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Management Report

Highlights of the monthly activities of the ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF CREDIT UNIONS



DEP Deepens Leaders' Passion for Credit Union Mission



ACCU congratulates 36 newly certified Development Educators from Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and Philippines joining family with all 866 DEs graduated since 1999.

For 20 years, the Asian Development Education Program is instrumental in expanding the cooperative principle of people helping people. The program helps officers and management of credit unions to provide public's understanding and support for the ways in which credit

unions have helped people around the world improve their lives, their communities, and their nations.

Participants had the chance to appreciate the achievements of the global cooperative and credit union movement, identify issues affecting community relevance, growth and sustainability of credit unions. They also worked together to identify the both internal and external challenges allowing to formulate the possible countermeasure actions required.



The program enabled participants to develop skills on persuasive presentation on development issues. They also prepare their own purpose, vision and core values in life that is aligned with the goals and mission of cooperatives.

At the end of the program, the DEs are able to understand their role as advocates of credit unions and deepen commitment to participate in credit union and community development and identify their actions to assist the missions of credit union in contributing and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and ICA's Blueprint.





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Online SDG Monitor Underway

Development of an online Sustainable Development Goals Monitor on the contribution of credit unions in the achievement of the goals is in progress. In consultation of member CEOs, ACCU developed measurable indicators for 8 SDG Goals. The monitor will operate in the ACCU website www.aaccu.coop. A credit union can submit its data, the national federation would be able to access it and has a capacity to aggregate the data per region and per country. ACCU on the other hand can do the same as well as aggregate the data for Asia region.

ACCU encourages credit unions and national federation to publish the SDG monitor at their annual report to members. The online monitor is expected to be operational by the first quarter of 2020.

CULROC Exchange Program themed 'Serve Local - Reach Global'

The Credit Union League of the Republic of China (CULROC) successfully organized the Exposure Program on November 4-8, 2019 in Taichung City, Taiwan on the theme "Local Service. Global Reach."

Topics on Cooperative Enterprises in Taiwan Today and Tomorrow and Innovating values of Relationship for Members and Community were delivered by CULROC's Advisor and professor of the Cooperative Economics Department of Taipei University.



The 8 participants from the Mongolia, Nepal and the Philippines visited credit unions in Taichung, Department of Cooperative Economics of Feng Chia University, National Chi Nan University and Taichung Social Innovation Unit. These visits highlighted the role of credit unions in helping people improve lives.

Apart from providing a platform and opportunity for the exchange of information between participants, the program stimulates interest and desire of participants across Asia to cooperate. At the same time, participants had a better understanding about the credit union movement in Taiwan.

Credit Unions need to Seriously Address Climate Change (SDG 13)



On November 19-20, 2019 - ACCU, NATCCO and CULT joined the ICA-AP Regional Capacity Building Program on SDG-13: Climate Action under the theme "Save the Environment to Sustain Future Generations" hosted by the Cooperative League of Thailand. The workshop was attended by 35 participants from Botswana, China, India, Nigeria, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.



The International Cooperative Alliance-Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) works with 105 cooperative federations in 33 countries in the Asia and Pacific region. It is committed to strengthen the know-hows and skills of the cooperatives in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also aims at helping cooperative enterprises in responding to the UN's call for action and collecting information about cooperative contributions to the 2030 Agenda.

The workshop created awareness on environment and climate change are phenomenon that everyone must be concerned of. It was made clear that all actions of individual and business sectors contribute to worsen the environment situation.

ACCU/NATCCO/CULT came up with two climate actions: 1) loan evaluation will introduce the 6th "C" which is Climate 2) increasing awareness of members on Climate Change by developing a Training Manual. "The workshop was an eye opener that on a day to day basis, everyone is unknowingly contributing to climate change," said ACCU CEO. Credit unions in Asia can significantly contribute in protecting the environment by being responsible on utilizing resources.



ACCU Shares Savings Mobilization Experience at the World Saving Day



ACCU CTO Ranjith Hettiarachchi shared experience on Savings Mobilization at the World Saving Day in Myanmar on November 16, 2019. The program was organized by the United Nations Capital Development fund and GIZ with the support of the DGRV (German Cooperative Federation) and some organizations under the Ministry of Finance.

The presentation of CEO was focused on how savings- and credit cooperatives can contribute to national savings mobilization. ACCU has four years experience organizing and strengthening savings and credit unions in Myanmar under the UNCDF project. The cooperatives organized were savings based and did not rely on external funding to meet the loan demand of members. The presentation emphasized that savings is critical to the sustainability of credit unions. Savings is an indicator that members have taken a solid determination to work their way up above poverty.

SICREDI to Institutionalize Sister Society in Every Credit Union



On the invitation of SICREDI, ACCU CEO Elenita San Roque shared her story on her journey to leadership and her vision for women empowerment for Asian credit unions at a conference held in Curitiba, Brazil on November 11-12. The conference attended by around 12 women leaders and employees and men supporters featured great women leaders and achievers in various fields. The presentations gave inspiration to women who are striving to succeed and create significance.



SICREDI has organized 25 Sister Societies and intending to institutionalize SS in every credit union.

SICREDI is the first integrated financial cooperative in Brazil. The network has 4 million members and are present in 22 Brazilian states and the federal district in more than 1,700 branches, distributed in 112 cooperatives. The system employs more than 26,000 employees and for the 9th consecutive year, is among the Best Companies to Work For According to Você S / A magazine.



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