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## ACCUCU Affirms Cooperation with CPD and CAD on its New Year Greetings



As part of New Year tradition, ACCUCU management paid a visit to the Director General of the Cooperative Promotion Department Mr. Phichest Wiriyapaha and the Cooperative Auditing Department Mr. Opart Thongyonk on January 3, 2019.

The Cooperative Promotion Department (CPD) is responsible for promoting and disseminating cooperative ideologies, principles and strengthening the cooperative system as a means to improve the socio-economic aspects of members. Meanwhile, CAD's role is to ensure the efficient recording and reporting of financial information of all cooperatives to ensure that members' interests are protected.

Both departments have been very cooperative in supporting ACCUCU operations in Thailand. In the last 25 years, CPD issues recommendation letters for ACCUCU foreign staff to secure Visa and work permit in Thailand. CAD and CPD also hosted the Asian Credit Union/Cooperative Regulators Alliance and participated in the ACCUCU forum.

On February 11, Both departments will also welcome the credit union specialists and leaders from Russia on their study visit to credit unions in Thailand.

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## 2018/2019 ACCU Achievement and Workplan Reviewed



On January 4-6, ACCU held its second 2018/2019 Semi-Annual Planning and Evaluation Meeting at Coco Beach Resort, Chonburi province. The meeting reviewed the progress of

work plan, evaluate staff performance, improve staff skills and build strong sense of ownership and friendship among the team members.

In the meeting, ACCU management reviewed the achievements of the 2018/2019 Work-Plan and updated the plan based on the recommendations of the pre-forum and forum last September 2019.

The meeting was successfully concluded with the commitment of ACCU staffs to deliver quality service and effective operation to ACCU members in the year to come.

## ACCU held FSCU Study Visit with Development Partners



With the request from The Federation of Savings & Credit Union Committee (FSCU) and the German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation (DGRV), ACCU coordinated the exposure visit in Thailand for the CU leaders and Lao government officers on January 9-12, 2019.



The group consisted of 11 members from FSCU committee, Bank of LaoPDR and DGRV visited the Credit Union League of Thailand Ltd. and the Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperative of Thailand Ltd. to study the roles and operations model of the federations of credit unions and credit cooperatives. Furthermore, the group also visited St. Petro Credit Union and the EGAT Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd.

The group planned to emulate the credit union system in Thailand and to formulate the framework and actions which will contribute to the establishment of SCU federation in LaoPDR.

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## **Trainers on Building Transformative Leaders to Support Integration of CU Networks**



35 staff and leaders of credit unions from Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines completed the trainers training on January 13 to 18, 2019 at Pantip Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand organized by ACCU.

The program aimed to focus on the key leadership attributes required by leaders to drive the achievement of the shared vision – Integrated and Sustainable Credit Union Networks in Asia.

The program is designed for volunteers (Board and Committee members) as well as employees of credit unions owing to the fact that leadership can be manifested in every individual.

“The credit unions can only provide exceptional leadership if it is led and staffed by people with exceptional ideologies, beliefs and understanding of themselves and others. Skills and competence are important, but it is very critical that people leading the credit unions have their purpose and values in life aligned to that of the credit unions.” said ACCU CEO Elenita San Roque.

At the graduation ceremony, all participants expressed their feelings and commitment:

“I would like to thank ACCU and my organization for allowing me to be here. I became motivated and excited to go back to propose and prepare the module of building transformative leaders.” Mary Rose L. Gob of NATCCO

“I thank the Board of Directors of CUCO for allowing me to join this training. This training helped me refresh my ideas, skills and opinions.” – Stephanus Toga Siagian, CUCO

“I am very happy to be the part of this training. When I go back to my country, I will bring the concept of integration of the Asian Credit Union Network with me.” - Muna K.C., NCBL





## **ACCU Board Meet Compliance Requirements by the Royal Thai Government**



ACCU Board of Directors visited Thailand on January 14-16, 2019 to fulfill the registration requirement by the Administration Department, Ministry of Interior of the Royal Thai Government. As a new requirement, the Board had to appear before the officer of the department.

The 96th Board meeting was as well held on January 15 with all the members of the Board in



attendance. The current Board was elected at the 2018 Annual General Meeting and will serve until September 2020.



## ACCOSCA and ACCU Building Effective Partnership for Mutual Benefit



ACCU welcomed 18 leaders from Savings and Credit Cooperatives from Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on their study visit to Thailand from January 20 - 26, 2019. ACCOSCA, the regional organization of credit unions in Africa and ACCU foster strategic partnership to share experiences and best practices in credit union development.

ACCU-ACCOSCA Savings and Credit Cooperative exchange program has been successfully organized with the collaboration from the Credit Union League of Thailand and the Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperative. The group visited credit unions and SACCO in the northern provinces Chiang Mai and Lumphoon.

Mostly coming from an institution type of financial cooperatives, the study visit triggered a desire for leaders to open up their membership to communities in the name of financial inclusion. In October, ACCU will take part in the SACCOS Summit in Kenya organized by ACCOSCA. In the same manner, ACCOSCA delegation will also attend the ACCU forum in September.







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