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11th Meeting of the ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives for Asia and Pacific held in Tokyo, Japan

The 11th meeting of the ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives for Asia and Pacific was held at the office of the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA) in Tokyo, Japan, on 6th November, 2005, with a study visit to university co-operatives in Tokyo. Twentysix delegates from India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Korea participated at the meeting.

The meeting discussed the possible activities for the year 2006 and took stock of the working of the committee since its inception more than 10 years ago. It was also felt that the University Co-operative Leaders' Workshop held in Chiangmai was a good initiative, which should be continued in the years to come.

Some of the possible activities chalked out by the meeting for the years 2006-2007 are:



The Committee members at the 11th meeting

From the desk of the Editor . . .

The ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives for Asia-Pacific, at its meetings in Chiangmai and Tokyo, decided to publish a newsletter for its members and the university/college/school constituency at large.

The Newsletter will be a quarterly, beginning with a 4-page issue, which I am happy to present to you all. You may view the newsletter on the ICA Asia-Pacific web-site www.icaroop.coop by clicking on the icon 'ICA Regional/University/College/Youth Newsletter'.

All university/college/school co-operatives are requested to send news and views, including pictures and visuals for incorporation in your newsletter.

We shall be grateful if you will go through this newsletter and let us have your comments and suggestions for improvement in the future issues by writing at : nair@icaroop.coop

With co-operative greetings and wishes for a bright New Year 2006,

Sincerely,
P. Nair
ICA-ROAP
New Delhi



The Committee members at a photo-op at Kieo University

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- Annual meetings;
- Student exchange programmes (environmental and peace issues) ;
- Exchanges/training programmes for managers and employees;
- Publicity of university co-ops/campus cop-ops on ROAP web-site;
- To promote and canvass co-operatives to recruit students, who engaged in co-operative activities in their student days, after their graduation;
- Support establishment of new university co-operatives by member organizations and promotion at Regional Assembly of Asia-Pacific by the committee (Sri Lanka in 2006, Vietnam in 2008)
- Study and linkage with other student service organizations
- Linkage with university co-ops globally and campus co-op promotion at ICA Global General Assembly in Singapore in 2007

The meeting was followed up a study visit to Keio University Co-operative and the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Ohokayama Campus Co-operative.

The Sri Lankan members have offered to host the next meeting and hence it was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee will be held in Colombo, in conjunction with the next ICA Regional Assembly meetings, probably during August, 2006

See you all in Colombo!

-P. Nair

Members of the ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co- operatives for Asia-Pacific

The following are the members of the University/College Sub-Committee:

1. National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA)
2. The Metro Manila Federation of Consumer Co-operatives
3. The Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF)
4. The GAKUB/University of Malaya
5. The Forum for Co-operatives in Educational Institutions (FCEI), India
6. The Thailand Consumer Co-operative Federation in Universities Ltd. (TCOFU)
7. The Vietnam Co-operative Alliance (VCA)
8. The National Co-operative Federation of Sri Lanka
9. Indonesian Youth -cooperative (KOPINDO)



Students at the Keio University Co-operative at the campus cafeteria operated by the co-operative.

On the University/College Sub-Committee...

The ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives for Asia and the Pacific was set up almost 12 years ago, to cater to a felt-need. University/College Co-operatives are a strong arm of the consumer co-operative sector, all over the world and in many countries of the Region.

These co-operatives serve as stepping stones and spring-boards for the 'future co-operators' while imparting an important service to the student community, by providing 'need-based' services to the students, taking care of their social, community-based needs and making them effective co-operators.

The ICA Committee on Consumer Co-operation for Asia and the Pacific, constituted the sub-committee. Over the years, there were several initiatives the committee mooted. The Sub-committee was able to organize two regional campus co-operative seminars, in Singapore in 1006 and in the Philippines and two regional youth conferences, in Tokyo in 2001 and Kuala Lumpur in 2004, and now the ICA is hoping to set up a specialized Committee for Youth for the Region.

