

MINUTES AND AGENDA OF THE ICA-AP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

7th Meeting, Colombo (Sri Lanka), 18th August 2006

8th Meeting, Hanoi (Vietnam), 5th December 2008

9th Meeting, Beijing (China), 5th September 2010

10th Meeting, Kobe (Japan), 29th November 2012

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF ICA-AP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Kobe (Japan): 29th November 2012

AGENDA ITEM 01 : OPENING REMARKS

The joint opening ceremony of the 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly and 7th Cooperative Forum was held at Kobe International Conference Center (KICC) in the morning of 28th November 2012 which was attended by more than 600 cooperators. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture. Dame Pauline Green, ICA President; Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of ICA-AP; and Mr. Akira Banzai, Chairman of JJC and President of JA-ZENCHU delivered their special addresses at the opening ceremony. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-AP proposed a vote of thanks.

Subsequent to the deliberations at the ICA Regional Cooperative Forum, the 10th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly was held at KICC, Kobe (Japan) on 29th November. 204 participants from 16 countries and two international organizations attended the Regional Assembly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng, President, ICA-AP and being the Chairman of ICA-AP Regional Assembly opened the meeting and welcomed all the members and special invitees. He expressed his happiness for the participation of most of the member organizations' representatives at the Regional Assembly in Kobe. He also thanked Dame Pauline Green, ICA President and Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director General for their presence.

He further said "2012 will be remembered as a great moment in the history of international cooperative movement. To recognize the long standing contribution of cooperatives towards social harmony and economic progress, the United Nations declared 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives. In Asia-Pacific region, a range of significant celebrations events took place one after another, throughout the year. All the events shared the same objectives, namely, to raise the public awareness of cooperative values and principles; to promote the value of influence of cooperative brands; to recognize the unique role of cooperatives in social development; and to create a favorable environment for cooperative development with stronger government support. Looking forward, we shall be more ambitious, to make the Year of Cooperatives into a decade of cooperation."

AGENDA ITEM 02 : APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Li Chunsheng asked the members if they had any comments on the Agenda. The Agenda, which was circulated at the meeting, was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM 03 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING HELD IN BEIJING ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Assembly held in Beijing (China) on 5th September 2010 were circulated to all the delegates/member organizations and no comments/suggestions/amendments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM 04 : PERUSAL OF MINUTES OF ICA-AP REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS SINCE LAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Since last Regional Assembly, five meetings of the Regional Board were held. Confirmed minutes of the four meetings were circulated at the Regional Assembly. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes had already been completed. The delegates of the RA endorsed the minutes of the Regional Board.

AGENDA ITEM 05 : REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009-2012

Mr. Chan Ho Choi presented the ICA-AP financial report for the years 2009 to 2012. He informed the members that there was a small surplus during the years 2009 to 2011. He also presented the financial report for the period January to September 2012. He informed the members that a small surplus was also expected during the year 2012. The report was unanimously accepted by the RA.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the financial situation of Asia-Pacific region was very good and hoped it would be better in the coming years.

All members expressed happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP.

ICA-AP Membership Situation

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the following fifteen organizations from nine countries had joined ICA since last Regional Assembly in Beijing in September 2010:

1. *National Association of Labour Banks (NALB), Japan.*
2. *Cooperative House Building and Finance Corporation Limited, India.*
3. *Supervision & Central Coordination Union of Rural Agricultural Coops (SCURA), Iran.*
4. *Cooperative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH), Australia.*
5. *Tose'e Ta'avon Bank (T.T. Bank), Iran – Associate Member.*
6. *Cooperative Investment Guarantee Fund (CIGF), Iran – Associate Member.*
7. *Central Union for Cooperative Initiative in Israel Limited, Israel.*
8. *National Cooperative Development Board (NCDB), Nepal.*
9. *Japanese Health and Welfare Cooperative Federation (HeW Coop Japan).*
10. *Mongolia National Cooperator's Association (MNCA), Mongolia.*
11. *National Federation of Rural Coops (Induk KUD), Indonesia – Associate Member.*
12. *Pishgaman Kavir Cooperative Company (PKYCC), Iran.*
13. *Kotikawatta Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society Limited (KTCCS), Sri Lanka.*
14. *Central Union of Iran Animal Farmers (CUIAF), Iran.*
15. *Nepal Agricultural Cooperative Central Federation Limited (NACCFL), Nepal.*

He also informed the meeting that the following three organizations – (a) Institute for Indonesian Cooperative Development Studies (LSP2I) of Indonesia; (b) National Federation of Urban Cooperative banks & Credit Societies Limited (NAFCUB) of India; and (c) National Labour Cooperative Federation (NLCF) of India have ceased to be members of ICA due to non-payment of subscription fee.

He also said that the following organizations have applied for membership of ICA:

- *Gujarat Urban Cooperative Banks Federation (GUJFED), India.*
- *National Cooperative Bank Limited, Lalitpur, Nepal.*

The current total membership of ICA-Asia and Pacific is 80 organizations from 25 countries.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the membership of our region was increasing very fast comparing with other regions (57 in 2007 and 80 in 2012). The members appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Choi in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region.

AGENDA ITEM 06 : REPORT OF THE 9TH COOPERATIVE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN BANGKOK ON 27TH FEBRUARY

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented the report of the 9th Cooperative Ministers' Conference held in Bangkok (Thailand) from 27th to 29th February 2012. He also presented the Joint Declaration adopted by the Conference on 29th February for the benefit of the members. He further said that the ICA-AP has brought out the full report of the Ministers' Conference in printed form.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the Cooperative Ministers' Conferences were very useful to our region and hence it should continue in the future also.

AGENDA ITEM 07 : RE-CONSTITUTION OF ICA-AP REGIONAL BOARD

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the term of office of the current Regional Board would be over by November 2012 and according to Rules of ICA-AP, the Regional Assembly should elect a President, two Vice Chairs and eight members to the Regional Board for the next four years. He confirmed having received 14 nominations from member organizations by the ICA-AP Secretariat and three members were not present at the meeting due to some reasons (Bangladesh, Mongolia and Pakistan).

Dr. Choi also informed the RA that the Regional Board has appointed an Election Committee comprising Mr. Simon Alfred Pereira, President of Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU); Mr. Charles Gould, Director General of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA); and Dr. Sisno Tanguyan Romulo, Board of Director, VICTO National Cooperative Federation and Development Center, Philippines to conduct the elections.

Mr. Pereira said that as per the Rules of ICA-AP, President, two Vice Chairs and eight Members have to be directly elected by the Regional Assembly. He further said that the election would be conducted in three phases – first 11 board members; second the President; and third two Vice Chairs.

Mr. Pereira also said that each member would be given 3 minutes for making his/her brief presentation at the meeting for the benefit of the members. At that time they were asked to spell out for which position they are going to contest. He further said that the number of votes polled by each candidate will not be disclosed and only the names of the elected persons would be announced.

One representative from each eligible member organization was asked to pick up the voting ballots for his/her entire delegation. 192 ballots were distributed to the members. Three sets of ballot papers {one original and two photocopies} were distributed. The original ballot was used for electing 11 board members and the counting was done through electronic voting system (OMR). One photocopy of the ballot (A) was used to elect the President. There were two candidates for President {Mr. Li Chunsheng from China and Mr. Akira Banzai from Japan}. The second photocopy of the ballot (B) was used to elect two Vice Chairs. There were three candidates for Vice Chairs {Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav from India, Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid from Indonesia and Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel from the Philippines}. The counting for President and two Vice Chairs was done manually by the members of the Election Committee.

Some members said that they are not aware about the number of votes they are entitled. Dr. Chan Ho Choi read out the number of votes each organization has got in our region for the benefit of the members. He further said that our region has got a total of 264 votes. He also said that we follow the rules of ICA in conducting our election and the number of votes is decided by ICA.

Dame Pauline Green informed the meeting that the number of votes is based on the number of individual members. She further said that the subscription fee was expected to be paid by 31st March and Dr. Choi has extended this date to have maximum participation in the election process. She also said that the voting right was subject to payment of subscription fee.

After counting the number of votes, following persons were declared elected to the ICA-AP Regional Board for the next four years by the Election Committee.

S.#	Name of the Member	Country	Title/ Organization	Position
01	Mr. Li Chunsheng	China	President, ACFSMC	Chair
02	Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav	India	President, NCU	Vice Chair
03	Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid	Indonesia	President, DEKOPIN	Vice Chair
04	Mr. Akira Banzai	Japan	President, JA-ZENCHU	Member
05	Mr. Won-Byung Choi	Korea	Chairman, NACF	Member
06	Prof Dato Dr.Mohd Ali Baharum	Malaysia	President, ANGKASA	Member
07	Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel	Philippines	Chairperson, NATCCO	Member
08	Mr. Chan Tee Seng	Singapore	Chairman, SNCF	Member
09	Mr. Bandu Ranawake	Sri Lanka	President, NCC	Member
10	Mr. Vitoon Naewpanit	Thailand	Chairman, CLT	Member
11	Mr. Dao Xuan Can	Vietnam	President, VCA	Member

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the Regional Assembly for electing him as President and pledged before the RA to work efficiently in collaboration with the support of board members. All other board members and two Vice Chairs also thanked the RA for electing them. Dr. Choi congratulated the newly elected board members and wished them best of performance.

The RA congratulated the members of the Election Committee for conducting the Regional Board elections very smoothly in a professional manner.

**AGENDA ITEM 08 : REPORT ON UN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPS
AND BLUEPRINT FOR A COOPERATIVE DECADE**

Mr. Charles Gould, Director General of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), made a presentation on “UN International Year of Cooperatives and Blueprint for a Cooperative Decade” which was approved at the ICA Extraordinary General Assembly in Manchester on 31st October 2012. The delegates thanked Mr. Charles Gould for his presentation.

