



## DE Reunion: Intellectual, Spiritual & Cultural Journey Rolled into One

ACCU welcomed the 14 DE Alumnus from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand at 1st DE Continuing Professional Development on January 24-26 in Bangkok. Through the Development Education Program, ACCU aims to develop new breed of credit union advocates who sincerely place the values, principles and philosophies at the center of their role as a credit union worker. As DE Dr. Supachai said, DE is all about ABCD (Attitude, Belief, Commitment, Doing). DE Norma Pereyras from the Philippines added E as Enthusiasm. The DEs indicated that they were energized with the 3 days introspection and constructive brainstorming of the credit union challenges and DE roles. The reunion can be described as an intellectual, spiritual and cultural journey rolled into one. Basic meditation techniques and visit to the Shrine of the Blessed Nicholas (the beatified Catholic Priest of Thailand) were among the added value.

Below is the summary of the action plan we crafted:

- Organize the DE chapter per country by May 2012. The function of the chapter will be drafted by DEs Norma Pereyras and Roberto Estoconing (Philippines)
- Organize the Chapter DE gathering preferably in conjunction with a national program or Annual General meeting of the federation in the country
- Advocate Good Governance, ACCESS, CUMI, Youth and Women Empowerment in own credit union and in own country
- Attend the Grand Reunion of Asian Credit Union Development Educators on October 18 to 19, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand.

## DE GRAND REUNION SOON!

**Mark your Calendar for the Development Educators Grand Reunion on October 18-19, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand.**

With the support of the ACCU F.W. Raiffeissen Awardee and a DE himself, Dr. Supachai Srisupaaksorn, the most awaited DE Grand Reunion will soon come into reality! The details of the program will be available by March 2012. DEs - Block your calendards now!



## ACCU Staff Semi-Annual Planning Meeting Held



ACCU management took time away from its daily office routine to assess the achievements of the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan and 2011/2012 Work Plan on January 11-12 in Ratchaburi, Thailand. Credit union solutions such as AgriFinance, Social Performance Management, Audit and Supervisory Committee Competence Course and Credit Union technical review were among those identified to be focused in the upcoming 2012/2013 work plan. Part of the team building strategies, the management decided to meet every Monday at 10:00 am coffee to share motivational quotes for the week. The CEO highlighted that open communication among staff is very important. The SACUDIL Project team in Laos also joined the meeting via Skype.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

#### **CEOS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:**

***April 27 to May 1, 2012: Financial Decision Making Seminar facilitated by DID.***

***Venue: Thailand***

#### **ASIAN CREDIT UNION FORUM:**

### ***Registration Opens Now!***

- **September 3-5, 2012** – Pre-Forum Workshops for CEOs, HRD, Youth and Women
- **September 6-8, 2012** – Asian Credit Union Forum and International Year of Cooperatives celebration.
- **September 9** - ACCU Annual General Meeting