The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA) has been a pioneer in University Co-operative activities in the Region. The Committee, ably guided by its Chairperson, Dr. Manabu Tanaka and the two Vice Chairpersons, Assoc. Professor Mohd Ali Hassan of GAKUB, Malaysia and Ms. Zenaida Diola, of MMAFECCO, Philippines, have been working towards initiating efforts in developing university co-operatives in various countries.

The sub-committee was involved in developing university/college co-operatives in Thailand, India, Vietnam and many other countries. The sub-committee hopes to assist setting up of university/college co-operatives in any country where no such co-operative exist and has a plan to assist the Iranian Co-operative Movement in setting up university/college co-operatives in that country in 2006.

P. Nair

FCEI holds its 7th Coordination Committee meeting and chalk out activities for 2006

The 7th Coordination Committee Meeting of the Forum for Co-operatives in Educational Institutions (FCEI) was held on 26th September 2005 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Kannan, Ph.D., I.A.S., Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Government of Tamilnadu at Natesan Institute of Co-operative Management, Chennai.

The Committee approved following activities to be taken up during 2006:

1. Training Programmes for Student Co-operatives through various Institute of Co-operative Management
2. Exchange visits in collaboration with campus co-operatives in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Japan.
3. Two Regional Workshops for Northern and Eastern Regions.
4. Publication of bi-annual Newsletter.

The reconstituted Coordination Committee comprises of:

1. Dr. R. Kannan, Ph.D., I.A.S. *Chairman*
Registrar of Co-operative Societies
Government of Tamilnadu
2. Sri A.S. Govindarajan *Member Convener*
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Tamilnadu Co-operative Union
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Dr. T. Paranjothi
Regional Director
Regional Institute of Co-op. Management, Bangalore.



Students look out for books at the university co-op store at Kieo University

Study Visit to Malaysia by South Korean University Co-operatives

A six-member delegation from Korea Consumer Co-operative Federation - University Co-operative Special Committee went on study visit to Malaysia from 16 to 19 January 2006. The four day trip covered Malaya University co-op, Co-operative College, a secondary school co-operative and ANGKASA in Kuala Lumpur. They shared each other's experience and deepened exchanges at each place. In addition, Assoc Prof. Ali Hasan, Vice-Chairperson of ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operative for

AP, gave them lectures on the function of both national and secondly co-operative organization in Malaysia.

So far there are 17 university co-ops in South Korea, and most of them run book shops and stores serving beverage and dairy products to meet member's needs. The Special Committee prepares for establishing the Federation of Korea University Co-operatives at the end of this year. We look forward to welcome the Federation to the Sub-Committee in the near future.



Korean delegates visiting the Cooperative at Malaya

Sri Lanka to host the next meeting of ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives

It has now been confirmed that the next (12th) meeting of the ICA Consumer Committee on University/College Co-operatives will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 14 August, 2006.

The meeting will be hosted by the National Co-operative Council of Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Consumer Co-operative Societies Federation (COOPFED), and the National Institute of Co-operative Development and other Sri Lankan members.

The meeting will be followed by a half-day workshop of the University Co-operative Leaders, as was done in Chiangmai, Thailand, during 2005.

-P. Nair



The Korean delegates also visited the Co-op College in Malaysia

Book Shops in Japan

Recently, a book on Japanese university co-op, 'Mr. Shiraishi, store manager of Tokyo Agricultural and Industrial University co-op' has hit the best-seller list. This book draws communications between students and him by member's suggestion cards. Normally, members write their serious inquiries and requests to services or goods in their university co-ops and drop them into a box. However, this university co-op sometimes has received peculiar inquiries. Mr. Shiraishi has responded all of these odd inquiries both earnestly and humorously. Here is one of the 108 correspondences.

Q: Do you sell love? (member)

A: I think love is not for sale. If love lines up at university co-ops, it must be entrapment. Be careful not to walk into the trap. (Mr. Shiraishi)

As of the end of 2005, the official circulation figure of this book reached 850,000 since its introduction into market in November 2005.

