

# Agenda 10

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ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF CREDIT UNIONS

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To : Board of Directors of ACCU  
From : The Management  
Subject : ACCU Recognition Award 2009  
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### **NOMINATIONS:**

#### **RECOGNITION AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY**

ACCU received two applications for the year 2009 Recognition Award for individual category:

1. Credit Union League of Hong Kong : Mr. Kwok Tak Pui, John
2. Credit Union League of Thailand, Ltd. : Mr. Urai Prathumchantararat

Mr. Kwok was nominated by CULHK for the Recognition Award in 2008. Meanwhile, Mr. Urai Prathumchantararat was nominated by CULT for 2004 and 2008 Recognition Award. The nominations were not approved. Their bio data are attached.

#### **MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL FOR POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION AWARD**

The management proposed award to outstanding individuals who had contributed to the credit union development in Asia. These are the late:

1. Mr. William Thomas Field, Chairman of WAW, Member of the Asian Leaders and Managers Institute of ACCU and Asian Development Educator
2. Hon. Guillermo P. Cua, House of Representatives of the Philippines, NATCCO-COOP Party List and former CEO of the National Confederation of Cooperatives

The bio data of the late Mr. Field and Hon. Cua are attached.

## **SPECIFICS – MEMBER NOMINATIONS:**

### **1. Mr. Kwok Tak Pui, John nominated by the Credit Union League of Hong Kong**

**Address:** Party Room 1-2, Kam Wah House, Choi Hung Estate, Kowloon, Hong Kong

**Significant efforts for CU Movement:** A representative of Hong Kong credit union movement to work together with overseas credit union organizations and representatives to promote credit union movement in Hong Kong for 40 years.

**Biographical History:** Founder of CULHK and HKLCCU and served in the Board of ACCU.

#### **Position held in CU Movement:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Credit Union Organization</b>	<b>No. of Years</b>
President, Vice-President, Treasurer	Credit Union League of Hong Kong	43 years (CULHK)
Secretary, Director	Hong Kong League Central Credit Union	37 years (HKLCCU)
President	Elite Credit Union	8 years (HKLCCU)

**Special attention should be drawn because:** Mr. Kwok was elected as the ACCU BOD Member from 1984 to 1989 and as President for the year 1987-89. He also sits in the BOD of WOCCU for year 1988-89.

### **2. Mr. Urai Prathumchantararat nominated by the Credit Union League of Thailand, Ltd.**

**Address:** No. 134, Soi Prachasongkroh 24, Prachasongkroh Road, Dindaeng, Bangkok 10320  
Thailand Tel: (66)-2-2773468, (66)-2-277-9109 Fax: (66)-2-2744771

**Significant efforts for CU Movement:** Promote credit union movement nationwide and help FIAM to promote the savings groups in Lao P.D.R.

**Biographical History:** He was born in Khon-Kaen province, married to the current manager of Soonklang Thewa Association with 3 daughters and the eldest one is now serving as the Manager of Soongklang Thewa Credit Union, Ltd.

#### **Position held in CU Movement:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Credit Union Organization</b>	<b>No. of Years</b>
General Manager	CULT	2
Manager	Soongklang Thewa Credit Union Ltd.	18
Advisor of FIAM	FIAM in Lao P.D.R.	5

**Special attention should be drawn because:** He has been active in social work, in promoting credit union both in Thailand and Lao P.D.R. and he is now assisting in establishing the Federation of Savings Group in Lao P.D.R. He serves as consultant to the community fund.

## **SPECIFICS – MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL:**

### **1. Mr. William Thomas Field (1936-2008)**

Our esteemed colleague and friend Bill Field passed away on 7 September 2008 at the age of 72.

Bill was born in London and he and his family survived bombing raids during World War 2 before they migrated to Australia. Bill became an expert draughtsman who drew the dies for the original beer cans for Carlton and United Breweries. Bill also spent 30 years as a teacher, and served in honorary positions as a Probation & Parole Officer and Victorian Justice of the Peace.

He became a Director on the Board of WAW in 1988 before going on to become the Chairman in 1995, which he remained until the time of his death. As Chairman, Bill saw WAW grow from \$76M to \$250M in total assets and membership increase to 45,000 people this year.

The development of Credit Unions in Australia and Asia (ACCU) remained a driving passion for Bill. In 2000, his peers recognized his contribution to the movement when he received the Credit Union International Volunteer of the Year Award. This prestigious award was a result of Bill's tireless work as a Development Educator.

Bill was a member of the National Membership Council, the Victorian President of the Australasian Institute of Credit Union Directors, and a trustee of CUFA (Credit Union Foundation of Australia). He was also Chairman of CUFA's Community Development Program, as well as being an integral part of the development of ACCU (Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions) and the establishment of the Development Education Program in Asia.