**AGENDA ITEM 09 : APPROVAL OF ICA-AP NEW STRATEGIC PLAN AND
MULTI-ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2013-2016**

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented the ICA-AP New Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2013-2016. His presentation covered the following - (a) Introduction; (b) ICA-AP Office in the Past and Now; (c) Organizational Structure of ICA-AP; (d) Strategic Objectives of ICA (2009-2012); (e) The ICA Blueprint for a Cooperative Decade; (f) The Current Status of Asia-Pacific Region; (g) Approaching to the New Strategic Objectives; (h) Strategic Plan for the new Business Office in Malaysia; (i) New Strategic Objectives of ICA-AP (2013-2016); and Multi-Annual Budget for 2013-2016. He also said that we have allocated US\$ 20,000 to MBO from ICA-AP budget.

Dr. Choi also presented the Strategic Plan of the ICA-AP Business Office in Malaysia. His presentation covered the following: (a) Background; (b) Strategic Objectives; (c) Office Structure; (d) Mode of Activity; (e) Mode of Financing the Participants; (f) Four-Year Plan; (g) Financing of Activities for One Year; and (h) Expected Outcomes.

In his presentation, Dr. Choi said that our region has got 63 countries (45 in Asia and 18 in Pacific Islands) and only 25 countries with 80 member organizations are represented and this fact alone provides a huge potential for ICA to increase its membership.

Prof. Dr. Ali Baharum agreed to the Strategic Plan of the ICA-AP Business Office in Malaysia. He said that ANGKASA Board has already discussed about the MBO and approved it. One coordinator and one support staff would be provided by ANGKASA in addition to free office space. Computers and other equipments are to be bought by ICA-AP. Further discussions would be held with the Regional Director. He further said that the contribution of US\$ 20,000 from ANGKASA was to be discussed at its Board since it was not included in the Agenda.

Dr. Choi said that Malaysia is liked by many middle-east countries. He further said that we have ample space in ANGKASA and ICA-AP would like to have a person from JCCU to work in MBO. He also said that ACFSMC (China) and NACF (Korea) has agreed to send a technical officer each to work with MBO on secondment.

Mr. Amano said that whether JCCU can send someone to Malaysia was to be discussed with its Board. However, JCCU will continue to support the consumer activities from Tokyo. The present officer will come back to Tokyo in December and consumer committee activities will be operated from Japan.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the total annual budget of MBO for activities is US\$ 67,000. ICA-AP will contribute US\$ 20,000 from its budget and we are expecting US\$ 20,000 from ANGKASA and the remaining US\$ 27,000 from JCCU and NACF. He further said that the MBO will be evaluated after two years.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that this is a very good strategic plan for 2013-2016 and we should try to open the coop banks in the respective countries, if possible. He also said that from now we should strengthen the business investments in cooperatives and this in turn would help to increase the membership. He further said that moving SBO to Malaysia was very good.

Finally, the Regional Assembly unanimously approved the ICA-AP New Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2013-2016.

AGENDA ITEM 10 : APPROVAL OF REVISED ICA-AP RULES

The Singapore Business Office was started functioning on 10th July 1999 with the financial support of Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF). The SNCF has declined to renew the MOU after 31st March 2012. At the meeting held in Bangkok on 26th February 2012, Prof. Dr. Ali Baharum, President of Malaysian National Cooperative Movement (ANGKASA) had offered to provide office space and other facilities for an ICA office in ANGKASA building in Malaysia free of cost. In addition, one coordinator and one support staff would be provided by ANGKASA on secondment. The MOU is being finalized with ANGKASA.

Dr. Chan Ho Choi also presented the Strategic Plan of the Malaysian Business Office. He informed the meeting that the total annual budget of MBO for activities is US\$ 67,000. ICA-AP will contribute US\$ 20,000 from its budget and we are expecting US\$ 20,000 from ANGKASA and the remaining US\$ 27,000 from JCCU and NACF. He further said that the MBO will be evaluated after two years.

In view of the above, the following change was proposed in the Rules of ICA-AP.

Article 3: Structure

The ICA-AP is structured at the regional, sectoral and thematic levels and comprises the following:

- a regional office in New Delhi, India
- a sub-regional office in Malaysia.

The Regional Assembly unanimously approved the above change in the Rules of ICA-Asia and Pacific.

AGENDA ITEM 11 : FORMATION OF ICA-AP COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented this Agenda on Formation of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry. His presentation was included the following: (a) Background; (b) Situation in Asia-Pacific Region; (c) The Way Forward; and (d) Need to form ICA-AP Committee on Forestry.

He further said that looking at the importance of the forestry sector, it has been decided at the Secretariat that an ICA-AP Committee on Forestry should be constituted. He said that ICA-AP has already received eleven nominations from seven countries to become members of the Committee. According to the ICA Rules, no subscription fee was to be paid by the member organizations to become a member of the Forestry Committee. The Regional Assembly approved the formation of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry.

AGENDA ITEM 12 : APPROVAL OF REVISED CONSTITUTIONS OF ICA-AP COMMITTEES

The Chairpersons of the respective Committees presented their Constitutions based on the model Constitution approved by the Regional Board and the discussions they had in their Committee meetings while presenting their report to the RA (Agenda Item 13) for approval. The RA approved the revised Constitutions of all the ICA-AP Sectoral/Thematic Committees.

Dr. Choi reminded the Committees that as per the Rules it is mandatory for them to send the annual work plan/budget to ICA-AP Secretariat for inclusion in the ICA-AP Work Plan.

AGENDA ITEM 13 : REPORTS FROM ICA-AP SECTORAL/THEMATIC COMMITTEES

The 39th meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Agriculture was held on 26th November at KICC, Kobe, in conjunction with the 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly. 10 members from five countries attended the meeting (one from India, four from Japan, one from Korea, one from Malaysia and two from Vietnam) in addition to observers from these countries and Pakistan. Mr. Akira Banzai, President of JA-ZENCHU, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Japan Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC).

In addition to cover the routine agenda, the meeting discussed and adopted the revised Constitution of the Committee and a revised list of members of the Committee. Election of office bearers of the Committee also took place wherein Mr. Srinivasa Gowda, Senior Board Member of IFFCO, India and Mr. Hajme Yaguchi, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU, were elected unanimously as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Decision to hold the next meeting of the Committee was left to the Chairman and ICA-AP Secretariat.

In the afternoon, a seminar on Agricultural Cooperative Development in Asia and the Pacific region was held at the same venue. 24 participants from India, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Vietnam and ACCU attended the seminar. Mr. Srinivasa Gowda, Chairman of ICA-AP Committee on Agriculture, inaugurated the seminar. The objectives of the seminar were to provide opportunities to the participants to express their opinions about agricultural cooperative development in Asia and the Pacific and to exchange information among them and to establish mutual cooperation system in the future.

The theme of the seminar was “Democratic Management System” and “Leading-edge Business Activities of Primary Agricultural Cooperatives”. Under these themes, following papers were presented: (a) JA’s Democratic Management System – by Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, former Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU and President of Japan Cooperative Institute; (b) Democratic Management System of Primary Agricultural Cooperatives in India – by Mr. Praveen Reddy, Director of IFFCO; and (c) Promotion of Hamlet-based Agricultural Production Corporation – by Mr. Mitsuo Murakami, Vice-President of JA-ZENCHU.

Con: The 45th meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Consumer Cooperation was held at Kobe International Conference Center (KICC) on 27th November. 18 members and 20 observers attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, Chairperson of the Committee. Mr. Katsumi Asada, President of JCCU conveyed his welcome greetings to the participants. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-AP also attended the opening session and gave his greetings.

The members from eight countries (India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka) made brief presentations on the recent activities and business results. The Secretary presented the activity plan for 2013 which was later approved. The meeting also discussed and unanimously approved the revised Constitution of the Committee based on the Model Constitution approved by the ICA-AP Regional Board at its meeting on 12th June in Beijing with some modifications to Article-6 and Article-15, as suggested by the members.

Mr. Amano informed the meeting that the Singapore Business Office will be closed from 31st December 2012 and the Malaysian Business Office (MBO) will be opened in the 1st quarter of 2013. He also informed the meeting that the functions of the Consumer Committee will be transferred to the International Department of JCCU and Ms. Kanako Miyazawa will continue as Secretary to the Committee.

The report of the "Study on Consumer Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific" was presented at the meeting for the benefit of the members. The recommendations of the Ad-hoc Committee and action plans to be taken by the researched countries, Consumer Committee and ICA-Asia and Pacific were also presented.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee in Singapore in collaboration with NTUC Fairprice. The dates of the meeting would be finalized soon and intimated to the members. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Credit and Banking Committee: The meeting of ICA-AP Committee on Credit and Banking (RCBA) was held on 26th November at Kobe International Conference Center (KICC). Four members (India, Japan, Philippines and Vietnam) and five observers from Indonesia, Malaysia and Sri Lanka attended the meeting. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Mr. Sivadasan Nair from India was appointed as interim Chairman to conduct the meeting. The meeting discussed about the revised Constitution based on the Model Constitution and unanimously approved it with some minor changes to Article-6, Article-12 and Article-13, as suggested by the members.

Mr. Sivadasan Nair from India and Ms. Divina Cabunoc Quemi from the Philippines were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee respectively for the next four years.

Mr. Kazuhiko Otake, Managing Director of NORINCHUKIN Bank, Japan made an impressive presentation on "Reconstruction Efforts - the Role Played by Cooperative Financial Institutions". In his presentation, he explained how NORINCHUKIN Bank provided emergency assistance followed by comprehensive reconstruction work and financial assistance to the community after disaster. The members appreciated his presentation.

The meeting authorized the Chair and the ICA-AP Secretariat to decide about the date and venue of the next meeting of the Committee.

