduced at the Annual Scout Rally Day.

### **International Outlook**

Being a youth organization in its early 30s, the Association has reached a level of maturity and efficiency to host international events in Macau. In coordination with the World Scout Bureau/Asia-Pacific Regional Office, TSAM created its national strategic plan in Macau in 2004. It did not take long and Macau has been hosting several training courses and major international meetings.

The Scout Association of Macau keeps pace with the 21<sup>st</sup> century and continues its solidarity with local and international communities.

The revised Constitution of "The Scout Association of Macau" has been checked and accepted by the Constitutions Committee.