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**ASIAN CREDIT UNION FORUM 2007**

*21-22 September*

## **Preparing Leaders with Desirable Competencies**

**The Credit Union Directors Competency Course (CUDCC)**

**The Credit Union CEO's Competency Course (CUCCC)**

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# CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

## Director duties and obligations

- Duty to act in good faith
- Not improperly use position
- Not improperly use information
- Duty to avoid conflict of interests
- Duties of care, diligence and skill



## Business judgement rule (Australia)

- Make judgements in good faith
- Not have a material personal interest
- *Must inform themselves about the subject matter* of the judgement to the extent they reasonably believe to be appropriate



# PRUDENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

## Basle Committee on Banking Supervision

### “Enhancing Corporate Governance” 1999

- Set strategic objectives and corporate values
- Set clear lines of responsibility and accountability
- Suitably qualified board members with a clear understanding of their role and not subject to undue management or outside concerns



# Basle Committee on Banking Supervision

## “Enhancing Corporate Governance” 1999

- Ensure appropriate oversight by senior management
- Effectively utilise internal and external audit
- Ensure compensation is consistent with values and objectives
- Conduct corporate governance in a transparent manner





## Basle II Capital Accord (01 Jan 2008)

- Pillar 1 Capital Requirements – Credit Risk, Operational Risk, Market Risk
- Operational Risk defined as "*the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems...*"



## Aust Prudential Standards

- Fit & Proper Standard
- Responsible persons – directors, senior managers, external auditor
- Objective tests
  - Not disqualified by regulators
  - No criminal history (police check)
  - Not a current or former bankrupt
  - *Material qualifications verified*





## Other Tests - Required Competencies

- *Understand the role of a director*
- *Capacity to make an effective contribution to the Board*
- *Knowledge of CU, financial services industry, regulatory environment*
- *Ability to read and understand financial statements*
- *Capacity to undertake continuous professional development*
- Ability to evaluate, form conclusions and make good judgements



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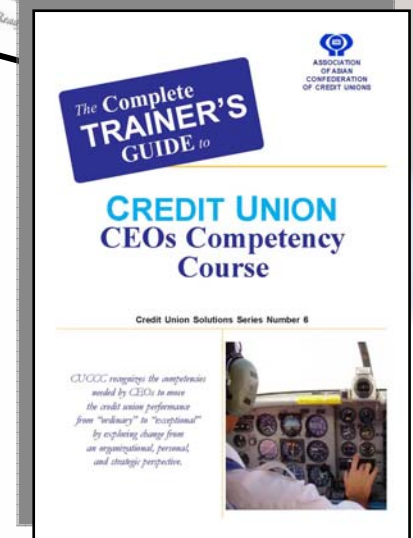
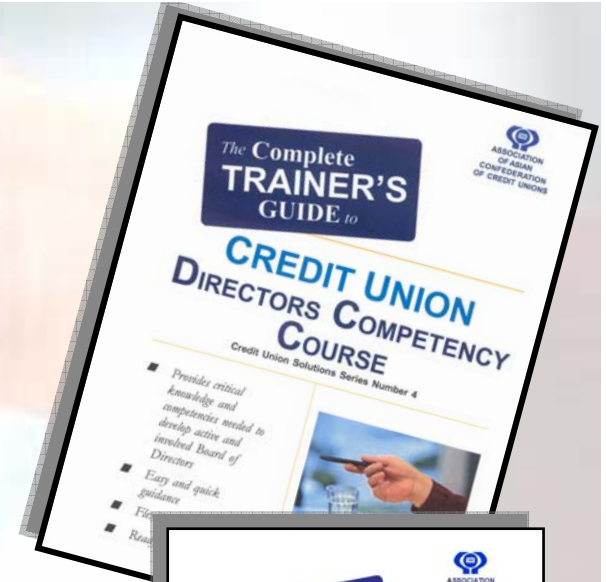
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## Features of the Manuals:

- Provides critical knowledge and competencies needed to develop active and involved boards.
- They include:
  - Lesson Plans
  - PowerPoint and Handouts
  - Pre and post-course project work
  - Use of highly interactive methods such as presentations, group discussion, case study examination and syndicate/team exercises.