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Development of Young Co-operators

School Co-operatives

ANGKASA has 3, 227 co-operative members out of which 1,473 are school co-operatives. These school co-operatives have a total membership of 1.36 million co-operators and 90% members are aged 12-17 years. Under the guidance of their teachers, who are also members of the co-operatives, the young co-operators learn about the Co-operative Identity Statement and practice the co-operative values and principles in the various activities in their schools. At least ten students are involved in the board of director of each co-operative. ANGKASA has identified the various activities run by these school co-operatives totalling to 43 activities in 2004.

Development of School Co-operative Movement

To facilitate further improvement of school co-operatives, ANGKASA is making efforts in developing school co-operatives through a specialised committee focussing on the following :



Students observe an artisan at work during a field trip as part of their School Co-operative Tourism Project



Donation drive for Yogyakarta victims during SMK Bukit Jelutong's School Co-operative Day 2006

- i. Running of courses and training programmes, particularly on the administration and management of school co-operative,
- ii. Introducing and promoting School Co-operative Tourism,
- iii. Propagating co-operative concept and practices awareness through School Co-operative Day celebrated at all schools annually,
- iv. Providing help in school co-operative management by introducing SEKKOP 123 (membership, accounting, and business management software).

The co-operative run a Tourism project, including 34 school co-operatives, focusing on 6 Malaysian historical locales.

SEKKOP 123

SEKKOP 123 is an integrated software developed by ANGKASA. Introduced in 2001, it helps the school co-operative to manage its services better in areas of sales transaction, stock control, the registration of membership and administration of the co-operative accounting and 1,000 school co-operatives are using the software.

– Sharine Khoo

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Business Turnaround of ICM-Student Cooperative Store

The introduction of the Co-operative Credit Societies Act, 1904 marked the beginning of the Co-operative Movement in India. But the Consumers' Stores movement started in 1912 with the passing of Co-operative Societies Act of 1912. But the movement gained its importance during Chinese invasion in 1962, which created an added awareness for developing and revitalizing the consumer movement in the country.

Student Co-operative in Tamil Nadu

In India, Tamil Nadu is the pioneering State in the introduction of Co-operative Movement. The Co-operative movement in Tamil Nadu has been playing a commendable role in the economic uplift of the people particularly those belonging to weaker section in rural areas. The different types of Co-operatives in the state serve the people in their diverse economic activities.



ICM Madurai, the principal Dr. Jaganathan is seen in picture

There was a great spurt in the number of student's Co-operative stores in the state from 434 students' Co-operative stores in the year 1965-66 to 2971 Students Co-operative Stores in the year 2000. The National Co-operative Development Corporation and Government of Tamil Nadu are providing the financial assistance to operate the student Co-operatives stores. Madurai is in the southern part of Tamil Nadu State. It is known by temple city. It is Known by temple city. It is the market center for the people of the near by districts villagers of that district. The shops are opened round the clock and commented as Sleepless City. Likewise, it is an educational center where in it has got very good education institutions to fulfill needs of different needs of different types to pupils, right from primary to higher education. Arts and science, law, professional education etc. there are 1450 schools, one university, 33 arts and science colleges, one agricultural college, one law college, two medical colleges (one allopathy and one homeopathy) three colleges for special education and four teacher training institutes in the district. In this district there are 96 students' Co-operatives functioning during the year

2005-2006. Madurai ICM staff and student Co-operative stores Ltd. registered on 1 August, 1989 and commenced its business on the same day itself.

The principal objectives of the store are to purchase and supply of books, stationary and other articles required by the members.

Trainees, teaching and non-teaching staff members are the members of the stores. Entrance fee of Rs.5 is collected from all the members and Rs.100 as from teaching and non-teaching staff members collected as share capital respectively. As on 31st March 2006 there are 742 members and share capital amounting to Rs. 9590.

The stores is governed by an elected board of management. The general body is the ultimate authority in all matters. As far as the ICM store is concerned there are seven members in the board of management but there is no students' representatives.

The store caters to the primary needs of the trainees' and staff of the institute. The stores supply notebooks, books, and stationery, to the students, staff members and to the office of the institute. More importantly the stores supplies groceries to the hotel mess.

