

Sri Lanka Scout Association  
65/9, sir Chiththampalam Garden Mw, Colombo 2.

Circular No. 16/2020

June 9, 2020

To: All District Commissioners  
NHQ Commissioners

### 1. SCOUT ACTIVITIES DURING LOCKDOWN

We are extremely happy that majority of the districts carried out some important projects, continued scout activities and meetings, competitions, passing of Proficiency Badges and so many other activities during the curfew and lockdown period which was announced by the Authorities w.e.f 19th March 2020. Though many districts continued scouting virtually and on social media and kept the spirit of the scout leaders and scouts high, it is regrettably noted that some districts did not do any scouting during this period which is very unfair by the scouts of the said districts.

### 2. SRI LANKA SCOUTS CARE PROJECT

We thank the World Organisation of the Scout Movement for the donation of US Dollars 10,000/- to carry out this project. 10 districts who qualified as per the requirements were given 50 pax of food and medicine to be distributed to Scouts and Scout Leaders in the 10 districts. The selection of deserving scouts and leaders was done by the districts with the authority of the Principals of the schools, ADCs, Scout Leaders/Akelas and the DC. The National Headquarters selection team comprised 5 commissioners. Mr. Kapila Kumara HQC was the Project Leader.

### 3. EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR PRESIDENT'S AWARDS and OTHER AWARDS

The SLSA was informed by the Circular of the Ministry of Education to stop all Extra Curricular Activities with the closure of the schools. As of now the SLSA has decided to grant an extension of 4 months to cubs and scouts working towards Proficiency Badges and Awards. No backdating will be allowed. Please advice Scout Leaders and Badge examiners to state the actual date of passing. District Commissioners are requested to prepare a list of Cubs who are affected by this situation and working towards the Gold Star and the Scouts working towards the DC Cord and President's Award. Please note that this list of President's Scouts aspirants of your District should be sent to National Headquarter's on or before 30th June 2020 addressed to the Assistant Chief Commissioner (Development).

### 4. SCOUT MEETINGS, ADC'S MEETINGS AND SCOUT LEADER'S MEETINGS

Physical Cub Pack Meetings and Scout Troop Meetings should not be held until further notice. Virtual meetings are encouraged. Districts could hold ADC Meetings and Scout Leader's/Akela's meetings adhering strictly to the guidelines issued by the Health Authorities. Annual General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings also should be held under the same guidelines. We are proud to inform you that Senior Commissioner's and Headquarter's Commissioners meetings were held via Zoom without any interruptions.

#### 5. NATIONAL TRAINING COMMISSIONER, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER AND NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Nanda Fernando Leader Trainer has been appointed as the NTC and Dr Rajeeve Pieris has been appointed as the International Commissioner. Mr S A Amerasinghe ACC will be in charge of North Western and Central Province Coordination and Scouting Development. Dr Manjula Sahabandu ACC Administration will coordinate Western and Southern Provinces and Mr MFS Muheed SC will co-ordinate Northern and Eastern Provinces.

Applications are been called for the vacant post of Assistant Chief Commissioner and details are available on the web-site.

#### 6. OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND SCOUT SHOP

The National Headquarters and Scout Shop will be open for business from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm from Tuesdays to Saturdays except on Mercantile Holidays.

#### 7. DEMISE OF CAMILLUS FERNANDO Former Chief Commissioner

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that we announce that Mr. Camillus Fernando Former Chief Commissioner was called to higher service on 21st May 2020. The Senior Commissioner's of SLSA organised a commemoration ceremony at National Headquarters and an Alms Giving to the Children of Madiwela Children's home at their expense for the 7th day.

#### 8. SLSA Web-Site - <http://www.scout.lk>

Please refer our official web site for details of activities, events and updates.

#### 9. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE

The DC Conference 2020 will be held on Saturday 11th July from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm. Please keep the date free.

Thanking you,  
Yours in Scout Service

Deputy Chief Commissioner

For Chief Commissioner