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Celebrating a Legacy





Ms Lydia Kiburu, Chair Strategic Planning and Management at the Kenya Scouts Association laying a wreath on BP & Olave's grave

couts from all walks of life converged at the Burden Powel Park in Nyeri to mark the founder of the Scouting movement 159th birthday.

The celebrations marked by a procession from the Founders home in Nyeri (Outspan) and laying of wreaths at his grave also saw the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi being invested as a Scout.

Speaking at the event, the Nyeri County Scouts Commissioner Mr Francis Kanyi thanked all the guests who had graced the occasion terming it as a great honor to host the final resting place of a great man in the history of humanity.

Mr Danda, the National Executive Commissioner, Kenya Scouts Association praised the Founder of the movement stating that his birth had galvanized the 1.3 million Scouts in Kenya and over 40 million young people all over the world to strive to create a better world. He further called upon like minded partners to join the Association to

aid in fulfilling its mission of educating young people to play a constructive role in society.

Ms C. Khaoya, Director of Administration, Ministry of Education gracing the event stated that " the government recognizes the important role the Scouting movement in Kenya is playing especially in enhancing peace, life skills and environmental conservation education in schools and other institutions of learning and urged the movement to forge on. She further stated that values and principles that Scouts profess are the backbone of humanity and this is what makes them great servant leaders.

She called upon all Kenyans to emulate the Associations theme for this year which sates "we are of peace because we are Scouts", urging them to adopt the theme "we are of peace because we are Kenvans" The Africa Support Centre Director, Mr Fredrick Kamakama thanked the Chief Scout of the Kenya Scouts Association Hon. Francis Kaparo, EGH for the surport he has offered the movement over the years and acknowledged his able leadership which has enabled him to be one of the 11 elephant awardees in Africa, a designated Massager of Peace for Africa and the Chief Scout of the largest National Scout Association in Africa and 6th in the world.

Ms Lydiah Kiburu, the Chair, Strategic Planning and Management at the Association thanked the Associations Patron President Uhuru Kenyatta for his continued support in the delivery of the Scouts Youth Programme to young boys and girls all over the country. She further urged each Scout to bring on board another young person into the

movement to enable them enjoy the game of Scouting.

The Chair, Anti Female Genital Mutilation board Dr. Lina Jebii Kilimo, a life member of the Kenya Scouts Association urged the Association to include issues of anti– FGM in the Scout Youth Programme so as to encourage the over one million young people registered by the movement to start conversations on the positive and negative aspects of cultures being practiced in the country. She applauded the Association for its efforts in enhancing good morals among the youth through its programmes.

Nyeri Town MP Hon. Esther Murugi who is also a Scout urged the Association to recruit more adults into the movement so they can also profess Scout values and join the younger generation in their quest to make the world a better place.

The guest of honor at the event Professor Jacob Kaimenyi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands assured the Association that it will get title deeds for all its Scouts centres and camps so as to enable it develop these parcels of land for the betterment of the young people in the country. He further urged Scouts to live by the values of Scouting so as to attract others into the movement which is positively impacting the lives of young people all over the world.

Hon. Kaparo, the Chief Scout of Kenya Scouts Association called upon every Scout to preach the message of peace wherever they are stating that it is their mandate to foster peaceful coexistence.

A joint statement form Nicola Grinstead and João Armando Gonçalves Chair persons WAGGGS and WOSM respectively urges the Scouts and guides to collaborate. It states "on the day when we celebrate the joint birthday of our Founders, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the vision that Baden-Powell



described so passionately; that we reconfirm our commitment to bringing together young people united in peace and friendship, that we support each other, working in a spirit of collaboration to ensure as many young people as possible are able to benefit from the

opportunities that being members of our two global organizations can provide".

Burden Powell wrote that that the aim of Scouting and Girl guiding is to produce healthy, happy, helpful citizens, of both sexes, to eradicate the prevailing narrow self-interest; personal, political, sectarian and national, and to substitute for it a broader spirit of self-sacrifice and service in the cause of humanity; and thus to develop mutual goodwill and cooperation not only within our own country but abroad,



The Chief Scout Kenya Scouts Association laying wreaths on Burden & Olave Powell grave during this years Founder's day celebrations



In the spirit of collaboration Scouts and Guides





The Chief Guest inspecting a guard of honor



Wood badge graduates receiving their beads



Japan Scouts laying a wreath on the founder's grave



Scouts and Guides from various parts of the nation at the celebrations



Scouts in Kericho County match to Kapsabet stadium to celebrate Founder's day

The Chief Commissioner Kenya Scouts Association
Mr Charles R. Musau receiving the KSA draft constitution from
the KSA Constitution Review Task force on 26th February, 2016 at the
Scouts Headquarters, Rowallan Scouts camp Nairobi.





Mr Moses Danda, the National Executive Commissioner of Kenya Scouts Association receiving a report of a Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) mock audit conducted by the Africa Support Centre. This is in preparation for a GSAT audit by WOSM later in the year.

Hon. John M. N. Muthutho, EBS Chair NACADA Board pays a courtesy call to the Kenya Scouts Association.





Japan Scouts Association courtesy call at the Kenya Scouts Headquaters, Rowallan Socuts camp in Nairobi.