# **CUDCC Module 1**

## **Credit Unions in the Marketplace**

**Gain a national, regional & global perspective**

**Develop a heightened awareness and responsiveness to challenges posed to CU's**

**Knowledge of the approaches to exploit competitive advantage to position your credit union**

**Reinforce the international credit union operating principles**



## **CUDCC Module 2 Board Duties & Responsibilities**

**Recognise and plan to acquire the skills and knowledge required of a Director**

**Understand the duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Board**

**Distinguish the specific duties of directors and the CEO**

**Learn to manage the Board and CEO working relationship**





## **CUDCC Module 3 Strategic Planning**

**Appreciate the importance & benefits of strategic planning**

**Understand Directors role in creating a future-oriented roadmap**

**Develop skills in SWOT analysis, Vision/Mission and Goal setting**

**Gain skills in developing and appraising strategic options**





## **CUDCC Module 4 Marketing Credit Union Services**

**Be aware of the principles of marketing and their application to credit unions**

**Recognise and provide for the financial needs of members and potential members**

**Set the standards for credit union services**

**Recognise the importance of credit union differentiation from other financial institutions**



## **CUDCC Module 5**

### **Financial Management & Analysis**

**Understand the crucial importance of financial management & analysis**

**Appreciate the Directors' role in ensuring the financial sustainability of the credit union**

**Develop skills in analysing financial statements for monitoring and planning using PEARLS ratios**



# **CUDCC Module 6**

## **Human Resource Management**

**Understand Directors role in HRM**

**Understand the scope of HRM and areas that should be included as part of credit union policies and procedures**

**Recognise that a formal HRM Policy can provide for an effective and efficient employee team**



# **CUDCC Module 7 - Legislative Compliance & Board Responsibilities**

**Understand your national legislative framework**

**Recognise the most common offences that Directors commit**

**Develop a Legal Survival Kit to ensure compliance with laws and regulations**

**Assess your CU's compliance with regulations and laws**



## **CUDCC Module 8 Credit Administration**

**Recognise major lending risks and implications for CU sustainability**

**Understand the Board's responsibility in lending**

**Understand the concept, importance, and principles of capacity based lending**

**Be familiar with the tools used for prudent credit management**



## **CUDCC Module 9 Good Governance**

**Understand the importance of good  
coop/credit union governance processes**

**Understand the principles of good  
governance**

**Recognise deficient governance  
processes**





# **Australia's largest corporate failure HIH - Governance Lessons**

**Beware the dominant Chief Executive**

**Ineffective Chairman**

**Board did not ask questions**

**Failure to grasp concept of conflict of interests**

**Unusual accounting transactions**

**Ineffective Audit Committee**

**Compromised auditor independence**



## **CUDCC Module 10**

### **Board Assessment and Development**

**Understand the key Board performance areas that must be evaluated**

**Develop a board performance evaluation tool**

**Recognise and plan for appropriate Board and director development programs**

**Understand the importance of continuous Board improvement**



# CUDCC Modules

Modules	Course Program and Electives	Duration (hours)
1	Credit Unions in the Marketplace	3
2	Board Duties and Responsibilities	4
3	Strategic Planning	4
4	Marketing Credit Union Services	2
5	Financial Management and Analysis 1	4
6	Human Resource Management	3.5
7	Legislative Compliance and Board's Responsibilities	2
8	Capacity Based Lending	4
9	Good Cooperative Governance	3.5
10	Board Assessment and Development	2.5
	Total Required Hours	32.5
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1	Customer Relations Management	4
2	Financial Management and Analysis 2	4

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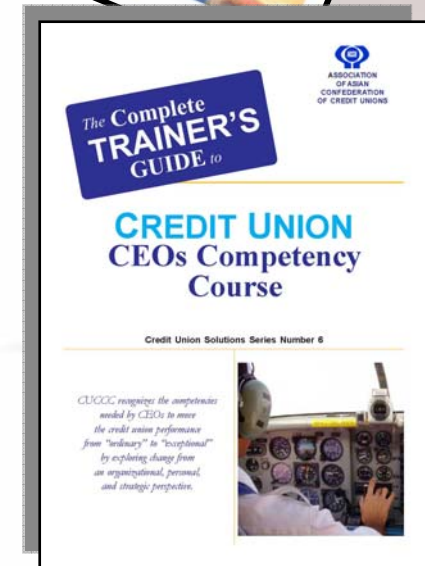
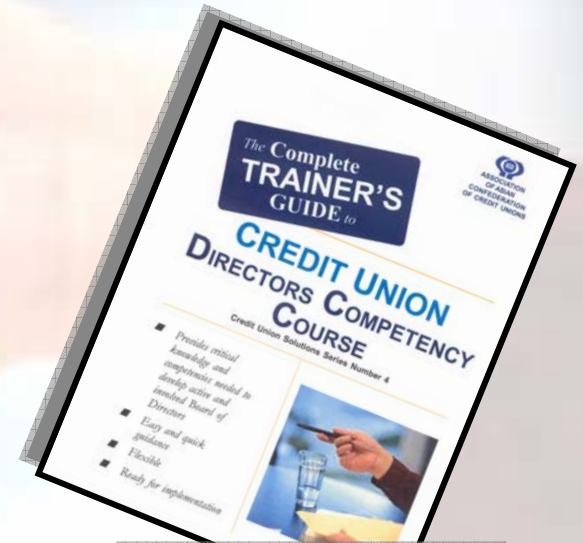
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1	Credit Unions in the Marketplace	4
2	CEO Roles and Core Competencies	4
3	Strategic Thinking, the Art of Creating Value	4
4	Role of Credit Unions as Trusted Wealth Creating Advisor for Members	4
5	Customer Relationship Management	4
6	Human Resource Management	4
7	Risk Management	4
8	Financial Management Analysis 1	5
9	Good Cooperative Governance	4
10	Legislative Compliance and CEO Responsibilities	3
	Total Required Hours	32



## Progress so far:

- Running successfully
- Content continually reviewed and improved





## **Next steps. . .**

### **National Federations**

- **Nominate a resource person to act as administrator of the CUDCC and CUCCC. The nominee will receive training from ACCU.**

### **Regulators**

- **Formal recognition of the courses as valuable tools that can contribute to reduced regulatory risk**





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