HRD Committee: The 24th meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD) was held in the forenoon of 27th November at Kobe International Conference Center (KICC). 16 members and 12 observers from 10 countries, namely, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam attended the meeting.

The opening session was attended and addressed by Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, President of NCUI and Vice Chairman of ICA Regional Board and Dr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chairman of the HRD Committee. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-Asia and Pacific also addressed the meeting at a later stage. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Bhagwati Prasad. He welcomed the presence of the members and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He stressed the importance of Global HRD Networking (www.hrd.coop) developed and maintained by National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI).

The meeting decided that the Cooperative Learning Center {CLC} project which was conceived, designed and launched by the Global HRD Committee should own and be responsible for the fate of this project. The ICA-AP Secretariat received 33 nominations for the HRD Committee from ICA member organizations in 13 countries. The meeting approved the membership of these nominees.

The ICA-AP Regional Board had approved a model constitution for ICA-AP sectoral/thematic committees at its meeting held in Beijing on 12th June 2012. Accordingly, the Constitution of HRD Committee was revised. After discussions, the meeting unanimously approved the revised Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on HRD with some minor corrections to article-8 and article-14.

The following three presentations were made at the meeting: (a) **HRD as a Tool for Good Governance in Cooperatives** by Dr. Bhagwati Prasad, former Chief Executive of NCUI and Vice Chairman of Cooperative House building and Finance Corporation Limited, Lucknow, India; (b) **How Human Resource Development Efforts Help Cooperatives Build Secured Society** by Prof. Dr. Rosmimah Bt Mohd Roslin, Board of Director, Cooperative College of Malaysia; and (c) **Status Report of GHRD** by Dr. Dinesh, Chief Executive of National Cooperative Union of India.

The ICA HRD Committee entrusted the work of developing a portal on training to NCUI with the condition that financial liability is to be met by the NCUI. This portal was initially launched in February 2007 at VMNICM in Pune. But, for the last 3 years not much work has been done on this portal due to various reasons. Recently, the portal has been shifted to NCUI premises. Dr. Dinesh informed the meeting that the portal will be operative again from early 2013 and the preparations are in advanced stage. The committee congratulated the NCUI for this achievement.

The meeting also endorsed the following three points raised by Dr. Chan Ho Choi, ICA-AP Regional Director, in his remarks - (a) Networking of HRD training institutions to share experiences, best practices and matters on training; (b) Upholding of success stories in ICA-AP website; and (c) Higher level training for cooperative leaders in the region. It was also decided that these issues will form the part of the strategic planning of HRD for the next four years.

The meeting unanimously decided the theme of the next seminar to be held in 2013 as "**Success Stories as a Tool for Cooperative Education and Training**". Subsequently, the meeting unanimously elected **Ms. Norwatim Abd Latif**, Deputy Director General of Cooperative College of Malaysia as Vice Chair of the HRD Committee for the remaining two years.

Research Committee: The ICA-AP Regional Research Conference/Meeting was held in KICC on 26th November 2012. The conference was attended by 43 delegates from 10

countries (India 18, Korea 5, Japan 5, Malaysia 3, Philippines 2, Vietnam 2, Nepal 4, Turkey 1, Canada 1, and UK 1). At the outset, Mr. Akira Kurimoto, Vice Chair of the Research Committee welcomed the participants to the Conference and Dr. G.N. Saxena, Chairperson of the Committee gave the Opening Address.

There were two keynote speakers at the Opening Session - Prof. Johnston Birchall from the University of Sterling, UK and Prof. Lou Hammond Kettilson of Saskatoon University, Canada - who is currently the chairperson of the Global Research Committee of the ICA. Their keynote addresses looked at the *Cooperative Potential for Socioeconomic Development* and *Measuring the Cooperative Difference* so that the visibility of cooperatives can be increased.

The theme of the Conference had been fixed as *Bringing Cooperatives back to Centre Stage* and the Research Committee had accordingly invited research papers on six sub themes: (a) How to Gauge Cooperative Socioeconomic Impact; (b) How to Enhance Coop's Visibility by Branding, Publicity and Education; (c) Emergence of new Coops for General Interests (health, social care, utilities); (d) Public Policies, Laws and Regulations Conducive for the Formation, Growth and Stability of Cooperatives; (e) Cooperative Resilience to Economic / Financial Crises; and (f) Cooperative Response to Natural Disasters.

Research presentations were made by Dr. Dongre, Dr. Shanta Raj Sharma Neupane, Ms. Ahlung Kim, Ms. Sumi Cho, Dr. Minoru Sugino, Mr., Sanjay Verma, Dr. T. Paranjothi, Dr. B. Ganesh, Dr. Basavaraja, Mr. Shinri Murakami, Ms. Yukiko Yamazaki and Mr. Humpei Hayashi on different sub-themes. The conference threw up various research results, which are proposed to be documented for circulation shortly.

After the Conference, the ICA-AP Committee on Research met to decide on the new Constitution of the Committee and also to elect new office bearers of the Committee. Dr. Chan-Ho Choi joined the Meeting and participated in the discussions on the new Constitution. It was impressed upon him to find more ways and means of attracting and engaging youth and researchers in the program of ICA. The new Constitution, as approved by the Committee and the researchers present was sent to ICA-AP for revision. Dr. G.N. Saxena and Mr. Akira Kurimoto have been re-elected unanimously as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee for a second consecutive term of 4 years.

Women's Committee: The meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Women was held on 26th November at the Kobe International Conference Center (KICC). Eight members out of eleven and 22 observers from 11 countries attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the Women's Committee. She extended a warm welcome to the members and the observers. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-AP also attended the opening of the meeting.

The meeting discussed about the revised Constitution of the Women's Committee based on the Model Constitution approved by the Regional Board at its meeting in Beijing on 12th June. The meeting unanimously approved the Constitution with some modifications to Article-6 and Article-12.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka from JCCU (Japan) and Ms. Divina Cabunoc Quemi from NATCCO (Philippines) were re-elected as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee respectively. The Chair and Vice Chair thanked the members for re-electing them again.

The Committee commissioned writing of "Resource Guide for Advanced Training of Cooperatives on Entrepreneurship Development of Women and Gender Equality". The Consultant, Ms. Salome Ganibe, presented the outline of the first draft. The members from Korea, Nepal, Pakistan and the Philippines made presentation on current situation/updates about gender mainstreaming activities in their cooperatives.

The meeting discussed and approved the work plan of the Women's Committee for 2013. It was also decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee in Indonesia in conjunction with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly.

Youth Committee: The 5th meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Youth was held on 26th November at the Kobe International Conference Centre. The meeting was attended by members from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Members from Iran and ACCU sent their messages through the internet. The Committee realized that there are 17 Members that constitute the Youth Committee.

Due to the resignation of the Chairperson and one Vice Chairperson (elected in 2010) and the absence of the other Vice Chairperson, Mr. Ahsan Ali Thakur was appointed as the Interim Chair until the next meeting. The meeting was also attended by observers from Malaysia, Japan, India and Sri Lanka.

The members adopted the agenda and also confirmed the inclusion of Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director as the honorary member of the Committee. The secretary opened by reading the minutes of the 2010 Meeting in Beijing. The meeting started with self introduction by members and their expectations from the Youth Committee. This was followed by Country Presentations by the members who gave a brief idea of the cooperative movement in their countries and the participation of youth in cooperatives and future plans.

A presentation was made by the secretary on 'Cooperative Business Solutions' and the need for effective results for the cooperative sector from efficient technology. A report on the Committee's Face Book page with over 700 members was also shown. This was followed by a presentation on Youth Workshop on 'Introduction to Cooperatives' and related activities in Pakistan along with an account of the Floods in Pakistan in 2010 and its grave consequences. The Regional Director shared his views and opinions on the future of cooperatives. The Committee organized a workshop for youth at Kannur, Kerala on Cooperative Entrepreneurship and Green Innovations and has released two editions of its electronic magazine - 'Young & Cooperating'.

The model Constitution was discussed. Suggestions were made by the members as well as ICA-AP Board Member, Prof. Dato Mohd. Ali Baharum. The suggestions were accepted by the Committee. The Committee wished to arrive upon a definition for Youth and it was decided that the secretariat takes expert opinions and international standard in order to propose a definition at the next meeting. The members decided to meet in Buldana (India) in April 2013 to conduct fresh elections and formally adopt the Constitution.

Forestry Committee: The preliminary meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Forestry was held at KICC on 27th November at 14.00 hours. Out of 11 nominated members from seven countries, only four members from three countries - India, Indonesia and Japan - attended the meeting. In addition, some observers also attended the meeting from these countries.

Mr. Shieyoshi Satoh, President of National Federation of Forest Owners' Coop Associations, Japan, was selected for the post of Interim Chair of the Committee and Dr. K.G. Wankhede, Chief Executive of Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative (IFFDC), India, was selected for the post of Interim Vice-Chair till the 1st formal meeting of the Committee.

Before this preliminary meeting, the ICA-AP Regional Board approved the formation of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry, in its meeting held on 26th November in Kobe. The members present there went through the draft constitution of the Committee and list of nominated members. They have approved the Constitution with a slight change, and accepted the List of nominated members and wanted the Secretariat to place this constitution and List of nominated members in front of the 1st formal meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Forestry for ratification. It was also decided in the meeting that membership may be increased to seek nominations from member-organizations of ICA.

University/Campus Coops Committee: The meeting of the Office Bearers of the ICA-AP Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives was held on 25th November at the Coop Inn, Kyoto in Japan. The day-long meeting reviewed the activities of the Committee during the year 2012 and also planned the forthcoming activities. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Kokichi Shoji, Chairperson of the Committee. The Vice Chairpersons, Prof. Ali Hasan from Malaysia and Prof. Zenaida Diola from the Philippines and the Co-Secretaries Mr. Ohmoto from Japan and Dr. Dongre from India were present along with the observers. A team of representatives from the Korean University Cooperative Federation also participated in order to discuss about the preparations for the forthcoming regional workshop.