#### **Contribution to ACCU:**

- Bill was active member of the Asian Leaders and Managers Institute (ALMI) where he took up volunteer work in editing ACCU publications and technical reports.
- He was a resource person of Asian Credit Union Forum and coordinator of the HRD and CEO Workshops from 1999 to 2006
- He is an encouragement to the 345 Asian Development Educators whom he inspired. He was Asian DE mentor from 2000 to 2007.
- With the endorsement of Bill, WAW Credit Union provided financial support of AU\$ 1,000 for the Asian Development Education Workshop since 2006
- His professional inputs and experience in developing the Credit Union Directors and CEOs Competency Courses for Asia is an achievement ACCU is dedicating to him. These courses have trained 757 Directors and 384 CEOs of credit unions in Asia. Bill participated in the review of the training manual in July 2005 and trainers training on CUDCC in December 2005 and CUCCC on December 2006.
- Bill had also connected ACCU in Australia by promoting the Supporter Membership. With his effort, WAW Credit Union and other credit unions have become supporter members of ACCU. The dues paid by the supporters are used to promote and strengthen credit unions in developing countries, which will means improving the lives of the poor people.

## **2. Mr. Guillermo P. Cua (1955-2008)**

Fresh out of college, Rep. Cua began his career as Provincial Director, Dep't. of Trade & Industry, rising swiftly to Regional Director, Asst. National Coordinator, and National Coordinator of DTI's Medium & Small-Scale Program in the agency.

Rep. Cua graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City in 1976. He passed the accountancy board and became a certified public accountant (CPA) in 1979. With his credentials and good academic background, he could have had a bright future in the corporate world. But instead, inspired by his father, Atty Mordino Cua<sup>1</sup>, a leading light in the Philippine co-op movement, he turned his back on this promising opportunity and passionately embraced the cooperative movement and all that it stood for. Having made his choice, there was no turning back.

Rep. Cua has had 29 years of leadership and professional achievements, particularly in co-op savings and finance, rural enterprises, and networking & coalition work with various sectors. He has gained recognition not only locally but also internationally as a co-op advocate and leader and has been invited to share his institutional development experiences on cooperatives and community-based financial intermediation experiences in various international conferences.

**MASS-SPECC CEO (1997 – 2000)** In 1997, Rep. Cua became the Executive Director of MASS-SPECC. In the next three years, he helped moved MASS-SPECC into becoming one of the strongest federations in Mindanao, focused on financial intermediation and rural development. It was during his term as Executive Director that MASS-SPECC decided to lift its policy advocacy a notch higher, throwing its full support behind NATCCO's decision to enlist as a party-list candidate in the national elections.

**NATCCO CEO (2000 – 2003).** In 2000, Rep. Cua became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NATCCO. During his term, he introduced changes that improved not only the financial picture of the organization but also its performance with projects, especially SEDCOP, a bilateral program which laid the foundation for many of NATCCO's present projects and its shift in thrust from a multipurpose to a financial intermediation network.

**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Philippine Congress.** Rep. Cua represented the Coop-NATCCO Party-List in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Congress. To his mind, however, he was representing not only one party or a faction of the movement but the entire cooperative movement. It was always the interests of cooperatives everywhere in the country that he tried to push as a member of the House of Representatives. His greatest legacy to the co-op movement will be the amended Co-op Code which Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will soon sign into law. Even while seriously ill, he still insisted in attending the bicameral conference committee meeting on the amendatory bill, wanting to ensure that the bill will be passed into law according to its true intent.

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<sup>1</sup> Atty. Mordino Cua is the recipient of ACCU Recognition Award in 2004

### **Contribution to ACCU:**

- Gil advocated the membership of NATCCO to ACCU when he assumed the CEO position. NATCCO finally became a member of ACCU in 2000
- Gil promoted the Asian credit union branding to his peers at the CEOs Workshop in 2004 in Taiwan ROC. ACCU came up with ACCESS standards (A1 Competitive Choice for Excellence in Service and Soundness).
- Gil had always made it a point to be present at the Asian Credit Union Forum and Asian cooperative regulators conferences organized by ACCU. From the first to the third regulators conferences (2003, 2005 and 2007), Gil motivated other Asian regulators on the need for enabling policy environment.
- His passionate speeches had steered and inspired his audience at the Asian Credit Union Forum where he mostly served as Keynote Speaker (2005 and 2007)
- He demonstrated his intention to support ACCU even at the last moments of his life. His last words for ACCU (December 12, 2008) ... "please tell Ranjith, thanks for everything. I cannot come in the April regulators conference." Gil passed away on December 17, 2008.

### **Institution Award 2009**

#### **Recommendation for Coady International for the 2009 ACCU Recognition Award**

On the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the management proposes Coady International (Canada) be given the Recognition Award 2009 for Institution Category for the educational opportunities accorded to credit union leaders and professionals.

