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### 2nd CEOs Exposure Program in Canada



Participants of the study visit present token to Jo-Anne Ferguson, CCA's Director International Development (4th from left). From left to right: Dabchai Jaisusuk of the Credit Union League of Thailand, Kuber Niroula of the Nepal Federation of Savings and Credit Unions, Ranjith Hettiarachchi of ACCU and Sylvia Paraguya of the National Confederation of Cooperatives Philippines.

The second CEOs study visit to Canada organized by the Canadian Co-operative Association and ACCU was held on October 10-17 in the province of Ontario.

The group studied the regulatory environment of credit unions acknowledged to have an enormous contribution to the success of the Canadian credit union system. They visited the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario, Alterna Credit Union, Canadian Co-operative Association and Central 1, the service organization for credit unions.

According to the Credit Union Central of Canada, more than five million Canadians and business owners are the grassroots 'shareholders' of credit unions. One in three Canadians are members of credit unions and caisses populaires. They are young families and empty nesters, people with chequing accounts and mortgages, and people with retirement investments. They are trades-people and professionals, wheat producers and grocery store owners.

The first exposure to Canada was organized in November 2007 participated by four CEOs.

### ACCU Semi-Annual Planning Meeting Held

The 2nd semi-annual planning meeting of ACCU staff was held on October 19-20 in Suphanburi, Thailand. The meeting reviewed the progress of the business plan, evaluate challenges and opportunities and adopt the recommendations of the Asian Credit Union Forum and pre-forum workshops.

ACCU organized two planning meetings – one in January and one in October. The planning allows ACCU to address critical concerns and needs of credit unions and member organizations.



### Project Progress Review and Planning Meeting with Agritererra

Agritererra Project Officer Ms. Bertken de Leede visited ACCU on October 6. Discussion was about the progress of Laos project (started since January 2009) and the 3-year Credit Union Development in Asia (CUDA), now on its 2nd year of implementation.

The Laos Project has a target of organizing full pledge savings and credit unions in four provinces in the northern part of Laos while CUDA supports credit union development in Cambodia and Luang Prabang and promotes women empowerment and youth membership in credit unions.



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### MOCCU to implement a 3-Year Strategic Plan starting 2010

The recent mission of ACCU in Mongolia on October 23-27 helped the Mongolian Confederation of Credit Unions (MOCCU) finalize the Strategic Plan for 2010 to 2012. The Strategic Plan and the business plan are blueprints for MOCCU's three years operation.

MOCCU's vision is sustainable savings and credit cooperative system in Mongolia. Its mission is to preserve, promote, strengthen, unite and protect the image, sustainable growth of the savings and credit cooperatives of Mongolia. ACCU will be providing its technical assistance within the context of MOCCU Strategic Plan.

As of October 31, 2009, MOCCU has 54 member SCCs out of the 217 licensed SCCs in 21 Aimags or administrative divisions. 102 SCCs are in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar and 115 SCCs are in the rural areas.

The Strategic Plan is mainly focused on building the systems and framework for credit union development



which simultaneously raise MOCCU institutional capacity. MOCCU seeks for development funds to support for its most critical development work - strengthening credit union system in Mongolia.

### Preparation for Asian Credit Union Forum 2010 Starts

ACCU and NACUFOK have started scouting for potential venue for the Asian Credit Union Forum 2010 in Korea. Initial discussions have started on the logistical arrangements, forum design, resource persons, field visit and initial costing.

The National Credit Union Federation of Korea (NACUFOK) will host the 2010 Forum on September 5-11 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the credit union movement of Korea.

Mark your calendar:

September 5 to 7 - Pre-Forum Workshops – CEOs, HRD, Women and Youth Workshops  
September 8 to 10 – Asian Credit Union Forum  
September 11 – ACCU Annual General Meeting