The store as per the byelaws buys its requirements from Co-operative stores. The ICM stores purchases from Madura Coats Primary Employees Consumer Stores and Medical College Students Co-operative Stores. In case the requisite products are not available with Co-op stores, the store collect quotations and scrutinize the same and place the orders to private stores and manufacturers according to its order of merit. For this a committee has been constituted and it meets once in 20 days and finalize the purchases. The stores keep a very low margin of 4% and pass on the maximum benefits to its members.

Lack of participation of the students in the working and management of the stores, lack of coordination among the students since there is no network, size and having limited area of operation of the store, the high audit fees charge by the Directorate are all problems the store society is facing.

We feel if the College Administration make it mandatory that all the new entrants must become members of the stores so that the share capital base will improve and students will try to understand when they have become members and the sequels. The student's Co-operatives society must be considered as a learning center for student's members to practice a Co-operative way of life and the College administration should draw its requirements like only from the stores, including the required provisions for the hostel mess, the requirements of the library, etc. Business diversification is another way to overcome the problems. The stores must also fulfill the students' and staff's requirements. Instead of concentrating only on notebooks, books, stationery, the student's Co-operative stores should concentrate also on toiletries, cosmetics and textiles etc. Collecting some advance amount from the students and deducting at every purchase made by them will enhance the working capital base of the stores.

The Youth and Credit Union

STUDENT UNIVERSITY CO-OPERATIVE JOGJA, LEPPEK, BEKATIGADE JOGJA, AND LSP2I Jakarta

On December 25, 2006 in Bekatigade (Credit Union Coordination Body Regional Office) of Jogja Province, Indonesia has carried out an informal discussion concerning youth and credit unions. This discussion was keenly attended by the youth from five big student university co-operatives in Jogja Province and "Soedirman" Co-operative from Purwokerto, Central Java Province, Bekatigade Management of Yogyakarta. Mr. Ir. Ibnoe Soedjono as Inkopdit (Main Credit Union Office) adviser and Chairman of Institute for Indonesian Co-operative Development and Study (LSP2I) from Jakarta and few members from Institute for Co-operative Development and Study (LePPEK) Purwokerto. Informal discussions facilitated by Bekatigade Jogja was very interesting throughout the day.

At first this discussion was initiated by LePPEK, because they found that for a long the time, the credit unions in Yogya and in Indonesia generally have not closely understood the wider society, including youth associated in student university co-operatives. The discussion was made interesting by the presence of "Father of Indonesian Co-operative", Mr. Ibnoe Soedjono shared his thoughts with the student co-operators and also gave important input to the discussion.

Mr. Suradiyono felt that the youth should not be ashamed of working in co-operatives as this is the way to bring co-operatives popular economic enterprises. He also expected that the consolidation of youth, particularly from student co-operatives, together with credit co-operatives and the co-operatives experts will result in a good future for the co-operatives.



Student co-operators discussing youth and credit unions



Indonesian Student co-operative members and leaders. Mr. Ibnoe Soedjono of LSP 21 in seen the middle.

Mr. Ngatijo, the Chairman of Training and Education Division of Bekatigade, said that the key to success of credit union is education. Credit unions are established with education and developed by education. So, education holds very important role. It is different with saving and loan co-operatives (KSP) due to the facility of grant offered by the government, but credit co-operative grow from its own power and a grant is only one component and not the main factor. Where there is a project or not, credit unions will always stand. He added, "Co-operative is a place for learning and play, so play with all your heart for this life".

Meanwhile, according to Mr. Ibnoe Soedjono, Chairman of LSP2I and also adviser of Main Credit Co-operative (Inkopdit), Credit Union needs to develop for answering challenges of the coming era. Credit Union would experience stagnation if they not do not consider the changes that have taken place. Old-fashioned questions should be answered with new answers.

