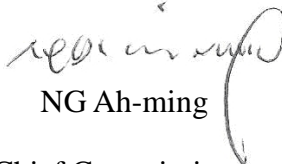




“Youth Programme Policy” and “Youth Protection Policy”

Pursuant to the circular re-categorization with effect from 1 January 2018, this Circular substitutes Administration Circular No. 14/2016 issued on 1 October 2016 with contents unchanged.

To conform with the fundamental principles of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and to suit for the needs of different age groups of youth members in Hong Kong through providing educational activities in a non-formal education with Scout characteristics so as to nurture our youth members holistic development and to provide necessary protection to them, Scout Association of Hong Kong has formulated the “Youth Programme Policy” and the “Youth Protection Policy”, which were adopted in the Executive Committee Meeting on 8 September 2016. For details, please refer to Appendix 1 and 2.


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Chief Commissioner

Scout Association of Hong Kong **“Youth Programme Policy”**

1 Aim

To conform with the fundamental principles of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and to suit for the needs of different age groups of youth members in Hong Kong, Scout Association of Hong Kong formulates the “Youth Programme Policy” (“this policy”), to provide educational activities in a non-formal education with Scout characteristics, so as to nurture our youth members holistic development.

2 Effective Date

This policy came into effect on 9 September 2016.

3 Principles

- 3.1 “Scout Association of Hong Kong Ordinance” (Hong Kong Ordinance Chapter 1005)
- 3.2 “Constitution” & “Policy, Organisation and Rules” of Scout Association of Hong Kong
- 3.3 Scout Law and Promise of Scout Association of Hong Kong
- 3.4 Aims and Methods of Scout Movement of Scout Association of Hong Kong
- 3.5 Vision, Mission and Values of Scout Association of Hong Kong

4 References

- 4.1 “World Scout Programme Policy”
- 4.2 “World Scout Youth Involvement Policy”

5 Youth Members

Youth members of the Scout Movement in Hong Kong, aged from 5 to 26 years old, with Grasshopper Scout Section (5-8 years old), Cub Scout Section (7.5-12 years old), Scout Section (11-16 years old), Venture Scout Section (15-21 years old), and Rover Scout Section (18-26 years old), in total of five sections.

6 Execution

- 6.1 Scout Association of Hong Kong must take into account the special characteristics of youth members to formulate the syllabus, handbook and guidelines to implement this policy.
- 6.2 Through a rigorous system to appoint adult leaders to implement this policy effectively:
 - 6.2.1 Provide guidance and support to youth members.
 - 6.2.2 With the spirit of education without class, leading youth members to grow continuously and progressively.
 - 6.2.3 Ensure the safety and security of youth members when participating scout activities.

7 Implementation

This policy is developed and managed by Programme Branch of Scout Association of Hong Kong. All branches, regions, districts and scout groups have to follow the implementation.

8 Evaluation and Revision

To cater the changes of the society and the needs of the youth members, this policy will be reviewed every 5 years generally.

9 Enquiry

For enquiries, please contact the Scout Executive (Programme).

Scout Association of Hong Kong **“Youth Protection Policy”**

1 Aim

In providing activities and training to youth people, Scout Association of Hong Kong complies with the relevant statutory requirements of the Hong Kong Ordinance and formulates the “Youth Protection Policy” (“this policy”) to provide protection for young members so that they will not be harmed or infringed upon.

2 Effective Date

This policy came into effect on 9 September 2016.

3 Principles

Scout Association of Hong Kong “Youth Programme Policy”

4 References

Hong Kong Ordinance Chapter 212 “Offences against the Person Ordinance” and other related ordinances

5 Youth Members

Youth members of the Scout Movement in Hong Kong, aged from 5 to 26 years old, with Grasshopper Scout Section (5-8 years old), Cub Scout Section (7.5-12 years old), Scout Section (11-16 years old), Venture Scout Section (15-21 years old), and Rover Scout Section (18-26 years old), in total of five sections.

6 Execution

Scout Association of Hong Kong formulates the guidelines and procedures to implement this policy:

- 6.1 Provide a safety environment so that scouting activities can be conducted safely and pleasurably.
- 6.2 Actively provide training to the adult leaders to let them understand the importance of youth protection.
- 6.3 Provide timely guidance and support to ensure that Scout leaders know the specific ways to reduce or prevent youth members from being harmed or infringed upon during their activities.
- 6.4 Establish operational guidelines in order to ensure the related incidents will be coordinates followed up and recorded.

7 Implementation

This policy is developed and managed by Programme Branch of Scout Association of Kong Kong. All branches, regions, districts and scout groups have to follow the implementation.

8 Evaluation and Revision

To cater the changes of the society and the needs of the youth members, this policy will be reviewed every 5 years generally.

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