

THE 26 MAIN SCOUTING COUNTRIES



Thailand 1986

5- THAILAND (1,250,000 members)

Thailand was the 3rd country in the world (outside the Commonwealth) where Scouting was founded in 1911 by will of its monarch Rama VI educated in Great Britain. Still today King Bhumibol (Rama IX) is the Scout leader of the main movement, The National Scout Organisation of Thailand, the motto of which is «Better die than lie». The second organisation is The Girl Guides Association of Thailand.

The Scouting culture is rooted in the country and in some schools the students will go to school on Thursdays wearing their Scout uniform.



Liberia 1971, Great Britain 1957

6- UNITED KINGDOM (1,000,000 members)

The United Kingdom, the founder country of Scouting, holds today the 6th position in the world, with two organisations with comparable membership, The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK (girls only until 2007).

Many major changes in 1967 and 2003 have allowed British Scouting to remain



Bangladesh 1978

7- BANGLADESH (800,000 members)

Founded in 1972 after the break up between East and West Pakistan, Bangladesh Scouts is the main organisation in the country, followed by Bangladesh Girl Guides Association, for girls only.

Following the tradition of Baden-Powell's first Scouts, the Bengali Scouts helped with the transportation of mail during the independence war. Today, they help during the frequent natural disasters which strike the country, in particular the floods.

attractive to youth and up to date in spite of its image of 'venerable ancientness', and its management difficulties due to an increasing litigation culture among parents.

