

PREFACE



In the 1980's, the Association issued a publication, "Standard Uniform" which set out the uniform's specifications. Since then, new requirements relating to the wearing of the uniform and the displaying of badges have been issued by way of circulars. To date, there are almost 100,000 youth and adult members of all ages and identities. The most efficient method to assist everyone to present a smart appearance and proper uniform is to publish one handbook containing detailed information.

I accepted the assignment given by the then Chief Commissioner in October 2014 to lead a working group to draft the Uniform Handbook. This publication sets out the specifications of the wearing and using of the uniforms and badges, etc. for all Scout members to follow and comply with. The Editorial Team spent considerable time gathering materials, reviewing circulars and drafting. At the same time, we also suggested changes to certain items.

There are slight differences in the Uniforms, Clothing Items, Insignia, Badges, Decorations and Awards worn by Youth Members of various Sections, Sea/Air Scout Members and Adult Members. To ensure the accuracy of the content of the Handbook, the Editorial Team submitted a draft to the Association Headquarters for comments. Subsequently, the draft was reviewed by representatives from the Programme Branch and the Regions. After further revisions, it was accepted by the Chief Commissioner.

The Handbook is divided into 6 chapters, each listing various guidance and specifications:

- Chapter 1: Appearance
- Chapter 2: Uniforms
- Chapter 3: Clothing Items
- Chapter 4: Insignia and Badges



Chapter 5: Decorations and Awards

Chapter 6: Appendices

Before the publication of the Handbook, our work focused on editing the text and illustrations. Detailed text and attractive illustrations ensure that all members can easily understand and grasp the correct way to wear the Uniform.

I am grateful for the assistance provided by the Scout Groups in posing for the cover photograph. I am also grateful for the valuable opinions given by the members of the Editorial Team, Scouters and Commissioners throughout the process of compiling the Handbook and organising publication. Special thanks go to the Association Headquarters' Ms Florine FUNG and Mr SHING Chi-hung for their efforts in proofreading and illustrating. They contributed significantly to the accuracy of the content and the appealing look of the Handbook. Last but not least, I must thank the members of the Translation Team for their hard work to produce an English version.

The Founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, said, "People think a great lot of a boy who is dressed in this uniform, because they know he is not an ordinary boy, but that he can be clean and smart and active, and that he can be trusted to do his best to obey orders or to do good turns for other people. That is what is expected of you because you wear this uniform."

I would like to dedicate this book to all Youth Members who wear the Scout Uniform.

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