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Messengers of Peace Official Launch

28 September 2011, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia



The "Messengers of Peace" (MOP) will have its official launch tomorrow on 28th September 2011 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in the presence of King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, and King Carl XVI Gustav, King of Sweden.

MOP is a 10-year initiative for the 161 member countries of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to involve individual Scouts and National Scout Organizations from all regions in peace-building activities. It is created to capitalize on the success of the "Gifts for Peace" projects that were run during the centenary year.

MOP Project has now two components: Global Network and the Global Fund. Presently, over 12,000 have already registered for the Global Network and US\$37 million total amount is guaranteed for the project, of which US\$25 million is allocated for the Global Fund.

MOP pilot projects in the Asia-Pacific

In the Asia-Pacific Region, Sri Lanka just held two separate post-war

integration camps between Tamil and Sinhalese Scouts fostering sense of belonging. India is currently planning integration camps between Pakistan and India Rover Scouts.

Ongoing are Indonesia's community health awareness project in some selected villages and Japan's relief project to help rebuild the affected communities from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Regional Participation

Representatives from the Asia-Pacific Region attending the official launch tomorrow are Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan and Philippines.

Watch online

A live web-stream from Saudi Arabia will be available to make sure that as many Scouts as possible can follow the launch online. Updates about the launch will be emailed to the widest possible Scout audience and will be published on www.scout.org.