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SACUDIL Gets Support from Stakeholders

The SACUDIL project team and CEO Ranjith Hettiarachchi organized stakeholders meetings in the three provinces in Northern Laos on August 24-28. The SCUs (Savings and Credit Unions) leaders, Provincial Governor, Department of Planning and Investment Director and high-ranking officer from the Bank of Lao PDR attended the meetings. The meeting provided clarity on the process of SCU registration with BOL, the vision of SACUDIL and the implementation plan of the project. The mission was able to renew the working relationship with BOL as the regulatory body for SCUs. The BOL representative strongly endorsed SCUs and its important role in community development to the Governors and DPI Directors. The meeting also introduced the new Advisor of the project to the stakeholders of the project.

Preparation for PFCCO 50th Anniversary in 2010 Starts

PFCCO invited ACCU CEO to provide inputs at the planning meeting August 21 for the 50th Founding Anniversary in 2010. The celebration is being planned in Baguio City, known as the summer capital of the Philippines in the north. On August 22, the CEO participated on the launching of the E-Community Solutions in partnership with the Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT). The E-community is a website that sells good and services to members of cooperatives. The CEO also reviewed the ACCESS implementation in PFCCO. Two member cooperatives of PFCCO are piloted for ACCESS accreditation.

ACCU welcomes new team Member from Netherlands

In cooperation with Agriterra, Ms. Caroline Mol of the PSO (Personnel Overseas Service) in Netherlands officially joined ACCU team on August 12. Caroline will work with ACCU project team in Laos for a period of two years. PSO is an umbrella organization of Dutch organizations that are actively working in development cooperation. Caroline had three days orientation in Bangkok before heading to Luang Prabang, her official station. The orientation covered ACCU and credit union structure, the work of ACCU in Asia, the project in Laos and exposure to Klongchan Credit Union. She started her posting in Laos on August 17 as Advisor for Organizational Strengthening for SACUDIL (Savings and Credit Union Development in Laos) project.

Thai Youth being Prepared for Leadership



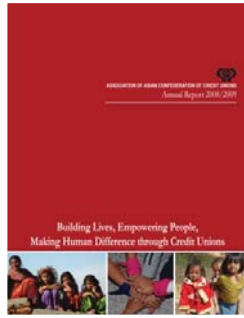
ACCU facilitated the two days workshop (August 25-26) for 31 staff of CULT's member credit unions from across Thailand. The workshop introduces the qualities, responsibilities, skills and knowledge needed to be an effective leader of credit unions. It was pointed out that leadership is applied in all aspects of their job responsibilities and not necessarily be applied only to managers or directors. The workshop highlighted how leaders fulfill the credit union mission and translate the vision into action. The participants took with them some rules in building teamwork, which they can immediately apply in the managing the team.



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Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

The Annual Report for fiscal year 2008-2009 is completed. Copies were posted to member organizations, supporters, networks, development partners and well-wishers. Electronic copy is available at www.aaccu.coop.



Announcement:

Our website www.aaccu.coop crashed last September 8. The contents of the website were totally erased. We did our best to restore the site. You can now visit the site; however, we are still working on the enhancement of the layout. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Preparations for Asian Credit Union Forum 2009 and Pre-Forum Workshops all set

Attendees to the Asian Credit Union Forum and Pre-Conference workshops should have received by now their confirmation letters, forum information and electronic copy of the Forum Program. If you have not receive them, please e-mail us and we will send you a copy.

We have posted the Meeting Book for the Annual General Meeting to the delegates and CEOs. Please bring the meeting at the General Meeting on September 27, 2009.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us: aaccu@aaccu.coop

See you soon in Bangkok!

Thailand

Asian Credit Union Forum 2009

Outsmarting Impacts of the Global Financial Crisis

September 24-26, 2009 Bangkok, Thailand

Registration Update: 378 from 27 countries as of September 12, 2009.

Pre-conference workshops on September 21-23:

- CEOs – Sustained Action of the National Federations to Protect the Credit Union System in Asia
 - HRD – Good Governance Framework for Credit Unions
- Women – Trainers Training on Women Leadership and Decision Making in Credit Unions
 - Youth – Aflatoun’s Child Financial & Social Literacy