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## **Cessation of Conferring Scheme of The Hong Kong Award for Young People**

Starting from 1 April 1991, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts who awarded the progressive badges could obtain the respective Bronze, Silver and Gold Award of The Hong Kong Award for Young People (formerly known as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award) through the Conferring Scheme.

In view of the current decision made by the Award Council of The Hong Kong Award for Young People (AYP) and several liaison meetings between our Association (SAHK) and AYP, please be informed that such Conferring Scheme will be ceased operating from **31 March 2008** onwards. SAHK will continue to be one of the Operating Authorities of AYP and will enjoy the gold level assessment autonomy as usual. The operation details after 1 April 2008 will be announced later.

Leaders should pay attention to the following points in order to help Scout Members applying AYP Awards before the cessation of the Conferring Scheme:

- a. All Sections' Members possessing a valid Scout Record Book together with the Record Book of AYP issued by SAHK, they could enjoy the Conferring Scheme till 29 February 2008 under the current procedures.
- b. All required documents for AYP application through the Conferring Scheme should be reached the Programme Branch via respective Regional Offices or The Friends of Scouting (FOS) by 29 February 2008. Late applications will not be entertained.
- c. The deadlines of issuing new AYP Record Book by all Regional Offices and FOS are as follows:
  1. 31 August 2006 (for direct GOLD applicants only)
  2. 28 February 2007 (for direct SILVER applicants only)
  3. 31 August 2007 (for BRONZE applicants)
- d. SAHK would not accept the membership transfer from other Operating Authorities to SAHK within the period from 1 September 2006 to 29 February 2008.

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