Interactive discussions resulted in the conclusion that there are possibilities to associate student university co-operatives and also LePPEK with credit unions. On-the-job training in credit unions for students of university co-operatives, education and training for students, and planning the establishment of credit unions in campus. Meanwhile, a real follow-up was done by LePPEK in a mapping out seminar about developing Credit Union in campus.

Darsono, Ilham Nasai, Suroto, Nur Hasan

National Level Workshop on Strengthening of Students' Cooperative Stores

Dr. Ravi Chandran
Faculty, GRI

Consumer Co-operatives in educational institutions are playing an important role in promoting democratic values among the students. The main aim of such cooperative is to provide all kinds of goods and services to members at reasonable prices. Further, these Co-operatives provide an opportunity to the students to participate in managerial and business activities thereby inculcating team spirit in them. However, the progress made in the students' cooperative movement in India has not been satisfactory for the past many years. One of the reasons for the poor progress is lack of policy direction on the development of students' co-operative stores.



P. Nair, ICA representative addressing the gathering

Dr. P. Nair, ICA representative, addressed the gathering, highlighting the need for strengthening students' co-operative stores in the Asia-Pacific Region. He pointed out that the ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives for Asia and the Pacific was set up almost 12 years ago. The purpose behind all these efforts was to make the campus Co-operatives to be the springboards for the 'future cooperators'.

Dr. N. Narayanasamy, Professor & Head, Department of Extension Education, GRI, while welcoming the gatherings pointed out that students can play meaningful role in promoting co-operative movement in this country. Students co-operative stores should promote leadership qualities from the students. They should not be mere buying and selling centres.

Dr. P. Sivaprakasam, Professor & Head, Department of Co-operation, delivered inaugural address. He opined that the entire cooperative movement is seeking for proper direction to have sustainable development.

The first technical session started at 11.45 am after the tea break. Dr. Y. Dongre, Professor of Commerce & Director of Post-Graduate Centre, Mysore University, Hassan presented a theme paper on "Students Co-operative Stores in Japan - Lessons to India". He concluded that the participation of the students and networking among the stores paved the way for success of students' co-operative stores in Japan. Dr. T. Paranjothi, Director, Regional Institute of Co-operative Management, Bangalore, presented a theme paper on "Status of Students Co-operative Stores in India".

Dr. T. Paranjothi outlined the various causes for failure of these Co-operatives. After listening to these two theme papers Dr. R. Kannan, Registrar of Co-op. Societies suggested the learned resource persons and participants of this workshop to bring out 10-Point Action Plan for revamping students' co-operative stores in the State.

The Workshop recommended the following measures for the effective functioning of these Co-operatives :

1. Waiving of Audit Fees
2. Appointing Permanent Staff (wherever it is feasible)
3. Providing Certificate of Appreciation to the students members
4. Conducting periodical Review Meeting at the concerned Deputy Registrar Office level to monitor the progress of these stores.



Dr. N. Narayanaswamy, Professor & Head of Extension Education speaking at the workshop

Major operational problems of students co-operative stores which need attention in order to activate them, include lack of leadership, financial inadequacies, poor account keeping practices, lack of infrastructure, inadequate students participation, insufficient patronage of parent educational institutions and lack of awareness about Government Schemes. These problems prompted the Federation of Co-operatives in Educational Institutions and the Gandhigram Rural Institute to hold a national level workshop on 25 March, 2006.

The one day National Level Workshop on Strengthening of Students Co-operative Stores was inaugurated by Dr. R. Kannan, IAS, Chairman, Forum for Co-operatives in Educational Institutions (FCEI) & Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Government of Tamilnadu at on 25th April, 2006. In his inaugural address he stated that the Students Co-operative Stores should sell quality goods and services to the students. Students Co-operative stores functioning in other countries especially in Japan are examples of successful Co-operatives. As the students stores are having functional autonomy, they should work hard and competitively to attract the attention of the students.

Mr. P. Nair Communication Officer, International Co-operative Alliance, New Delhi, delivered a special address. He outlined the efforts taken by the International Co-op-





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ICA Consumer Sub-Committee Office Bearers' Meeting

The Office Bearers meeting of ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operative for Asia and Pacific was held on 25th November 2006, at SNCF office, Singapore.