The meeting considered the resolutions discussed during the Committee meeting held earlier in Kuala Lumpur and adopted them. In particular the meeting discussed and finalized the new Constitution of the Committee and also the Budget proposals for the year 2013 and submitted the same to the ICA-AP office, so as to approve the same during the Regional Assembly in Kobe. It was resolved that the Chairperson would communicate with all the member organizations of the ICA-AP and request them to nominate members to the Committee as per the new Constitution.

After a detailed discussion it was resolved to hold the next ICA-AP Regional Workshop on University/Campus Cooperatives at Seoul (Korea) during the first week of July 2013. It was decided to circulate the first notification of the proposed workshop in late March.

AGENDA ITEM 14 : REPORT OF THE 7TH COOPERATIVE FORUM ON "ROLE OF COOPERATIVES IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER"

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented a brief report of the 7th Cooperative Forum on "Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster" held in Kobe on 28th November and the resolution on "Cooperative Action for Natural Disaster". The Regional Assembly approved the resolution which is reproduced below.

Resolution on "Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster" adopted by the 7th Cooperative Forum held on 28th November 2012 in Kobe (Japan)

We, the cooperators, representing cooperative movements of Asia and Pacific region of ICA who participated in the 7th Cooperative Forum of the International Cooperative Alliance-Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) on this day 28th November 2012 in Kobe city of Japan and

- Reaffirming that the last six ICA-AP Regional Cooperative Forums have contributed significantly in the progress to the cooperatives in the region through meaningful discussions and recommendations to be implemented by the cooperatives as well as the governments for creating and promoting an enabling environment for cooperatives;
- Being aware that during the last decade and especially in the last few years, the entire region has been devastated by natural disasters and several of member countries suffered irreparable loss of human life and property. A large number of cooperatives were destroyed, many members lost their lives, several people were disabled and rendered homeless and jobless. Disasters are not only natural but also created by human and are manmade like the leakage of nuclear power projects in Japan. Impact of this is long lasting and more dangerous;
- Noting that Asia-Pacific region is most prone to natural disasters but lacks preparedness even when it is four times more likely to be affected by natural disasters than Africa and 25 times more likely than Europe or North America – according to the first Asia-Pacific Disaster Report, launched by ESCAP and ISDR in Icheon, Republic of Korea on 26th October 2010 which was released at the *Fourth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)*;
- Recognizing that during all these times of disaster, the cooperatives tried to alleviate the sufferings of the people with all means. The role of International Cooperative Alliance and its members in providing resources and extending solidarity has been exemplary and the cooperatives can play an integral role in disaster mitigation and management if their efforts are backstopped with support and resources from the Governments and other agencies as partners in joint endeavour;
- Noting that in some cases, due to their existing vast network with people, cooperative's intervention was faster than the state agencies and that re-established the significance of mutual cooperation in daily life of common people and therefore;
- Call upon the Cooperatives, Governments, UN agencies and other stake holders to come together and recognize cooperatives as representative of largest group of people in a country which represents individuals as well as their community more than any other civil society in any country for that matter and to facilitate cooperatives in Asia-Pacific countries to integrate resources for developing and implementing emergency relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction projects during disaster and also must acknowledge cooperatives as essential partner in revival of local economy in post disaster reconstruction;
- Call upon the cooperatives to pay greater attention to service of people and revitalize and strengthen their capacity by consolidating their resources through establishing network with grass root organizations, people's movements, civil societies and national as well as local governments;
- Urge upon to facilitate net work with fellow cooperatives, governments and UN agencies for exchange of information, channel resources, carrying out joint exercises involving the ICA-UN-Government-Cooperative Movement to develop disaster

management units in cooperatives equipped with appropriate resources such as dedicated funds, disaster preparedness Manual and training to staff; and

- Call upon the member nations to raise awareness about role of cooperatives during the disaster and to resolve and recommend that cooperatives be recognized as “Partner in Disaster Management” by respective governments and UN and establish UN-ICA partnership for capacity building of cooperatives for disaster management.

AGENDA ITEM 15 : ANY OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS

Ms. Amneris suggested that election guidelines should be brought out and published in advance.

Dr. Choi said that we established the new rules of election today morning only and this would be included in the minutes of the RA which will serve as guidelines for future RA elections.

AGENDA ITEM 16 : CONSIDERATION OF VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT RA

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that ICA-AP Secretariat has not received any firm offer for hosting the next Regional Assembly.

Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid, President of Dewan Koperasi Indonesia (DEKOPIN) offered to host the next Regional Assembly and related events in Indonesia in 2014. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, President of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) offered to host the 2016 Regional Assembly in India. He further said that India is unable to host the next RA in 2014 due to general elections.

The meeting unanimously accepted the offers of DEKOPIN and NCUI. The dates and venue would be decided in consultation with the DEKOPIN. The RA thanked both Indonesia and India for agreeing to host the ICA-AP events in 2014 and 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 17 : CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members for coming and attending the meeting. He appreciated the excellent arrangements made by the host organization, Japan Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC) for the meetings in Kobe.

Dr. Chan Ho Choi said that a total of 14 different meetings were held in Kobe from 26th to 29th November and he thanked the JJC for making excellent arrangements and the kind hospitality. He also thanked the members of the Election Committee for conducting the election very smoothly.

The RA proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Chan Ho Choi and his staff for carrying out the ICA-AP’s work with success. The RA also thanked Dame Pauline Green, ICA President and Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director General for coming and spending their valuable time.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

Following the joint opening ceremony of 7th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum and Regional Assembly on 28th November, 10th meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly will be officially opened on 29th November. Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of ICA-Asia and Pacific and also the Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly will chair.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of Agenda

Delegates would be requested to formally approve the Agenda.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 9th Meeting held in Beijing on 5th September 2010

The Minutes of the 9th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly held in Beijing (China) on 5th September 2010, as enclosed at Annexure-1 were circulated to all the delegates and member organizations. No suggestions/observations/ amendments have been received. Minutes may be confirmed.

Agenda Item 04 : Perusal of Minutes of ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings since last Regional Assembly

Since the last Regional Assembly, five meetings of the Regional Board were held. Confirmed minutes of the four meetings are enclosed at Annexure-2. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes has already been taken. The delegates of the Regional Assembly may kindly peruse.

Agenda Item 05 : Report of the Regional Director

ICA-AP Financial Report (2009-2012)

The ICA-AP Financial Report for the period 2009 to 2012 is given below:

ICA-AP FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009-2012

<i>(All Amounts are in Swiss Francs)</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012*
INCOME:				
Subscription Redistribution	263,553	288,953	344,589	180,866
Administrative Contribution	65,798	62,721	50,718	41,172
Meeting Revenue	-	52,672	-	
Other Income	-	-	6,179	
TOTAL INCOME	329,351	404,346	401,486	222,038
EXPENSES:				
Personnel Expenses	192,097	208,726	172,255	131,858
Travel Expenses	54,200	67,814	97,986	49,185
Premises & General Office Expenses	19,032	17,983	33,677	13,369
IT and Telecommunication	14,158	14,257	8,722	3,021
External Services	30,006	5,901	86,839	5,712
Meeting Expenses	12,431	58,009	-	1,906
Bank/Other Charges	6,097	23,202	8	107
TOTAL EXPENSES	328,021	395,892	399,487	205,158
SURPLUS	1,330	8,454	1,999	16,880

* upto 30th September

SBO FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009-2011

<i>(All Amounts are in Swiss Francs)</i>	2009	2010	2011
INCOME:			
SNCF, Singapore	23,077	21,897	22,222
TOTAL INCOME	23,077	21,897	22,222
EXPENSES:			
Premises & General Office Expenses	11,000	11,047	7,332
Seminar/ Workshop Expenses	12,077	10,850	14,890
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,077	21,897	22,222

ICA-AP Membership Situation

The following fifteen organizations from nine countries have joined ICA since last Regional Assembly in Beijing in September 2010:

- National Association of Labour Banks (NALB), Japan.
- Cooperative House Building and Finance Corporation Limited, India.
- Supervision & Central Coordination Union of Rural Agricultural Cooperatives (SCURA), Iran.
- Cooperative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH), Australia.
- Tose'e Ta'avon Bank (T.T. Bank), Iran – Associate Member
- Cooperative Investment Guarantee Fund (CIGF), Iran – Associate Member
- Central Union for Cooperative Initiative in Israel Limited, Israel.
- National Cooperative Development Board (NCDB), Nepal.
- Japanese Health and Welfare Cooperative Federation (HeW Coop Japan).
- Mongolia National Cooperator's Association (MNCA), Mongolia
- National Federation of Rural Cooperatives (Induk KUD), Indonesia – Associate Member.
- Pishgaman Kavir Cooperative Company (PKYCC), Iran.
- Kotikawatta Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society Limited (KTCCS), Sri Lanka.
- Central Union of Iran Animal Farmers (CUIAF), Iran.
- *Nepal Agricultural Cooperative Central Federation Limited (NACCFL), Nepal.*

Institute for Indonesian Cooperative Development Studies (LSP2I) of Indonesia and National Federation of Urban Cooperative banks & Credit Societies Limited (NAFCUB) of India have ceased to be members of ICA due to non-payment of subscription fee.

The following organizations have applied for membership of ICA:

- *Gujarat Urban Cooperative Banks Federation (GUJFED), India.*
- *Adivasi Krishak Multi-State Cooperative Society Limited, Jharkhand, India.*
- *National Cooperative Bank Limited, Lalitpur, Nepal.*

The current total membership of ICA-Asia and Pacific is 81 organizations from 25 countries.

