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31 DEs Raise Passion to Credit Union Mission in the 11th DE Workshop



The constant emphasis of the credit union mission at the 11th Development Education Workshop had retooled the 31 new DEs to advocate credit unions powerfully. The credit union mission of Helping People Help Themselves was the anchor of all the development issues deliberated at the workshop. The DEs understanding on the credit union mission has deepened recognizing that it offers a sustainable approach in improving the moral and physical values of members – a differentiation that credit unions should stand for. Represented at the workshop are Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The 31 new DEs joined the rank – now 326!

ACCU Joins CCA's 100 year Anniversary Congress & Partners' Meeting in Canada



As a long outstanding partner of the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), ACCU had the privilege to participate in the 100-year cooperative celebration - Celebrating a Century of Co-operation: Honouring the Past, Building the Future on June 16-19 in Ottawa. CCA turns 100 years old in 2009. Following the congress was a Partner Forum on June 20-24 where partners provided inputs on the strategic direction of CCA's international development program. The program focuses on development of co-operatives in the financial, agricultural and social sectors. ACCU has a long outstanding partnership with CCA since 1982 - when ACCU was still building its sustainability. The partnership evolves as ACCU and its members' needs change.



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NATCCO Adopts Governance Framework | Bookkeeping Follow-up Workshop Held

ACCU Chief Executive Officer, Ranjith Hettiarachchi facilitated the workshop on the adoption of Good Governance Framework on June 24 for the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO). Attended by the Board of Directors and senior management staff, the workshop adopted the framework with



careful consideration of sound governance practices and regulations for cooperatives in the Philippines.

On-going Development Work Happens in Laos



Program Assistant Kamon Kiattisirikumpon conducted accounting training for the select savings and credit unions in three provinces in Laos on June 21-30. The travel also included continuous coaching to the four project staff who are in turn will be provide technical assistance to credit unions. Meanwhile, preparations are being made for a volunteer person from Netherlands. She will join the team in Laos for a three-year volunteer assignment.



A four-day workshop on June 3-6 reviewed the recording of financial transactions of eleven CBFIs (credit unions) in Cambodia. The Chairmen, Treasurers and bookkeepers of the CBFIs were trained last March 2009 on the standard bookkeeping system. The workshop revealed that majority of the CBFIs have updated record keeping as of May 2009.

Asian Credit Union Forum 2009 Updates:

Outsmarting Impacts of the Global Financial Crisis

Official registration for the Forum is recorded at 189 from 11 countries as of June 30, 2009. At reporting date, registrations are still coming in.

The themes of the pre-conference workshop on September 21-23 have been finalized as follows:

- CEOs Sustained Action of the National Federations to Protect the Credit Union System in Asia
- **HRD** Good Governance Framework for Credit Unions
- **Women** TOT on Women Leadership and **Decision Making in Credit Unions**
- Youth Aflatoun's Child Social and Financial Education