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Signs of Optimism Presented to Pakistan Credit Union Promotion

New young energetic leaders, large potential members, and improved relationship with the Cooperative Department are some positive signs the Pakistan Credit Union Promotion project has to take advantage to achieve its objectives. On behalf of ACCU, Mr. Jonas Dhaki and Mr. Ratan F. Costa, both ALMI from Bangladesh facilitated the Leadership Training and National Workshop on Credit Cooperative Issues and Challenges on March 31 to April 1 and April 3-4 respectively. Problems on delinquency, image, leadership and prudent management are issues needing urgent attention.

Curriculum Development for SANASA Education Campus

With the invitation of SANASA, ACCU participated in the curriculum development of its Education Campus on April 5-7. The review was aimed at increasing the standards and relevance of training offered by the campus based on the needs of credit unions. The meeting with the SANASA Federation on April 9 discussed the credit union development prospects such as amalgamation and stabilization fund.

The CEO also visited the project of Athurugiya SANASA, one of the recipients of the grant from the Asian Fund for Credit Union Development.

Networking to further the CU Development in Laos

Last April 26-27, ACCU presented the credit union case at the Northern Microfinance Workshop organized by the Department of Planning and Investment of the Luang Prabang Province in Laos. The workshop discussed the way forward of microfinance in Laos. Credit union model is being considered as one of the models in reaching the poor people in the next five years particularly the GTZ Program for Rural Development in Mountainous Area of Northern Laos.

Credit Unions Demonstrate Commitment to World's Biggest Promise - MDGs



Small as it may seem, SACCOS (Savings & Credit Cooperatives) in Nepal are demonstrating their care to society, not being aware that they are directly contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The INGOs/NGOs applauded the SACCOS for the remarkable contribution to MDGs during the South Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on the Contribution of SACCOS toward the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals on April 19-21 in Nepal. The workshop was organized by USC Nepal and co-organized by the Nepal Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives with the technical assistance of ACCU.

The workshop attended by 35 leaders and senior officers of SACCOS, INGOs, and NGOs from seven countries (Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Japan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka) was a stage on the critical assessment of the contributions of credit unions in the MDGs. There was an understanding on the need for each organization to commit and strengthen partnerships to create a significant impact on the achievement of the goals.



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First Credit Union CEO Workshop in CULT Draws 80 Participants



CULT organized a two-day CEOs Workshop attended by almost 80 credit union CEOs across Thailand on April 25-26. CULT introduced ACCESS Branding while ACCU facilitated the session on CEO Roles and Responsibilities and their relationship with the Board of Directors. The workshop for the CEOs was the first ever organized. CULT plans to organize the workshop annually. The workshop was held in conjunction with the Forum and Annual General Meeting on April 27 and 28 respectively.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Marketing the Asian Credit Union Forum:

Printing of the promotional brochure for the Asian Credit Union Forum 2007 was completed. Dissemination of the materials was completed in the month of April. The early bird deadline is on **May 31, 2007.**

Credit Union Grants for 2007:

ACCU assisted the Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives in granting financial support to NEFSCUN, SANASA and Laos. The grant for the Asian Fund for Credit Union Development was also released to a credit union in Sri Lanka and two project in India.

3rd Regulators Conference:

Preparation for the third Asian Credit Union/Cooperative Regulators Conference is completed. ACCU anticipates the attendance of 45 regulators and CEOs from 13 countries.

9th Asian Development Education Workshop:

Preparations for the 9th Development Education Workshop is underway. Deadline of application is on May 15, 2007. The workshop is scheduled on June 3-8, 2007 at Development Academy of the Philippines, Tagaytay City. The workshop is hosted by the Philippine Federation of Credit Cooperatives and National Confederation of Cooperatives.