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To:

- NSOs
- International Commissioners

In the light of the highly concern of Oman Scouts and Guides to deep rooted brotherhood and friendship ties among youth who are involved in Scouting, which will help in strengthening youth abilities spiritually, physically, socially, mentally and psychologically, and persistency to the success of the previous Gatherings, it was agreed to hold the Gathering of the year 2013 during the period 4-14/9/2013 in partnership with Arab Scout Region in the following governorates (Muscat – Aldakheliya – Musandam – South A'Sharqiyah - Dhofar) which are very famous for their historical, cultural, religious, archeological and natural sites.

In this regard, I would like to seize this opportunity to invite (two) representatives from your national scout association to participate in this unforgettable and important event according to regulations & eligibilities mentioned in the brochure.

Yours in Scouting,

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The 16th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange



Sultanate of Oman

(4-14 September 2013)



The 16th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange

Introduction:

- It's an annual event under the name: The International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange organized by the Arab Scout Region since 1997.
- It's one of the special events which contain a lot of participants around the world. It reaches around 50 countries each year.
- Oman Scouts and Guides organizing the event this year as there are many benefits for it, like strengthen the scouts' brotherhood around the world and exchanging the culture and knowledge of Oman in all the areas.
- H.M Sultan Qaboos Sultan of Oman, Chief Scout, gave his orders to activate the Cultural role of Oman to communicate with all the other cultures and civilizations around the world and to activate the role of young people.
- Oman environment is very helpful to give success for such events as there is biological, environmental, civilizational and cultural diversity. That diversity gives Oman a world wide value.
- The national plan of Oman in alliance of civilization, especially in youth programs, contains a part about the international participating of the scouts and guides.
- This event helps to activate the recommendations of the international organizations programs about celebrating of civilization convergence year. Also it comes with the Arab-Europe youth dialogue initiatives, the memorandum of cooperation between Ministry of Education and UNESCO in 2011 and the Education for Sustainable Environment Conversance which focused in cultural diversity.

About The 16th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange:

- **Name:** *The 16th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange*
- **Venue:** Sultanate of Oman (Muscat – Aldakhiliya – South A'Sharqiyah – Dhofar – Musandam)
- **Date:** 4-14 September 2013.
- **Organizer:** Oman Scouts and Guides with cooperation with: Arab Region and The Oman National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.

Goals:

- Deep rooted the friendship and brotherhood between the world youth.
- Strengthen the human and moral values.
- Showing the Omani heritage which listed in the UNESCO world heritage.
- Exchanging participants' different cultures.
- Promote Oman Tourism and its old heritage.
- Recognizing the cultural and biological diversity.
- Spread the peace and understanding knowledge between the participators.



Participating:

- Each NSO has the right to participate with (2) rovers who aged (18-25) years (male only). We expect more than (100) participants from more than 50 countries around the world.
- There is a chance for Omani young leaders to participate too.

Abut Program

(The event contains three stages)

□ Stage One: (4th -6th Sep. 2013)

- Arrival date (4th Sep. 2013) in Muscat and moving to the hotel.
- Opening ceremony (Thursday 5th Sep. 2013).

□ Stage Two: (6th -8th Sep. 2013)

- (Friday and Saturday: 6th -7th Sep. 2013) the participants will be divided into (4) groups. Each group will move to one of Oman governorates (Muscat – Aldakhiliyah – South A'Sharqiyah – Musandam). Each group will visit the most important places in that governorate especially the tourism, cultural and heritage places. At this stage the accommodation is in hotels or stadiums (rooms).
- On Sunday the 8th all groups moves to Dhofar governorate.

□ Stage three: (8th – 12th Sep. 2013)

- Arrival to Dhofar on Monday the 9th in Jabal Ashor Scouts Camp. Which is around 1000 km far from Muscat. Accommodation is in tents.
- Four days in Dhofar will contains:
 - ✓ Visit places which listed in world heritage UNISCO list.
 - ✓ Groups show their reports and pictures about their visit to the different governorates.
 - ✓ Cultural seminars.
 - ✓ A seminar about Environment and Biological diversity.
 - ✓ Entertaining and sport activities.
 - ✓ Countries folklore.
 - ✓ Countries Exhibition.
 - ✓ Campfire.



Oman Scouts and Guides provide:

- All road transportation.
- Food.
- Accommodation.
- Publications and Souvenirs.
- Visa facilities.
- No participating fees.
- Pay all the tourism and heritage places taxes.
- Translation (Arabic – English)
- Arrival and leave facilities.
- Media promotion.
- Tourism and heritage places publications.

NSOs Commitments:

- Nominate two rovers to participate.
- Travel tickets.
- Health insurance.
- Two country flags (120 × 180 cm)
- Prepare for the country exhibition to show heritage, civilization and scouting in their country.

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The 16th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange Program

Day	Morning	Evening	Accommodation
Wednesday 4 th Sep.	Arrival		Safeer Hotel
Thursday 5 th Sep.	Opening Ceremony	City Tour	
Friday 6 th Sep. Saturday 7 th Sep.	Group (1) to South A'Sharqiyah for two days.		Sur Stadium
	Group (2) to Aldakhiliyah for two days.		Nizwa Stadium
	Group (3) to Musandam for two days.		Khasab Stadium
	Group (4) to Muscat for two days.		Safeer Hotel
Sunday 8 th Sep.	All groups to Dhofar		Jabal Ashor Scouts Camp (Under tents)
Monday 9 th Sep.	Tourism program	International activities	
Tuesday 10 th Sep.	A seminar about Environment and Biological diversity.	International campfire	
Wednesday 11 th Sep.	Tourism program		
Thursday 12 th Sep.	Closing Ceremony	Back to Muscat	Safeer Hotel
Friday 13 th Sep.	Free time in Muscat		
Saturday 14 th Sep.	Departure		