Growth of ICA-AP Membership

Period	Countries	# of MOs
1960-1970	06	10
1971-1980	08	22
1981-1990	13	31
1991-2010	25	71

Details	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Existing Members	55	57	60	65	71	77
New Members Added	2	3	5	6	8	4
Members Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total Members	57	60	65	71	77	81

Agenda Item 06 : Report of the 9th Cooperative Ministers' Conference Held in Bangkok on 27-29 February 2012

The brief report of the 9th Cooperative Ministers' Conference held in Bangkok (Thailand) from 27th to 29th February 2012 is enclosed at Annexure-3.

Agenda Item 07 : Re-constitution of the ICA-AP Regional Board

The term of office of the current regional board members will be over by November 2012. According to Rules of ICA-AP, the Regional Assembly shall elect a maximum of eleven members to the Regional Board for the next four years.

The ICA-AP secretariat had written to member organizations to propose nominees for election to the Regional Board. The details of the 14 nominations received by the ICA-AP are placed below for re-constitution of the Regional Board. Out of this, the Regional Assembly shall elect eleven board members including the President and two Vice Chairpersons at its meeting in Kobe (Japan) on 29th November 2012.

S.#	Name of the Member	Country	Position/Organization
01	Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam	Bangladesh	Director (I), BJSU
02	Mr. Li Chunsheng	China	President, ACFSMC
03	Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav	India	President, NCU
04	Mr. A.M. Nurdin Halid	Indonesia	President, DEKOPIN
05	Mr. Akira Banzai	Japan	President, JA-ZENCHU
06	Mr. Won-Byung Choi	Korea	Chairman, NACF
07	Prof Dato Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum	Malaysia	President, ANGKASA
08	Mr. Enkhbold Nyamaa	Mongolia	President, MNCA
09	Mr. Muhammad Sharif Bhajji	Pakistan	M.D, KCHSU
10	Ms. Amneris G. Gabiel	Philippines	Chairperson, NATCCO
11	Mr. Chan Tee Seng	Singapore	Chairman, SNCF
12	Mr. Bandu Ranawake	Sri Lanka	President, NCC
13	Mr. Vitoon Naewpanit	Thailand	Chairman, CLT
14	Mr. Dao Xuan Can	Vietnam	President, VCA

The brief introduction of the 14 nominees to ICA-AP Regional Board is given below for the reference of the members.

01. MR. MD. RAFIQUL ISLAM, DIRECTOR (INT'L), BJSU - BANGLADESH

Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam was born in 1960 at Dhaka. He took civil engineering in 1990 and during the college life he has attended social network as rover scout and after college life joined an international organization named - Jaycees. Under this organization, he toured all over the country and met international leader for the execution of social work over the country & international level. He underwent international training by this organization in 1991 at Bombay. He is also involved with Lions social organization for few years. From 1996 he has involved with cooperative movement in the area of Gopalganj. In the year of 2008 he joined as Coordinator of Cooperator for the National Chairman of Bangladesh Jatiya Samabaya Union (BJSU) as special assignment. Currently he is working as Director (International) of BJSU and looking-after international affairs.

02. MR. LI CHUNSHENG, PRESIDENT, ACFSMC-CHINA

Mr. Li Chunsheng is currently the President of ICA-AP and the President of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC). He holds a PhD degree in Botany. During his long period of service, he worked with Helihe farm in Heilongjiang Province, Ministry of Forestry and the State Council in China. During his service in the State Council, he was deeply engaged in strategic planning and policy-making for rural areas and made enormous contribution to the cooperative development in China. In 1995 he joined ACFSMC as the Deputy Secretary General and Director of Farm Inputs Bureau. He later assumed office as the Secretary General and the Director of International Cooperation Department before being elected as the Vice President of ACFSMC. At present he takes charge of a wide range of cooperative works in ACFSMC, inter-alia, the reform and growth of affiliated enterprises and primary cooperatives, guild development, industrial planning and guidance, cooperative legislation, scientific research and innovation, training and education, international cooperation and trade promotion.

03. DR. CHANDRA PAL SINGH YADAV, PRESIDENT, NCUI-INDIA

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav has been associated with the cooperative movement for more than 20 years. Presently he is the President of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) which is the umbrella organization representing the entire spectrum of cooperative movement of India. He is an eminent cooperative leader with long established credential and experience of leading cooperatives. He has keen interest in the farmers' development through cooperatives and dedicated his entire carrier to the organization, promotion and development of cooperatives in the country. He has been the Chairman of the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) for two terms and presently he is the Vice Chairman and Chairman of all its subsidiaries. He was a member of the 14th Lok Sabha (Parliament) and also served as Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Uttar Pradesh. He was a member of the various standing parliamentary committees and also associated with national and international cooperative institutions and social organizations. He is also the Vice Chairman of ICA-AP Regional Board and Member of IRU Board. He is also representing on the Board of NAFED, NCCF, COBI, NAFCUB, etc. He was also the member of the Board of IFFCO, IFFCO Tokyo General Insurance Limited and has been Chairman of U.P Cooperative Marketing Federation.

04. MR. A.M. NURDIN HALID, PRESIDENT, DEKOPIN-INDONESIA

Mr. A.M. Nurdin Halid was started his career on Cooperative Movement from Agriculture Primary Cooperative in South Sulawesi more than thirty years ago. He worked for cooperatives almost of his whole life. He continues to build cooperative agriculture on secondary level till national level as well. In 1999 while he became the Chairman of National Federation of Village Cooperative (INKUD) he got elected as President of DEKOPIN (the Indonesian Cooperative Council) for period of five years. At the international level, there is ASEAN Cooperative Organization (ACO) where Mr. Halid was appointed as President to continue DEKOPIN Chairmanship till 2014.

05. MR. AKIRA BANZAI, PRESIDENT, JA-ZENCHU-JAPAN

Mr. Akira Banzai was elected as President of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (JA-ZENCHU) by its General Assembly in August 2011 replacing Mr. Mamoru Moteki, ICA Board Member. Mr. Banzai used to be a farmer with 1.5 ha paddy field and began his career in the cooperative movement in 1993 and a board member. He quickly moved into leadership positions in a primary society and a union and federations. He is Chairperson of Japan Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC) which consists of 14 Japanese ICA members; Chairperson of Central Cooperative Bank for Agriculture and Forestry (NORINCHUKIN Bank); and President of the Institute for Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA).

06. MR. WON-BYUNG CHOI, CHAIRMAN, NACF-KOREA

Mr. Won-Byung Choi is the Chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) which is the apex organization of 1,166 member cooperatives representing 2.5 million farmers in Korea. From 1986 when Mr. Choi was elected as the President of An-Gang Agricultural Cooperative, he served six terms in a row until he was elected as the Chairman of NACF in 2007. On the occasion of NACF's 50th anniversary Mr. Choi led the successful re-shaping of NACF group which has two holding companies and 27 subsidiaries. Mr. Choi also devotes himself to the development of the international cooperative movement. Currently he holds the position of a board member of ICA since 2008 and the President of International Cooperative Agricultural Organization (ICAO) since 2009. Under his leadership ICAO could raise its public awareness as a global organization which represents agricultural cooperatives globally and expanded its collaboration works with many other international organizations.

07. PROF DATO DR. MOHD ALI BAHARUM, PRESIDENT, ANGKASA-MALAYSIA

Prof Dato Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum is deemed appropriate for he has been actively involved in the cooperative development in Malaysia for almost 20 years. Prof Dato Dr Mohd Ali Baharum; who holds a Doctor in Philosophy from University of Essex, London, is an eminent cooperative leader in Malaysia and serves as syariah panel advisor to numerous cooperatives and financial institutions (banks and trust share included) in Malaysia. He is currently serving as the President of Malaysian National Cooperative Movement (ANGKASA), the apex cooperative body in Malaysia and also as Board of the Cooperative College of Malaysia (CCM), the only cooperative training institution in Malaysia.

08. MR. ENKHBOLD NYAMAA, HEAD OF MNCA-MONGOLIA

Mr. Enkhbold Nyamaa was educated in Press and Political Institutes in Russia. In 1997 he obtained his master degree in Public Policy from University of Sydney, Australia. Since 1979 he has been working in government organizations, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Foreign Relation, etc. He has been an elected member of Mongolian Parliament since 2004 and re-elected this year. And he was a Vice Speaker of the Parliament between 2008 and 2012. He has been responsible as Head of Mongolian National Cooperator's Association (MNCA) since it was established in 2008. His main objective is to building a suitable legal environment for the cooperative movement.

09. MR. MUHAMMAD SHARIF BHAIJI, MD, KCHSU-PAKISTAN

Mr. Muhammad Sharif Bhajji was born in Bombay (India) in 1936. He started off his career with business then moved to cooperative in 1952 because of reflection & influence of his family which has been into cooperatives since partition. His father Muhammad Yousuf Bhajji was one of the founders of Sindh Cooperative who had devoted himself for the helpless poor people. Mr. Bhajji led by the milestones of his father and spread cooperative feeling all over Karachi. There are lots of achievements to his credits like hospitals, school, colleges and now he is heading Housing Cooperatives of Karachi and has devoted himself for the developments of houses, flat town ships and lots of construction in rural and urban areas. He is presently heading 24 societies which are engaged in marvelous task like establishment of hospitals, school, rehabilitation centers and recreation parks, etc. Mr. Bhajji also serving and working for the betterment of Sindh Province as the Honorary Secretary of Sindh Provincial Cooperatives Union Ltd. He had also laid the store of cooperatives bank in Hyderabad. Now he has been elected as Managing Director of Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union Limited for another 4 years & also elected Secretary for Sindh Provincial Cooperatives Union Limited for 5 years through he has been heading 2,700 societies. He is the Housing Board member of ICA elected in 2009.

