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3 Years Offering: Mini Master’s Program on Credit Union Management

To add value to the competency courses for Directors and CEOs, ACCU has partnered with Kasetsart University in Thailand to offer a Mini Master’s Program on Credit Union Management that will be held on November 27 to December 4 for year 2010, 2011, and 2012. The mini master’s program is designed for directors and managers who want to develop their professional skills and master the latest management concepts and techniques needed to excel in credit union business. The program prepares the students to take on management and leadership roles in credit unions. It is ideal for those who wish to expand their knowledge and skill as it relates to general management concepts and practices. Certification from Kasetsart University, a leading university in Thailand can validate knowledge and skills and position the attendees for career advancement.



Applicants to the program are required to have Grade 12 graduation or equivalent and five years experience in credit union management. Mature students who do not meet this requirement may be admitted based on a minimum of 10 years appropriate work experience in credit union management. The Co-operative Academic Institute under the Faculty of Economics of Kasetsart University is collaborating with ACCU to provide educational opportunity for credit union volunteers and professionals in Asia. For more information e-mail: accu@aaccu.coop.

CCS’ CUMI Program Reaches 60,000 ‘have less’ in Myanmar



Attended by some 120 delegates from NGOs, Banks and development organizations, ACCU CEO Ranjith Hettiarachchi presented the CUMI methodology with emphasis on the original mission of credit unions as promoted by the founder of credit unions F. W. Raiffeisen. He pointed out that credit unions or credit co-operatives as they call it in Myanmar, was born out of the desire of people to help themselves and others to alleviate sufferings due to poverty. He advised the leaders to always observe and follow the credit union mission by ‘going down’ market.

Using the CUMI Build Operate and Transfer, CSS operates the program in one location for two years until it recruits 500 members. At this level, the program is registered as a credit cooperative. Since the program started in 2007, CCS has registered 29 credit cooperatives with membership of 40,000. The remaining outreach of 20,000 is still under the CUMI-BOT. CCS is targeting to reach 100,000 poor by the end of 2010. CCS, the Apex level body of the Cooperative Movement organized the forum along with the Union of Monetary Co-op Society, the federation of credit co-operatives. CCS is based in Yangon and works in partnership with the Department of Cooperatives. The conference and credit union visit was on August 11-14.



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Exposure for Laos SCU Leaders Held

The study tour and internship program for the savings and credit union leaders of Xayabouri and Luang Prabang province of Laos was held on August 23 to 26. Participated by 26 leaders and officers of the Bank of Lao PDR, the group studied the practical operations of Luang Prabang and Vientiane SCUs in Laos before heading to Thailand. Ban Doong Samakkee Credit Union and Ban Luang Credit Union were visited in Thailand. In Vientiane, the group also met with the Bank of Lao PDR's Chief of Microfinance Division, Ms. Keasone Manivong who provided clarity on the process and requirements for SCU registration. The project is targeting to transform 20 Village Development Funds to full pledge savings and credit unions in four provinces in the northern part of Laos as well as to organize a secondary level SCU organization. Currently, the project is working with 18 VDFs. Agriterra of the Netherlands is supporting the SACUDIL project, which stands for Savings and Credit Union Institutional Development in Laos.

Asian Credit Union Forum and Events Preparations

For the month of August, ACCU management team had been engaged on the preparations for the three pre-forum workshops, Asian Credit Union Forum, Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting. The following were completed in August:

- Annual Report 2009/2010
- Meeting Book for the AGM
- Meeting Book for the Board of Directors
- Workshop Handbook for CEOs, HRD and Women/Youth
- Asian Credit Union Forum Program Book
- Compilation of the Forum Handouts
- Video Production for Annual Report 2009/2010, F.W. Raiffeisen Award, and ACCESS Accreditation
- F.W. Raiffeisen Award Souvenir book
- ACCU News July to September 2010
- Award Plaques