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## Soft Opening of ACCU Office on the 4th of March



ACCU officially moved its office at the 5th floor of FSCT building in Nonthaburi, Thailand. The soft opening was held on March 4. ACCU 1st Vice President Adjaop Lt. Gen. Dr. Weera Wongsan presided the opening ceremony with guests the General Manager of FSCT Dr. Somnuk Boonyai and the General Manager of CULT Mr. Dabchai Jaisusuk.

The official opening of the building will be held on May 17 that will be attended by the

Board of Directors of ACCU, FSCT and CULT, regulators and representatives from other regional networking bodies in Thailand.



## Importance of a Federation Stressed at the SCU Forum



Vientiane, LaoPDR - SCU forum was organized by DGRV and Bank of Lao PDR on March 5 and attended by the committee members of the SCU Network, and leaders of SCUs. ACCU CEO Ms. Elenita V. San Roque and CULT Deputy General Manager Ms. Kruewan Chonlanai were invited to explain the importance of a network and that its mission is to

ensure the sustainable growth of SCUs enabling them to provide quality services that improve lives of the people. The framework of a federation was presented. It was highlighted that there are activities that the network can start doing even before they get the registration, for example, collection of the network data, the training of leaders and management staff of SCUs, and standardization.

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## Women Entrepreneurial Development, a call to Action at the International Women's Day Celebration



ACCU successfully held the 2019 CU celebrations on International Women's Day Workshop on March 6-11 in Bangkok, Thailand attended by 23 Cooperative leaders and executives from Kenya, Nepal and Philippines.

The UN's theme for International Women's Day 2019, that took place on 8 March, was "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change". According to UN Women, the theme was focused on innovative ways in which we can advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure.

The workshop allowed attendees to reflect on the role of credit unions in politically and economically empowering women. It was followed by identifying policies, services and strategies needed to involve women at the board table and using entrepreneurial development as strategy to raise women above poverty. Attendees recognized the need for credit unions to assist women in developing their entrepreneurial skills to allow them engaged in viable and sustainable enterprises.



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## **2019 Forum Hosts Expect Press Conference to Boost Malaysian Attendees**



The forum hosts ACCU (Association of Cooperative Credit Unions) and KKP (Koperasi Kredit Pekerja-Pekerja Malaysia Berhad or Workers' Cooperative Credit Society) organized a press conference on March 15 to disseminate the ACCU forum and other events on September 23 to 28, 2018. The press conference was aired by TV1, a Malaysian free-to-air television channel owned and operated by Radio Televisyen Malaysia.

## International Credit Union Expert Posted in Mongolia



The International Credit Union Expert in the person of Mr. Sedong Oh was posted in Mongolia from February 22 to March 31 as his first assignment under the Technical Assistance Program of NACUFOK.



The mission was to develop and implement institutional building and financial management for MONCORD (the largest Credit Union in Mongolia). Oh was tasked to assess the operations of MONCORD identifying problem areas, recommendations and action plans.

Oh, a retired NACUFOK staff also had a short stint as staff secondment in the World Council.

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## **ACCU continues to oversee the Development of SCCs in Myanmar**



The Chief Technical Officer carried out a mission to Myanmar on March 14 to 17. The Central Cooperative Society suggested supporting the promotion of credit unions in another state (Shan State) since Myanmar Glory Federation of Savings and Credit Unions can now manage on their own. Regular monitoring of the office proceedings and performance were carried out.

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