Based on outcome of the 12th meeting of the Sub-Committee in Colombo, the office bearers decided that the Sub-Committee will organize "ICA Global Workshop on University/Campus Co-operatives" on 16th October 2007, in conjunction with the next ICA General Assembly in Singapore. The Workshop will be the first memorable co-operative event at global level regarding development of university/campus co-operatives.

It was decided that the workshop will be aimed at 1) creating awareness on the need for youth/students' participation in co-operatives, 2) exchanging information and learning on the role and significance of university/campus co-operatives, and 3) contributing



Participants of the Office Bearers' meeting



Office Bearers' meeting participants during a study visit.

to the growth of students through university/campus co-operatives. The Sub-Committee will expect around 100 people who are interested in university/campus co-operatives to meet in the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore, the venue of the workshop.

It was also decided that a field visit to successful campus co-operatives in Singapore will be conducted on 15th October 2007, jointly with another co-operative event for the young, Global Youth Conference on 14th October 2007.

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NEWSLETTER

Post-quake situation In Yogyakarta



Views of the store

The Kopma UIN was almost completely collapsed and lost a lot of its assets due to the pre-dawn quake on 27th May 2006. It has 4,000 out of 15,000 university students as co-operative members.

A temporary house was built in September with the donation from co-operatives movement in Japan, and it is now used as the office and telecommunication service center of Kopma UIN.

Kopma requested to help them conduct training programs for human resource development and formulation of retail distribution.

Responding to their requests, LAPENKOP plans to organize a "Seminar and Training on Retail Distribution



A view of the damaged store

for Youth Co-operative and Students' College after Earthquake in Yogyakarta and Tsunami in Southern Coast of Java" with assistance from the SNCF.

The seminar and training will provide know-how for distributing emergent daily commodities such as meals and clothes through youth and university co-operatives.

New Stores In Chulalongkorn University in Thailand

Two young co-operators in Chulalongkorn University Co-operatives carried out their Action Plan. Mr. Paphat Paricharn, Manager and Mr. Jenwit Apichainunt, Deputy Manager presented their unique plan of opening a new store at the 6th ICA Regional Management Workshop in Singapore, which was held at the NTUC FairPrice Training Institute. They finally opened a modernized store in September to meet the fast changing needs of members.

This new store provides its members with more products, such as fresh bakery and coffee, besides the famous convenience chain store, 7-Eleven which has recently moved in campus and it can also strengthen the competitiveness of university co-operatives with its competitors.



Chulalongkorn University Co-op Store

Sensitization Programme on Co-operatives for the students of educational institutions organized in Bhubaneswar

The 8th Coordination Committee Meeting of FCEI held on 16th December 2005 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Kannan, IAS the then RCS, Government of Tamilnadu had resolved to organize a Sensitization Programme on Co-operatives for the Students of Educational Institutions.

Dr. A. Debapriya, Representative from eastern Zone and faculty member, MICM, Bhubaneswar has organized a workshop on 20-22 September 2006 at Bhubaneswar.

This programme was attended by a total of 81 students/faculty members of different engineering colleges, management institutes, general colleges and from different universities.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri J. P. Choudhury, Chief General Manager of Orissa State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Dr. P. K. Pradhan, Chief Executive of CHBCS was the guest of honour and the function was presided over by Dr. P.C. Samantaray, Principal MICM, Bhubaneswar.

In his keynote address, Shri J. P. Choudhury, spoke about the fast changing economic and business environment of the country and the consequences of these changes over the society in general and weaker sections of the society in particular and need for students to be involved in co-operative development activities..

In the concluding session the groups were formed amongst the students. The students were asked to prepare a brief strategy as to how they can utilize co-operative as a vehicle for their self-development as well as development of the society.



Lighting of the inaugural lamp at the programme



A view of the delegates



Distinguished speakers at the dias.

The students took keen interest and actively participated in the group discussions and presentation.

It was found that the students had fully understood the basic values of co-operation and most of them were interested to take initiatives for formation of students' consumer stores at the level of their respective institutes.

