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## **Amendment of Venture Scout Training Scheme**

This circular supersedes the Parts on Venture Scout Section in the Programme Circulars No.162/2002 and No.124/2004 issued on 15 October 2002 and 15 July 2004 respectively.

With effect from 15 February 2008, Programme Branch has adopted the amendment of the syllabus in Venture Scout Training Scheme. Details are shown as below:

### **Change of Religious Badge Requirement**

Page 39-40 —is changed to:

Description : Oval cloth badge in maroon color with hands in prayer design under the Scout Emblem in the middle.

Venture Scouts are free to attempt any one syllabus of the badge.

The Leaders of the Venture Scout Unit may arrange an appropriate personnel like priest, Chaplain, Reverend, etc. to assist the assessment.

### **Catholic**

1. Knowledge :
  - 1.1 To own a bible and to understand the composition of the Bible.
  - 1.2 To recite the 20 decades of the Rosary.
  - 1.3 To know the Church calendar.
  - 1.4 To explain briefly the Seven Sacraments.
  - 1.5 To explain the meaning of the Scout promise “Do my best to do my duty to God”.
2. Participation :
  - 2.1 To participate in an activity organized by a parish or diocesan association of the laity and to give a written report.
3. Service :
  - 3.1 To understand the ways and meaning of “praying”, and to lead the prayer during the Scout activity/Venture Scout Unit meetings.
  - 3.2 To help a fellow Venture Scout to participate in the Eucharist Celebration.
  - 3.3 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout to gain the Scout Religious Badge (Catholic).

### **Christianity**

1. Knowledge :
  - 1.1 To own a Bible, which contends Old Testament and New Testament.
  - 1.2 To understand and recite both the Lord’s Prayer and the Apostle Creed.
  - 1.3 To sing any 7 hymns.
  - 1.4 To describe 3 Old Testament stories, including the Exodus story; and 3 New Testament stories, including the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
  - 1.5 To explain the meaning of the Scout promise “Do my best to do my duty to God”.
2. Participation :
  - 2.1 To join any church activities frequently, such as Sunday worship, youth fellowship or choir, and to give a written report.

3. Service :

- 3.1 To lead a discussion group on the meaning of the “Cross”.
- 3.2 To understand the meaning of Incarnation, and explain this in a Venture Scout unit meeting/Scout activity, with the Bible to illustrate and quote the relevant verses.
- 3.3 To lead a prayer in a Scout gathering.
- 3.4 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout to gain the Scout Religious Badge (Christianity).

## **Muslim**

1. Knowledge :

- 1.1 To own a copy of Holy Quran (English version).
- 1.2 To understand Islam means peace and submission.
- 1.3 To understand and recite the Kalimah “There is no God, but Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.
- 1.4 To narrate three Hadith (sayings of a Prophet Muhammad).
- 1.5 To state the Muslim population in the world and name the location of the mosques in Hong Kong.
- 1.6 To explain the five pillars of Islam.
- 1.7 To explain the meaning of the Scout promise “Do my best to do my duty to God”.

2. Service :

- 2.1 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout to gain the Scout Religious Badge (Muslim).

## **Confucianism**

1. Knowledge :

- 1.1 To show respect for traditional Chinese culture and Confucian teachings.
- 1.2 To understand and recite both the “Liyun Daitong Bian” and “Mengzi Jingsun”.
- 1.3 To enumerate the names or items of “Four Books”, “Five Classics”, “Six Arts” and “Eight Virtues”.
- 1.4 To sing lyrics “Ode to Confucius” and understand the meaning.
- 1.5 To quote and explain the meaning of five verses from “The Analects”.
- 1.6 To explain the meaning of the Scout promise “Do my best to do my duty to God”.

2. Participation :

- 2.1 To offer sacrifices to ancestors, Heaven and Earth annually.
- 2.2 To understand the rituals and behave in an appropriate way when attending celebrations of Confucius’ Birth, Mencius’ Birth or traditional sacrificial rites.
- 2.3 To visit Confucian institutions and Chinese temples and to give a written report.

3. Service :

- 3.1 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout to gain the Scout Religious Badge (Confucianism).

## **Buddhist**

1. Knowledge :

- 1.1 Always bring along a well-known Buddhist sutra and a book, which is about rituals, performed in morning and evening practices.
- 1.2 To sing and understanding the meaning of the “Song of Buddha”.
- 1.3 To tell 3 Buddhist stories.
- 1.4 To explain the meaning of Dependent Origination.
- 1.5 To explain the meaning of the Scout promise “Do my best to do my duty to God”.
- 1.6 To understand the meaning of the “Triple Gem”.

2. Participation :
  - 2.1 To participate in the Buddha Bathing Ceremony and Buddhist activities and to give a written report.
  - 2.2 To participate in the ceremony of the “Triple Gem”.
3. Service :
  - 3.1 To strengthen the understanding and practice of the teachings of Buddha among youths.
  - 3.2 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout/Venture Scout to take refuge in the Triple Gem.
  - 3.3 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout to gain the Scout Religious Badge (Buddhist).

## **Taoism**

1. Knowledge :
  - 1.1 To own a copy of the “Dao De Jing” and explain 5 Chapters of it.
  - 1.2 To recite and explain the meaning of the “Lao Zi Eulogy”.
  - 1.3 To understand the meaning of the “Hundred Words Teaching”.
  - 1.4 To tell the Titles of the “Three Purities” of Taoism.
  - 1.5 To explain the meaning of the “Three Taoist Treasures”, “Seven Good Deeds” and “Nine Virtues”.
  - 1.6 To explain the meaning of the Scout promise “Do my best to do my duty to God”.
2. Participation :
  - 2.1 To visit 2 Taoist temples and to give a written report.
3. Service :
  - 3.1 To tell the story of the “Life of Lao Zi” or any one Taoist Deity in a Scout gathering or camping.
  - 3.2 To guide a Cub Scout/Scout to gain the Scout Religious Badge (Taoism).

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