10. MS. AMNERIS G. GABRIEL, CHAIRPERSON, NATCCO-PHILIPPINES

Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel is presently the Chairperson of NATCCO, elected during the NATCCO Organizational Meeting on 27th May 2012. She was the Vice Chairperson of NATCCO in the preceding year. She is currently the Chairperson of the Philippines Air Traffic Controllers' Multi-Purpose Cooperative. An air traffic controller by profession, she is an Aeronautical Engineering Graduate, she holds a Masters in Public Administration. She is presently the Chief of the Airspace & Flight Procedure Design Division in the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) under the Department of Transportation & Communication (DOTC). She is a DOTC Trainer on Gender & Development (GAD) and is also in-charge of the Aviation English Language Proficiency of CAAP.

11. MR. CHAN TEE SENG, CHAIRMAN, SNCF-SINGAPORE

Mr. Chan Tee Seng is the Chairman of the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF), the apex body of the Cooperative Movement in Singapore, since 2008 and concurrently the Chief Executive Officer of NTUC First Campus Cooperative, the largest single provider of quality and affordable childcare services in Singapore since 2009. He has been involved with the cooperative movement in Singapore for more than 15 years, assisting the NTUC Secretary General in keeping an oversight of the Social Enterprises within the NTUC Group and was a member of the SNCF Executive Council, serving as its Vice

Chairman for many years. At NTUC, Mr. Chan held key appointments in NTUC Healthcare and NTUC Income Coops, NTUC Membership Dept. and Skills Development Department.

12. MR. BANDU RANAWAKE, PRESIDENT, NCC-SRI LANKA

Mr. Bandu Ranawake is the President of National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (NCC). He was born in a southern district of Matara. Due to his concerns towards the community, he was building very strong connections between the community and the politicians and allied himself towards the Sri Lankan Freedom Party. While in school in 1975 he served as the Chairman of Youth Society. After leaving school, he got involved in community based social services and became the Chairman of Village Development Society and Credit Cooperative Society. In 1989 he was elected as a board member to the Credit and Cooperative Union. In 1995 he was elected as the Chairman of Kotapola Multi Purpose Cooperative Society. In 1998 the KMPCC was adjudged the best cooperative society in Sri Lanka and provided employment to 600 villagers.

Matara District Tea Producers Cooperative Union was a brain child of Mr. Ranawake and amidst many hardships the society was formed in 1998. Today the Union makes an annual profit of SLR 22 million and in 2009 it was awarded the runners up as the best performing cooperative society in Sri Lanka. In 1991 Mr. Ranawake was elected as a member to the Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha. He served the Kotapola Provincial Council as a member and the opposition leader till 1995.

13. MR. VITON NAEWPANIT, CHAIRMAN, CLT-THAILAND

Mr. Viton Naewpanit, 57 years old former taxi driver, to a cooperative leader in Thailand, formed a taxi cooperative to improve the livelihood of taxi drivers migrated from the rural farmers to Bangkok. He was indeed rich and varied experiences and knowledge that he possesses in beneficiary of taxi cooperative such as initiative to use of taxi mobile as "Need a taxi please call 1661". He launched an excellent initiative scheme to help the farmers by "Sale the rice inside the taxi". The passengers can easily buy the rice from taxi drivers to save costs of transportation and directly helped the rural farmers to distribute their products.

At the primary level, he holds the Chairman of Siam Taxi Cooperative, Federation of Transportation Cooperative Services of Thailand, and Foundation of Friend's Taxi Drivers Club. At the top level, he also holds Chairman of the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) since 2006 and ICA-AP Regional Board up to date. During the massive floods in Thailand in October-November 2011, he set up "Center for Emergency Disaster Assistance" shortly after started effective in the northern part in providing physical meals and donation campaign. He continues to bolster all efforts to employ the power of cooperation to maximum effect in bringing rehabilitation and recovery to the flooded areas.

14. MR. DAO XUAN CAN, PRESIDENT, VCA - VIETNAM

Mr. Dao Xuan Can was born on 31st December 1952. He is a doctor of economics. He had been the Chairman of the District People's Committee of Bac Giang Province; Director of Bac Giang Province Department of Planning and Investment; Vice Chairman and then Chairman of Bac Giang People's Committee and former Secretary of Bac Giang Province Party Committee. From 2005 to 2010 he was a member of Vietnam Central Party Committee - Session-X. He was elected as the President of Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) in 2010

for a term of five years in the IV National Congress of VCA. He is a member of ICA-AP Regional Board and Vice President of International Cooperative Agricultural Organization (ICFO).

Agenda Item 08 : Report on UN International Year of Cooperatives and Blue Print of ICA

Mr. Charles Gould, Director General of ICA, will make a presentation on UN International Year of Cooperatives and Blue Print of ICA at the Regional Assembly.

Agenda Item 09 : Approval of ICA-AP New Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2013-2016

The ICA-AP Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2013-2016 are enclosed at Annexure-4.

Agenda Item 10 : Approval of revised ICA-AP Rules (on sub-regional office)

The Singapore Business Office which was started functioning on 10th July 1999 with the financial support of Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF). The SNCF has declined to renew the MOU after 31st March 2012. At the meeting held in Bangkok on 26th February 2012, Prof. Dr. Ali Baharum, President of ANGKASA had offered to provide office space for an ICA office in ANGKASA building in Malaysia free of cost and RD had some discussions with Dr. Ali Baharum regarding the proposed MOU. He further said that we can start the office in January 2013 and activities on consumer coops, coop trade, banking and insurance, etc. could be promoted from the Malaysian Business Office (MBO).

The MOU is being finalized with ANGKASA and the MBO will be evaluated after two years. ANGKASA has agreed to second one staff to work at MBO More support is required from other member organizations in the form of one or two seconded staff.

In view of the above, the following changes are proposed in the Rules of ICA-AP.

EXISTING RULES	CHANGES PROPOSED
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Agenda Item 11 : Formation of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry

Background

Climate change is the unfolding baskets of calamities of our times. It is our moral responsibility, as a major component of the earth ecology, and as a resident of the world, to address the global threat that may take our children in to its grief. We are compelled to make difficult choices and change our lifestyles accordingly. If we see around the globe, our natural resources are depleting at a very fast rate to achieve growth which leads to unsustainable development. It has been projected by International Panel on Climate change that “the impact of climate change will fall disproportionately upon developing countries and poor persons within the countries and thereby inequalities in health status and access to adequate food, clean water and other resources”.

Global warming is slowly and continuously heating up planet Earth resulting in Glaciers melting. The glaciers in Himalayas are receding faster and that at current rate of depletion, the likelihood in Himalayan Ecology is deteriorating.

The expected doubling of heat trapping greenhouse gases over pre-industrial levels by the middle of the present century is projected to raise the average temperature of the earth 2 degree Celsius every coming year. Such radical changes would lead to an ecological catastrophe of incredible level. It also affects adversely not only the agriculture production but the ecology of the Asia Pacific Countries. A one meter rise in the sea level would submerge islands; salt water would intrude on rivers and coastal areas affecting freshwater supplies and severally hamper fishing.

We have to work towards energy efficient and sustainable development. Any successful and long lasting global agreement on climate change has to work on the principle of common but differentiated responsibility with concrete measures providing financial and technology transfers to developing states from developed nations on a realistic basis.

Situation in Asia-Pacific Region

Forest lands across Asia cover an area of over 500 million hectares, the majority of which are located in China (41 percent), Indonesia (18 percent), India (13 percent), Myanmar (6 percent), Thailand and Malaysia (4 percent each). Despite their unique standing value, tropical forests in the region have suffered high rates of deforestation. Since 1990, 38.7 million hectares of primary and other naturally regenerated forest have been lost in the Asia-Pacific region – an area greater than the size of Japan. The overall low levels of per capita forest area in the region make these reductions even more significant. In South Asia, in particular, 23 percent of the world’s population relies on only 2 percent of global forest resources and per capita forest area stands at only 0.05 hectares. The largest total reductions in forest area since 1990 were, however, in Southeast Asia where deforestation amounted to 33.2 million hectares or 7.6 percent of the land area. The decreasing forest area is one of the major causes for climate change on the earth.

The Way Forward

Heightened global interest in forests and forestry requires more investment in forestry sector and to attract more investment need to be focused on the following issues:-

- *Encouragements to the organizations/cooperatives engaged in promoting and developing natural resources/forests with community support for environment conservation.*
- *Improvements in institutional responsiveness, flexibility and efficiency are essential to cater to increased demand for forest goods and ecosystem services.*
- *Improvement in social and economic justice mean that direct government control over forest resources will need to be gradually relinquished. Government forestry agencies may need to confine responsibilities to regulation and oversight while allowing the cooperative sector, civil society and local actors to manage a larger proportion of the national forest estate.*
- *A major factor in encouraging investment will be increased clarity and stability of forest and forest land tenure. Without appropriate allocation of rights and responsibilities, investment in forestry may be wasted.*
- *With the region's forest area beginning to stabilize and in view of the rising demands for agricultural land, focus should be directed towards improving forest quality and raising the production of ecosystem services through forest conservation and rehabilitation and afforestation/reforestation.*
- *Providing adequate funding to monitor and maintain protected areas and diverting mining and infrastructure development activities away from precious forest resources will reduce the level of threat to much of the region's biodiversity.*
- *Recapitalization of the region's forest resources is essential for a greener future.*

Need to form ICA-AP Committee on Forestry

Since the cooperative sector is important and responsible to provide better life to its members, can play vital role and can contribute significantly in mitigating the climate change. In India, there are such a few successful examples where forestry cooperatives had significantly contributed to achieve the goal towards mitigating climate change.

