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Dear sister and brother Scouts,

This year I am addressing the participants of JOTA/JOTI from Tokyo where the 22nd Asia-Pacific Conference is taking place. The motto of the Conference here is "Advancing toward the new century of Scouting". In fact 2007 is not yet over and we have to use the unique opportunity offered by the centenary celebrations to attract more young people in the Movement. We celebrate one hundred years reaffirming our commitment to make a constructive contribution to society, reaffirming our culture of Peace.

Our friends and the young people that we may involve will stay in Scouting and share our unique adventure only if they will live Scouting as an exciting and involving experience.

This is a task for every Scout patrol and troop and every Venture Scout and Rover Scout section. Organise and engage in adventures and projects in which every young person would like to participate. In Scouting there is space and a role for everyone. Opportunities must be created at the local level: there is where the action goes on, where girls and boys are empowered to face challenges. But it is by sharing the experience globally that we feel the sense of belonging to a World Brotherhood; it is by breaking all kind of barriers that we join hands in creating a better world.

This is also done by communicating. For the past 50 years, through JOTA, Scouts join in a virtual jamboree every year; for 11 years with JOTI we are connecting also via the internet.

Advancing towards the new century of Scouting, we are prepared to increase our connectivity, linking all available technologies. JOTA/JOTI is connecting tradition with innovation. Scouting is connecting and sharing our cultures, our beliefs, our capacities, our resources, into one Movement of solidarity. Our shared diversity is our wealth. In the words of B-P, our Founder, co-operation, rather than competition is the rule in Scouting. Let "One world, One Promise" travel fast over the radio and over the wire, let the values of our Scout Law guide our way forward. Loyalty to those principles is our greatest strength.

"One world, One promise".