– A. Debapriya

CEU Consumers Co-operative Celebrates 32nd Anniversary

The CEU Consumers Co-operative celebrated its 32nd anniversary on December 6, 2006. The celebration started with a mass at the chapel at 12-1 pm, followed by the traditional re-enthronement of Santo Bambino at the Co-op Store from 1:30-2:00 p.m. A simple "salu-salo" for all regular members and associate members was given at the PHL Ground floor from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Prizes were won by the regular members during the raffle draw from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Major prizes won included refrigerator (Miss Maria Myriam B. Bacud); TV set (Ms. Jeneta Retardo); washing

machine (Cirila Agno); DVD player (Florencia Castro) and an electric oven (Teresita de Leon). Several other minor prizes were likewise raffled to the associate members. The associate members are students of the different schools and colleges.

The Bingo Social highlighted the programme at 5:00 p.m. in which the regular and associate members were entitled to play 10 games for a single purchase of ticket amounting to PhP 100.00. A member could win as much as PhP 10,000.00 in cash during the Bingo Social.

ICA Global Workshop on University/Campus Co-operatives

In Asian countries, quite a number of co-operatives exist in campus to enrich living standard of students and faculty members through book stores, travel agency, cafeteria and savings/lending.

Based on this dynamic situation, ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operative for Asia and the Pacific was established in 1994 as a working group of ICA Committee on Consumer Co-operation for Asia and the Pacific, for the purpose of encouraging better cooperation among university co-operatives.

Since then, the Sub-Committee has been playing a significant role in the development of university co-operatives in the region through seminars and workshops. As of September, the Sub-Committee is composed of eight active members from university co-operatives in Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Singapore and Indonesia.

The Sub-Committee members valued past various activities in its 12th meeting in Colombo, and they agreed that the Sub-Committee plans to organize a global workshop on university co-operatives in order for participants to share their experience in university co-operatives as well as consider the possibility of setting up university co-operatives in their countries.

The Objective of the workshop will be:

1. To create awareness on the need for youth/students' participation in co-operatives
2. To exchange information and learn on the role and significance of university/campus co-operatives
3. To contribute to the growth of students through university/campus co-operatives

The Participants will be People involved in university/campus co-operatives, People interested in co-operatives in educational institutions and Organizations related to education, youth and co-operatives.

The workshop is expected to be held at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore on 16th October, 2007.

The ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/Campus Co-operatives for Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with the National Federation of Co-operative Associations in Japan (NFUCA) will organize this workshop.

– Tsubasa Nakamura

The ICA-AP wishes its Members a
Very Happy & Prosperous New Year 2007



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NFUCA attend the International Student Service Conference in Germany

The NFUCA was invited to the Conference hosted by the European Council for Student (ECSTA) and Deutches Studentenwerk (DSW), Germany Student Service Organization, in June, 2007. There were around 100 participants from 22 countries and EU organizations; European countries, Canada, US, New Zealand, Singapore and Japan.

The two-days Conference had exchanges of experiences and ideas on how to develop student services at higher education institutions, such as accommodation, food services, scholarships, student health, careers, international student exchanges and etc., in the process of standardization of educations in EU countries and globalization of the higher education.

Prof. Kokichi Shojil, President of NFUCA made presentation on "The Role of University Co-operatives in Student Support in Japan" and emphasized on the functioning, organization and future vision of NFUCA.

The participants were impressed by the existing co-operative system and the variety of student services by autonomous organizations in Japan.



NFUCA International Conference in Berlin

It was a meaningful opportunity as they could learn from each other who had similar goals. Besides, they also found a representative from an organization of Student Affairs from Asia and the Pacific who had similar goals with our university co-operatives.

We hope that we may meet with each other in the future and have discussions on their common goals and activities as well as global exchanges.

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50th NFUCA AGM 2006 adopted new “Mission and Action Plan”

In the ageing Japanese society with decreasing birth rates and in the midst of globalization, Japanese universities are currently undergoing critical reforms. In the backdrop of this development, in 2006, the University Co-operatives designed “Vision and Action Plan for the University Co-operatives in the 21st Century”.

