

# Foreword

The training scheme originally written in the early 70s (with the first edition in 1979 to the revised edition in 1997) had been used for over 30 years. There had been no major alternation in the period, and some topics became out of date and had to be revised. In 1996, the Association set up an Acting Committee to amend the Scout Training Scheme. A new draft of the scheme and the syllabuses of a new set of progressive badges and some other badges were prepared. An open consultation was conducted in 1997, and after a final verification by the Deputy Programme Commissioner with 4 Regional Training Commissioners, the new Scheme would be implemented on 1 July 1999.

The principle and major points of the progressive awards are as follows:

- (1) Under the progressive training system, a Scout is encouraged to begin the training from a lower level onwards, but allowing Scouts joining at different ages to achieve other levels of the awards.
- (2) In the major training categories, options are multilateral to suit the various interests of Scouts.
- (3) Progressive training and award assessment are conducted by the Scout Leader. Some training and assessment, when considered appropriate, are released to Patrol Leaders or senior Scout members in accordance to the assigned duties of the Patrol Leaders' Council.

The success of this Scout Training Scheme depends greatly on the support of Mr LO Wai-shing, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Support), Ms Ophelia CHAN, Programme Commissioner, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-ying, Deputy Programme Commissioner, Deputy Regional Commissioners (Training), members of the Training Scheme Acting Committee and many other relevant parties. On behalf of the Scout Association of Hong Kong, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to them.

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