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74th Board of Directors Meeting

The 74th meeting of the Board of Directors of ACCU was held on March 13 in Bangkok. The Board took the advantage to meet prominent cooperative leaders and government officials from the Cooperative Promotion Department and Cooperative Auditing Department to commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives 2012.

Asian DE Grand Reunion Set for October 2012

Initial concept of the DE Grand Reunion on October 17-20, 2012 has been developed and shared with the sponsor U-Group (Klongchan Credit Union, Union Life Insurance Co., Union Inter Insurance Co. and CODFA).

The theme of the grand reunion is Value Based Professionalism for Gross Happiness of Members is in recognition that Development Educators are supposed to be role models in leadership and professionalism. Within their capacity as a leader, employee or member of a credit union, the reunion will culminate with a Declaration to intensify the commitment in fulfilling the objectives of the International Year of Cooperatives: poverty alleviation, employment generation and social integration.



ACCU President Dr. Chalermopol Dulsamphant presents the program concept of the DE grand reunion to U Group President Dr. Supachai Srisupaaksorn. With the initiative of Dr. Supachai, a Development Educator himself, the grand reunion will come into reality. U Group will provide financial support to the program. ACCU and U Group are preparing for at least 300 attendees.

From 1999 to 2011, ACCU has certified 380 Development Educators. Additional 40 DEs will be certified in June 2012 workshop.



Thai CUs welcome Indonesian Credit Union Leaders: ACCU organizes the study visit of the 21 credit union leaders from south Sulawesi, Indonesia on March 19-23. Klongchan Credit Union, St. Peter Credit Union and the Credit Union League of Thailand welcomed the visiting leaders.

Study of Paglaum MPC Highlights Advantages of Coop's Microfinance



As per request of Paglaum Multipurpose Cooperative (PMPC), ACCU conducted a study of its Microfinance program on March 15-20. The team was comprised of the ACCU CEO, an independent consultant and NATCCO's MI-COOP (Microfinance) group head. The report highlights the advantage of the cooperative's microfinance program and improvements necessary to fulfill the role of cooperatives in improving the lives of people they serve. PMPC is a recipient of the CUMI Performance Award in 2010 recognizing its significant outreach of the low income people in the poverty stricken southern part of the Philippines. PMPC has reached 35,000 poor people.

Monthly Training for SACUDIL Staff - On Going

The SACUDIL (Savings and Credit Union Development in Laos) staff meeting and training held on March 1 to 2 continuously provided credit union knowledge, facilitation skills and computer skills. Prior to the training, an assessment of the skills of staff was made, in particular on their knowledge of credit union bylaws, policies and financial reporting systems. The meeting emphasized the adherence to the human resource policy and evaluation of the achievement of the project.

In partnership with Rabobank Foundation, SACUDIL project supports the conversion of 12 Village Development Funds (VDFs) to savings and credit unions in the northern part of Laos. Three VDFs receive a temporary registration from the Bank of Lao PDR.



Building MOCCU Capacity as Federation for Credit Unions



ACCU provided technical assistance to the Mongolian Confederation of Credit Unions (MOCCU) on March 25-29 aimed to build its capacity as federation of credit unions in Mongolia. The November 2011 approved law on savings and credit cooperatives (SCCs) allows the registration of MOCCU as national service organization for SCCs. At the end of the mission, MOCCU has developed its service framework which was also confirmed by the Finance Regulatory Commission, the regulatory body for SCCs. MOCCU is currently registered as an NGO due to the absence of the SCC law.

Meanwhile, attending 48 SCCs on the Stabilization Fund seminar on March 29 understood that the fund is meant to protect the credit union system by ensuring the safety and soundness of credit unions.

New Affiliate Members: Federations from Timor Leste and Pakistan

The board of directors, on its March 13 meeting, approved the Affiliate membership of the Credit Union Federation of East Timor "Hanai Malu" and the Federation of Ismaili Co-Operative Societies Limited, Pakistan. ACCU has now a total of 21 Affiliate members.

New Supporter Members:

The following credit unions join ACCU Supporter Membership:

- Moncord Credit Union is the first credit union to become supporter member from Mongolia.
- Sauan Sibarrung Credit Union from Sulawesi Indonesia



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ALL SEATS TAKEN!
14th Development Education Workshop
June 7-13, 2012 - Bangkok, Thailand

Thank you very much for your on-going support. We have reached the required number of participants to the Asian DE workshop.

The registration has been closed.

Those interested, pls reserve your dates for June 2013.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
CEOS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

April 27 to May 3, 2012: Financial Decision Making Seminar facilitated by DID. Venue: Thailand

ASIAN CREDIT UNION FORUM:

- **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