#### **History of the Coady International Institute**

*"You are poor enough to want it and smart enough to do it."* -Dr. Moses Coady

St. Francis Xavier University has long recognized that its knowledge and resources must be made available to the community at large and, in particular, dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged people. Over 80 years ago, a few committed faculty members began an outreach program to local farmers that enabled them to grade and market their wool more effectively. Then the "people's schools" of Rev. Jimmy Tompkins opened the doors of the university to men and women from impoverished fishing, farming and mining communities in the region.

By the early 1920s, Fr. Tompkins and his cousin, Rev. Dr. Moses Coady, had begun pioneering a practice of popular education and community organizing that enabled people to change their lives and their futures. In 1928, the StFX board of governors asked Dr. Coady to establish the university's Extension Department and appointed him its first director.



Over the next two decades, the unique and successful extension work of StFX became known worldwide as the Antigonish Movement. Following World War II, global attention began to focus on the plight of newly emerging nations. Men and women from these countries came to StFX University to study and examine the approach and methods that had been so successful in the region. In 1959, the University established the Coady International Institute, named after Rev. Dr. Moses Coady, and gave it the mandate to train leaders from around the world in the principles and practice of this people-based approach to development.

Building on the experience of the Antigonish Movement and on contemporary development practice, the Institute continues to provide programs that promote education, innovation, group action and sustainable economic activities for disadvantaged groups. Through the work of the Coady Institute, the impact of the Antigonish Movement continues to increase with the cooperation and networking of community-based organizations and educational institutions around the world.

Over the past four decades, the global reach of the Institute has grown immensely. Thousands have graduated from the Coady's campus-based programs and, through Coady's global partnerships; tens of thousands have participated in our programs overseas.

### **The Antigonish Movement**

The Antigonish Movement evolved from the pioneering work of Rev. Dr. Moses Coady and Rev. Jimmy Tompkins in the 1920s. The local community development movement originated as a response to the poverty afflicting farmers, fishers, miners and other disadvantaged groups in Eastern Canada. Dr. Coady and his associates used a practical and successful strategy of adult education and group action that began with the immediate economic needs of the local people.

The philosophic principles of the Antigonish Movement were well established as guidelines for the work of the Movement beginning in the 1930s. However, it was a decade later that they were articulated. In 1944, in a lecture to students at Acadia University, Professor Harry Johnson defined six principles that, on reflection, he claimed had been the defining, critical principles of the original Antigonish Movement.

#### **These six principles were later endorsed by Dr. Coady:**

- 1. The Primacy of The Individual**

This principle is based on both religious and democratic teaching; religion emphasizes the dignity of human beings, created in the image and likeness of God; democracy stresses the value of the individual and the development of individual capacities as the aim of social organization.

- 2. Social Reform Must Come Through Education**

Social progress in a democracy must come through the action of citizens; it can only come if there is an improvement in the quality of the people themselves. That improvement, in turn, can come only through education.

3. **Education Must Begin With The Economic**

In the first place, the people are most keenly interested in all concerned with economic needs; and it is good technique to suit the educational effort to the most intimate interests of the individual or group. Moreover, economic reform is the most immediate necessity, because the economic problems of the world are the most pressing.

4. **Education Must Be Through Group Action**

Group action is natural because people are social beings. Not only are people commonly organized into groups, but their problems are usually group problems. Any effective adult education program therefore, must fit into this basic group organization of society. Moreover, group action is essential to success under modern conditions; you cannot get results in business or civic affairs without organization.

5. **Effective Social Reform Involves Fundamental Changes In Social And Economic Institutions**

It is necessary to face the fact that real reform will necessitate strong measures of change that may prove unpopular in certain quarters.

6. **The Ultimate Objective Of The Movement Is A Full And Abundant Life For Everyone In The Community**

Economic cooperation is the first step, but only the first, towards a society that will permit every individual to develop to the utmost limit of her/his capacities.

Respecting the inherent dignity of every person, the Institute believes in a participatory group process of development based on adult education and socioeconomic cooperation to effect positive change in both local and global institutions and structures.

The ultimate purpose of the Institute's work is to contribute to the creation of a more just and equitable world, both for this and for future generations, where all can enjoy the "full and abundant life" envisioned by Dr. Moses Coady.



**Asian Credit Union Leaders and Professionals Trained by Coady International**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>
Indonesia	Mr. P. M. Sittanggang	
Malaysia	Mr. Paul Sinnapan	1972
	Dr. M. Lechmumanan	
	Mr. Gopalsigam	
	Mr. M. Annamalai	
Sri Lanka	Mr. P.A. Kiriwandeniya	
	Mr. L.B. Dasanayake	
	Mr. Rajarathanm	
	Mr. Nimaal	
	Mr. Ranjith Hettiarachchi	
Thailand	Mr. Panya Srithongsook	
	Mr. Sombat Nantha	
	Mr. Nikom Somhig	
Philippines	Ms. Daisy Belle M. Cabal	
Korea	Mr. Sim, Tae-young	