The overall aim of the Committee will be to enhance the socio-economic status of the people through collective action by sustainable Natural Resource Management (NRM) and afforestation of wasteland for environment up-gradation, employment generation and integrated rural development for socio-economic upliftment of the landless, marginal and small farmers, women in particular.

Looking at the importance of the forestry sector, it has been decided at ICA-AP Secretariat that an ICA-AP Committee on Forestry should be constituted. In view of this, may I request the Regional Assembly to approve the formation of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry. We have already received 11 nominations from 7 countries {Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, New Zealand and Sri Lanka} to become the members of the Committee. According to the ICA Rules, there will be no fee or subscription to be paid by the member-organizations separately to become a member of the Forestry Committee.

Agenda Item 12 : Approval of Revised Constitutions of ICA-AP Committees

The Regional Director is expected to present a report on the revised Constitutions of ICA-AP Committees at the Regional Assembly for its approval.

Agenda Item 13 : Reports from ICA-AP Sectoral/Thematic Committees

The Chairpersons of the following ICA-AP Sectoral/Thematic Committees will present their report before the Regional Assembly:

- (a) *ICA-AP Committee on Agriculture*
- (b) *ICA-AP Committee on Consumer*
- (c) *ICA-AP Committee on Credit and Banking*
- (d) *ICA-AP Committee on HRD*
- (e) *ICA-AP Committee on Research*
- (f) *ICA-AP Committee on Women*
- (g) *ICA-AP Committee on Youth*
- (h) *ICA-AP Committee on Forestry*
- (i) *ICA-AP Committee on University/Campus*

Agenda Item 14 : Report of the 7th Cooperative Forum on “Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster”

The 7th Cooperative Forum would be held on 28th November 2012 a day before the Regional Assembly. The Forum will have presentations by eminent cooperative experts and leaders on the theme “**Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster**”. The deliberations at the Forum will help delegates have a deeper insight into the most relevant and crucial contextual issues important to cooperatives. We expect around 300 international participants in this Cooperative Forum, besides a large number of local participants.

A brief report and a Resolution on “Cooperative Action for Natural Disaster” will be presented at the Regional Assembly on 29th November for its approval by the Forum Chair.

Agenda Item 15 : Any Other Business Matters

Agenda Item 16 : Consideration of Venue and Date of next Regional Assembly

Agenda Item 17 : Closing Remarks

**MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF ICA-AP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Beijing (China): 5th September 2010**

AGENDA ITEM 01 : OPENING REMARKS

The joint opening ceremony of the 9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly and 6th Cooperative Forum was held at Beijing International Convention Center (BICC) in the morning of 3rd September 2010 which was attended by more than 900 cooperators. The inaugural address was delivered by His Excellency Liangyu Hui, Vice Premier of Peoples Republic of China. Dame Pauline Green, ICA President and Mr. Li Chengyu, President of ACFSMC delivered their special addresses at the opening ceremony. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-AP proposed a vote of thanks.

Subsequent to the deliberations at the ICA Regional Cooperative Forum, the 9th Meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Assembly was held at BICC, Beijing (China) on 5th September. 283 participants from 22 countries attended the Regional Assembly.

Mr. **Li Chunsheng**, President, ICA-AP and being the Chairman of ICA-AP Regional Assembly opened the meeting and welcomed all the members and special invitees. He expressed his happiness for the participation of most of the member organizations' representatives at the Regional Assembly in Beijing. He was happy to learn about laudable achievements made by the Cooperative Movements in various countries of the region during the last two years. He further said that around 400 international guests were registered for different meetings in Beijing. After his brief remarks, he requested Mr. Charles Gould, Director General of ICA, to say a few words.

Mr. **Charles Gould** informed the meeting that the ICA President, Dame Pauline Green, was unable to attend the RA. He expressed his pleasure on attending 2010 Regional Assembly of ICA-AP. He thanked all the participants for their participation in various meetings. He said that this was an important meeting. He overwhelmingly thanked the ACFSMC for the excellent arrangements made for the week-long events in Beijing. He said that we would be celebrating 2012 as International Year of Cooperatives. He welcomed all the delegates to the meeting and wished good discussions on the Agenda.

Dr. **Chan Ho Choi** said that around 300 participants from 28 countries had made on-line registration and a total of 26 different meetings were held in Beijing. He further said that first time the Cooperative-Government Dialogue was held during the Regional Assembly which was attended by close to 100 participants from 22 countries. He also expressed his sincere thanks to ACFSMC for making excellent arrangements for the meetings in Beijing.

AGENDA ITEM 02 : APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked the members if they had any comments on the Agenda. The Agenda, which was circulated at the meeting, was unanimously approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 03 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH
MEETING HELD IN HANOI ON 5TH DECEMBER 2008**

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Regional Assembly held in Hanoi (Vietnam) on 5th December 2008 were circulated to all the delegates/member organizations and no comments/suggestions/amendments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

**AGENDA ITEM 04 : PERUSAL OF MINUTES OF ICA-AP REGIONAL BOARD
MEETINGS SINCE LAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Since last Regional Assembly, four meetings of the Regional Board were held. Confirmed minutes of these meetings were circulated at the RA. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes had already been completed. The delegates of the RA endorsed the minutes of the Regional Board.

At this point, Mr. **Chan Tee Seng**, Chairman of Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) and Member of the ICA-AP Regional Board took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 05 : APPROVAL OF REVISED NEW RULES OF ICA-AP

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented the proposed amendments in the Rules of ICA-AP. He said that the ICA Governance Committee was given the mandate to review the Rules of the ICA regions so as to ensure that those were in conformity with the ICA Rules approved by the Special 2008 General Assembly held in Rome.

He said that ICA Rules being the global rules of the organization carry global significance and therefore the regional rules should be in conformity with the ICA Rules and avoid restating what was found in the ICA Rules – especially with regard to mission statements, membership, powers and responsibilities, etc. This, in turn, would have the advantage that if and when the ICA Rules were amended by the General Assembly with regard to these issues, the amendments would automatically apply to the regions enabling a consistency in the governance.

He said that the Rules were thoroughly discussed at the last Regional Board meeting held in Seoul in April and the minor changes proposed by the members had been incorporated. He further said that the Regional Board had already approved the revised Rules in its meeting held in Beijing on 1st December.

The new Rules of ICA-AP were unanimously approved by the Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 06 : REPORT OF ICA-AP ACTIVITIES IN 2009 AND 2010

Mr. Chan Ho Choi presented the report of main ICA-AP activities carried out during the year 2009. He also gave a brief account of the activities carried out by ICA-AP from January to August and scheduled for the remaining period of 2010. He said that the activities were much diversified and many meetings were being held in Beijing in conjunction with the ICA Regional Assembly.

Mr. Chan Tee Seng congratulated the ICA Regional Director and his staff for conducting many important activities in 2009 and 2010. He said that the Asia-Pacific region had got good development partners. The report was unanimously accepted by the Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 07 : ICA-AP FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009 AND 2010

Mr. Chan Ho Choi presented the ICA-AP financial report for the year 2009. He informed the members that there was a surplus of CHF 1,330 during the year 2009. He also presented the financial report for the period January to June 2010. He informed the members that a small surplus was also expected during the year 2010. The report was unanimously accepted by the RA.

All members expressed happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi also informed the meeting that the Japanese Consumers' Cooperative Union (JCCU-Japan) had seconded a person at Singapore Business Office and the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI-India) had seconded a person at New Delhi office.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the financial situation of Asia-Pacific region was very good and hoped it would be better and better in the coming years.

At this point, Mr. **Godofredo Lising**, Vice Chairman of National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO) and Member of the ICA-AP Regional Board took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 08 : ICA-AP WORK PLAN FOR 2011

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented the ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011. He said that in addition to routine activities the following four studies were included in the Work Plan – (a) Study on Consumer Cooperatives in Asia; (b) Study on Cooperative Trade among Cooperatives; (c) Study on Technical Cooperation among Cooperatives; and (d) Study on Communication Strategy for Cooperatives.

He also informed the meeting that the Government of Iran and the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) had expressed their keen interest to hold the next Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Iran and Vietnam respectively. After discussions, the meeting authorized Dr. Choi to discuss and finalize the venue of the next Ministers' Conference.

Mr. Moteki said that ICA should prepare a common message for coops on International Year of Cooperatives which could be translated into local languages for public awareness.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the ICA-AP secretariat for preparing a very good Work Plan for the year 2011.

The work plan for 2011 was unanimously approved by the Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 09 : ICA-AP MEMBERSHIP SITUATION

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the following ten organizations from seven countries had joined ICA since last Regional Assembly in Hanoi in December 2008:

- All China Federation of Handicraft & Industrial Coops (ACFHIC), China.
- International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Coops (ICCIC).
- National Federation of Fishermen's Coops Limited (FISHCOPFED), India.
- National Labour Cooperatives' Federation of India Limited (NLCF), India.
- Iran Oilseeds & Vegetable Oil Processing Factories Coop Co. (Farda Oil Co.).
- iCOOP Solidarity of Consumer Cooperatives, Rep. of Korea.
- Korean Association of Social Economy Enterprises (KASEE), Korea.
- National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Coops (NAMAC), Mongolia.
- National Cooperative Federation & Development Center (VICTO), Philippines.
- Republican Union of Consumer Societies (Soyuz Tadjikmatlubot), Tajikistan.

He also said that the following organizations had applied for membership of ICA:

- China Fisheries Association (CFA), China
- Supervision & Central Coordination Union of Rural Agricultural Cooperatives (SCURA), Iran.
- National Association of Labour Banks, Japan.
- Mongolian Coop Training and Information Center (MCTIC), Mongolia.
- Cooperative House Building and Finance Corporation Ltd., Lucknow, India.

The total membership of ICA-AP was **68** organizations from **25** countries.