The keywords of new mission are *Co-operation*, *Collaboration*, *Independence*, and *Participation*.

Mission 1: *Cooperation* of students, graduate students, international students, and faculty.

Mission 2: *Collaboration* with the university to contribute to the enrichment of higher education and research.

Mission 3: *Independence* of organizations to promote activities in the university and the surrounding and wider society.

Mission 4: *Participation* of more and more members to get and spread the Co-operative experience so as to realize a sustainable society both to people and the planet.

Based on these four missions, the University Co-operatives aims to improve the economic, social, and cultural standards of students and the faculty, and contribute to creating attractive universities and society in the 21st century.

Followed by the adoption of the new Missions, Visions and Actions Plans, on 1st and 2nd September 2007, NFUCA held the annual national top management seminar inviting the Presidents and Managing Directors from member university co-operatives and officers from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

225 participants from 112 member co-ops attended the seminar. There was a special report on the current innovation of universities and its future by the officer from the Ministry and the participants discussed on the vital issues of university co-ops under the circumstances of changes of the universities.



A view of the 50th AGM in progress

Korean University Co-operators joins the NFUCA AGM

On this occasion 14 delegates from Korean university co-operatives joined the NFUCA AGM and interacted and exchanged views with more than 800 Japanese participants.

It was a milestone in our exchanges of the past long years and the development for the future. In Korea, today, they have developed university co-operative foundations and their own federation.

As of September, 2007 there exist 21 university co-operative associations.

ICA Global Workshop on University/ Campus Co-operatives

Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore, 16th October 2007

Background

Youth integration in co-operatives has been an issue of great significance all over the world. It has also been regarded as key policy in many countries. Co-operative needs strength and wisdom of the young to add greater vitality to co-operative movement as well as to nurture leaders for the next generation.

University/campus (school) co-operatives, having students, teachers and staff as members, contribute a lot towards promotion of youth integration in the movement. They facilitate inculcating among the youth the co-operative values and roles through their democratic business activities based on members' needs. They contribute to bring up the young who lead society, and enrich higher education which helps development of our society. They also provide the young opportunities to join in co-operative business and various activities, and foster them as educated consumers.

On the one hand, ICA has a youth representative on its Board for the purpose of involving young people in co-operatives and incorporating their fresh ideas. On the other, ICA-AP has gone a step further by setting up a Youth Committee. ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives for Asia and the Pacific, which was established in 1994, marks the beginning of the youth mainstreaming in ICA.

The Sub-Committee currently consist of Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Singapore and Indonesia as members. Through the endeavours of the Sub-Committee all these member countries now have a better network of university/campus co-operatives. Of course, such co-operatives or similar endeavours do exist in different parts of the world.

There is a need for all those involved in and/or interested in university/campus co-operatives to assemble together and interact in order to create a level playing field in a global scale. Sharing of experience and learning from one another would pave the way for a better network of university/campus co-operatives and eventually would contribute for strengthening the co-operative movement across the world. Therefore it is proposed to organise the First ICA Global Workshop on University/Campus Co-operatives at Singapore on 15th and 16th October 2006 in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly under the theme of "Innovation in Co-operative Business".



Site location of Raffles City Convention Centre

Objective

The proposed workshop is envisaged to be a platform for all countries with or without campus/university cooperatives to get together, exchange views and learn from each other. The specific objectives of the workshop are as follows:

1. To create awareness on the need for youth/ students' participation in co-operatives
2. To exchange information and learn on the role and significance of university/campus co-operatives
3. To contribute to the growth of students through university/campus co-operatives

Target Participants

1. People involved in university/college/school co-operatives
2. People interested in co-operatives in educational institutions
3. Organizations related to education, youth and co-operatives

More specifically the participants may include Students, Teachers, Coop Members, Officers, Staff, School administrators from universities, colleges and schools, representatives of national or international organisations and any one who is involved with the issues of Youth and Cooperatives.