

Scouting Facts: Hong Kong

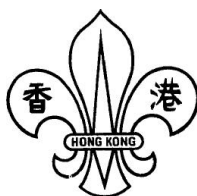


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Scouting was founded in Hong Kong in 1911 and grew slowly until 1940 when it ceased activities during the war. It resumed activities in 1945 with only about 400 Scouts and continued to expand to its present day level of 33,500 members. Scouting in Hong Kong was an Overseas Branch of The Scout Association until 1977 when the Scout Association of Hong Kong was host to the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference.

The Association plays an active part in the local community and the programme is carefully adapted to city life and high density population. Part of the Scout's yearly programme is to provide a community service of various types on a regular basis. The Association has close contacts with other local youth agencies and each year runs recreational and training programmes for non-members, as a form of community service and as a deliberate attempt to introduce the Scout code of conduct and activities to more young people. The programmes are run by 'The Friends of Scouting' which is a subsidiary of the Association, and over 25,000 people take part each year in the various activities.



After a decade of development the eighties will be a period of consolidation and experiment. Among the current projects are the experiment of extending the lowest Scouting age to 6 to

accommodate boys and girls who form "Wee Scout" Units; outreach programmes of bringing Scouting to socially handicapped children and Vietnamese refugee children who have been waiting for a long time in refugee camps for permanent resettlement.

The Sections of the Association are similar to those in the United Kingdom.

Cub Scouts aged 8 - 11 years

Scouts aged 11 - 16 years

Venture Scouts aged 16 - 20 years

Rover Scouts aged 17 - 25 years

The Venture Scout Section is open to girls over the age of 16.

The Rover Scout Units are formed to harness the interest, help and support of young men and women who accept, as a condition of membership, the obligation of regular service to the movement and the community.

There are also Cadet Leader Units, which provide training for men and women who wish to equip themselves for the responsibilities of being a Leader.

Motto:

"Be Prepared".

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The Promise and Law are the same as those of The Scout Association for both Cub Scouts and Scouts.

Uniform:

Cub Scouts - dark green cap, beige shirt, olive green shorts and group scarf.

Scouts - green beret, beige shirt, olive green shorts, group scarf.

Venture Scouts and Rovers – same as for Scouts but with either olive green shorts or trousers. Group scarf or brown tie for Venture Scouts. Blue scarf for Rover Scouts.

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