



ASSOCIATION  
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# MANAGEMENT REPORT

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## Asian Delegates join the 12,000 Indian Cooperators in IYC Celebration

The Maharashtra State Federation of Cooperative Credit Societies Ltd. (MAFCOCS) sponsored the participation of 26 international delegates from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Korea, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand for the international conference and celebration of the International Year of Co-operatives on July 6-8 in Shirdi. The group was headed by ACCU President Dr. Chalernmpol Dulsamphant and CEO Ranjith Hettiarachchi. More than 12,000 members, leaders and employees of cooperative credit societies in Maharashtra attended the celebrations which culminated with the groundbreaking of MAFCOCS training institute. Maharashtra has the most successful cooperatives in India. It has 21,000 credit cooperative societies with 28 million members. MAFCOCS in collaboration with the Cooperative Department of Maharashtra organized the big and elaborate event. The celebration was graced by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Hon. Prithwiraj Chavan along with Maharashtra Cooperative Minister Mr. Harshwardhan Patil and other five Ministers.

The hosts also introduced international guests with India's unique cultural heritage and spectacular diversity. The guests visited Shirdi Sai Baba temple, a holy place in honor of Shri Saibaba who was believed as God who descended from heaven. MAFCOCS was a good host taking international delegates to Goa, where at least 2 million visitors are attracted to its swaying palms, white sands and sparkling waters.

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## World Credit Union Conference

The President Dr. Chalernpol Dulsamphant and the Chief Executive Officer Ranjith Hettiarachchi represented ACCU and the Asian credit union movement to the World Council of Credit Unions' Conference on July 15-20 in Gdansk, Poland. More than 1,400 credit union leaders, professionals and supporters from 50 countries attended the conference.

## Federation's ACCESS Ready for Testing after 2nd Review

The meeting on June 28 attended by NATCCO technical team, DID project manager, ACCU CEO and Manager Member Services reviewed the Federation's ACCESS tool. As recommended by the CEOs, the Customer –Member Perspectives should be reviewed, as the indicators selected were more on impact of the services of the federation to the credit unions.

The CEOs were concerned that the federations would not be able to provide evidence on the measurable impact of its services at this point. Thus, the meeting instead changed the indicators to the minimum services the federation has to provide to strengthen the credit union movement. The changes were made bearing in mind that the standards would be raised in the future. The document will again be presented to the CEOs workshop this coming September 3-5, 2012 in the Philippines.

**ACCU Forum 2012:** 630 Attendees from 25 countries - will be the most attended ever!

## SACUDIL Project Review

The two day project evaluation meeting facilitated by ACCU CEO on July 24-25 for the SACUDIL (Savings and Credit Union Development in Laos) project provided recommendations to improve the field and office management. The external advisor for the project, Ms. Maribel Gulay, a staff secondment from NATCCO has also completed her one year posting in the project. The meeting also reviewed the achievements of the project during her term as advisor.

## ACCU President & CEO Share Coop experience with DPG

Partners of Development Promotion Group (DPG) interacted with ACCU President and CEO on July 5 during their visit in Chennai. The two shared the purpose of the International Year of Cooperatives to recognize the cooperatives' contribution on poverty alleviation, employment generation and social integration. It is very important to note that DPG's vision is also in line with that of the cooperatives - eradication of poverty by empowering people's institutions to undertake need based interventions.

## DE Grand Reunion Moved to March 8-12, 2013

The organizing committee decided on its August 15 meeting to move the DE Grand Reunion on March 8-12, 2013 instead of October 17-21, 2012.

The committee recognized the sustained natural calamities in the Philippines as the DEs might be involved in the relief and rehabilitation activities. More than half of the 426 DE graduates are from the Philippines.

The committee is composed of ACCU and U Group (U Life, CODFA, and Klongchan Credit Union). U Group is sponsoring the reunion. Scholarship will cover accommodation in twin sharing room, meals, field trip and conference kit.