The members appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Choi in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region.

At this point, Mr. **Bandupala Ranaweka**, President of National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (NCC) and Member of the ICA-AP Regional Board took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10 : APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC HEALTH COOP ORGANIZATION (APHCO)

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that 2008 Special ICA General Assembly held in Rome (Italy) had resolved that there should be only one time annual membership fee of ICA thereby doing away with the membership fee of sectoral organizations and thematic committees. This consequently applies equally at the global, regional and sectoral levels. Accordingly, no sectoral organization/thematic committee, globally or regionally, would be allowed to collect separate membership subscription or have non-members participating in the meetings. As such, it is the responsibility of ICA regional offices to ensure adherence of this resolution by regional sectoral organizations/thematic committees.

He further said that in view of the above, APHCO would not be able to collect any subscription from the members for its activities and hence its Constitution should be changed accordingly.

Mr. Amano said that APHCO board members need more time to discuss this matter further in detail. Therefore, he wanted to postpone this Agenda and come back at a later stage. The Regional Assembly agreed to his suggestion.

AGENDA ITEM 11 : REVIVAL OF ICA COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and Pacific was in existence until 1998 and it used to hold its meetings regularly. Its revised Constitution was also approved by the Regional Assembly held in Seoul (Republic of Korea) in 1998. After that due to lack of interest among committee members, it was discontinued.

He further said that it was decided at the Fisheries Committee meeting held on 2nd September to postpone the revival of Fisheries Committee for the time being because the members wanted to concentrate on the strengthening of International Cooperative Fisheries Organization (ICFO) first since they do not have enough funds. ICFO had got only 13 members and their first priority is to strengthen the ICFO.

AGENDA ITEM 12 : REPORT ON 6TH ASIA-PACIFIC COOP FORUM

The 6th Asia-Pacific Coop Forum was held along with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly on 4th September at BICC in Beijing. The Theme of the Coop Forum was "Co-operatives-The Sector of Global Importance". The following were the Sub-themes: (a) *Visibility of Cooperatives and Year 2012*; (b) *Cooperatives – A Responsible Civil Society*; (c) *Corporate Governance in Cooperatives*; (d) *Level Playing Field for Cooperatives*; (e) *Cooperatives Empower Women and Youth*; and (e) *Way Ahead for Cooperatives*.

More than 200 delegates from 26 countries attended the 6th Coop Forum. The Cooperative Forum was created in 2000 with twin objectives of having open and frank discussions on important issues concerning the development of cooperatives and helping the co-operatives to seriously take up strategic initiatives for the successful operations of cooperatives in the fiercely competitive world. So far 5 such forums had been held over the period of 10 years since inception. The discussion and deliberations at the Forum were held on the main theme and related sub-themes of the Forum. The focus, however, remained on certain issues which need to be addressed or emphasized for the inclusive growth and development of cooperative movements in the region.

Mr. Dai Gongxing, Vice President of ACFSMC gave the opening address and the key note speech was delivered by Dame Pauline Green, President of ICA. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-AP, gave the background perspective of the Coop Forum and facilitated the discussions. There were six presentations made by the experts.

At the end, a panel discussion took place which was conducted by Hajah Armi Zainudin, Vice President of ANGKASA and ICA Board Member.

At this point, Dr. **Mohd. Ali Baharum**, President of National Cooperative Organization of Malaysia (ANGKASA) and Member of the ICA-AP Regional Board took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13 : REPORT ON COOPERATIVE-GOVERNMENT DIALOGUE ON COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The Cooperative-Government Dialogue on setting the framework of 9th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy & Legislation was held at BICC in Beijing on the 3rd September soon after the joint opening of the 9th ICA Regional Assembly and the 6th Cooperative Forum. The main objective of holding the Dialogue in conjunction with the Regional Assembly was to showcase the strength of ICA's membership base and also the expertise on matters concerning cooperatives. The Dialogue was attended by close to 100 delegates from 22 countries in the region. There were more than 30 delegates from the governments in 11 countries in the region. The theme of the Dialogue was "Socio-Economic Development & Cooperatives".

The title of the next Conference was proposed as "9th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy and legislation" on the theme "Cooperatives for Socio-Economic Development".

AGENDA ITEM 14 : REPORT OF 6TH REGIONAL WOMEN'S/YOUTH FORUM

The 6th Regional Women's/Youth Forum was held at BICC in Beijing on 2nd September. The theme of the Forum was "Cooperatives: The Sector for Empowerment of Women and Youth". A total of 40 cooperators from ten countries attended the Forum.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the ICA-AP Women's Committee welcomed the guests and participants and thanked them for their presence. She spoke about the Endeavour of the Women's Committee for empowerment of women and gender mainstreaming in cooperatives in the region. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, President of NCUI delivered the opening address and declared the Forum open.

The key note speech on the theme was delivered by Ms. Mi-Yea OH, Chairperson of iCOOP Goyang/President of Mutual Aid Society for Enhancing Korean Agriculture. It is a mutual aid society established by the members of iCOOP Korea to support local coops and agricultural producers. She started her address by reminding the participants the message of this year's international cooperative day. At iCOOP most of the leaders in 76 local coops were women.

In the post lunch session, group discussion was held among the women and youth group. The topic for the discussion was "Coop for Professional Development of Women & Youth".

At this point, Mr. **Li Chunsheng** took over as chair of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 15 : REPORTS FROM ICA SECTORAL ORGANISATIONS/
THEMATIC COMMITTEES**

Agriculture Committee: The ICA Committee on Agriculture in collaboration with ICAO organized a seminar on "Climate Change, Food Security and Sustainability of Agriculture" at BICC in Beijing on 1st September. The seminar was attended by 49 delegates from 21 countries.

The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Won-Byung Choi, President of NACF and Chairman of ICAO. Mr. N.P. Patel, Chairman of ICA Agriculture Committee delivered the key-note address. Mr. Tong Baojun, President, Board of Supervisors, ACFSMC greeted the delegates.

Mr. K.K. Ravindran, Managing Director of National Cooperative Agriculture & Rural development Banks' Federation in India made the thematic presentation and dwelled upon all the related aspects of food security, agricultural cooperatives and the role of cooperatives in managing the climate change for the benefit of global society at large.

Mr. Matsuda Masahiro made an impressive presentation on the health services rendered by Agricultural Cooperatives in Japan and referred to the case of first medical healthcare service that was launched in November 1919 by a multi-purpose primary agricultural cooperative in Shimane Prefecture to provide medical service at low rates.

Ms. Linda Marion Shaw presented the classic innovative case of captive sales counters of coop farm produce in UK. Ms. Batmunkh Dulzen, Vice President, National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Cooperatives shared cooperative farm practices of Mongolia with the participants. Meaningful interventions were made by Mr. Cafer Yuksel, OR-KOOP President from Turkey. The experts from COPA, AFMA and international Center for Trade and Sustainable Development enriched the conferencing content of the seminar.

The seminar ended up with following key observations and recommendations: (a) Agriculture production was most convenient in a coop mode; (b) Agricultural coops help enhance food production, stabilize food prices, generate gainful self employment, arrest migration to urban areas, strengthen local economies, reduce poverty, empower most vulnerable segment of society and finally save the mother planet from climatic disorders; (c) Time has come to conduct deeper research into fertile and water efficient farming practices, pest and heat resistant species of cereals using healthy genetically engineered crops, greening of waste land through productive plantation for a greener plantation; and (d) Building rural infrastructure of roads, warehouses, market centers, community education services, networks for e-marketing and value additive integrated support services would make agriculture as one of the most promising sectors of economy.

Regional Cooperative Banking Association (RCBA): A joint seminar of ICBA and RCBA on Financial Inclusion through Cooperative Banking—various forms and comparative advantages—was held on 1st September at BICC in Beijing. 25 participants from 8 countries attended the seminar. The seminar was chaired by Mr. Jean-Louis Bancel, Chairman of International Cooperative Banking Association (ICBA) and Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, Chairman, Regional Cooperative Banking Association (RCBA).

The following papers were presented at the seminar: (a) Financial Inclusion through Cooperative Banking by Mr. B. Subrahmanyam, Managing Director, National Federation of State Cooperative Banks of India; (b) Exert

the Core Role of China Rural Credit Unions for Rural Financial Inclusion by Prof. Du Benwei, Vice Chairman of China Banking Association; (c) A special presentation on Global Networking of Cooperative Banking by Mr. Bernard Huberdeau, Secretary General of International Confederation of Popular Banks, Brussels; (d) Coop Banking Model of New Zealand by Mr. Ramsey Margolis; and (e) A presentation on "Thrift and Credit Cooperatives in India" by Mr. P.V. Prabhu, Secretary of National Institute for Rural Banking, Bangalore, India. In addition, two case studies on Rural Cooperative Banks were presented—one by Dr. P.A. Kiriwadeniya, Chairman, SANASA Group of Sri Lanka and second one was presented by Mr. Babak Lalfam of Ministry of Coops, Iran.

After presentation of these papers, an open house discussion on Special Coop Development Fund at the regional level took place. Mr. Rajiv Mehta introduced the topic of discussion and Ms. Linda Shaw, Vice Principal of Coop College of UK, catalyzed the discussions. The Iranian and Malaysian delegates expressed their views in favour of the fund. However, the discussions remained inconclusive due to reservations posed by Indian delegates.

After the seminar, the 11th meeting of RCBA was to take place at the same venue at 14.00 hours which was postponed due to lack of quorum.

Consumer Committee: The 44th meeting of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation was held at BICC in Beijing on 2nd September. 16 participants from five countries (India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka) attended the meeting. In addition, eight observers from Sri Lanka also attended the meeting.

In addition to the routine agenda of the meeting (Activity report since last meeting; Activity plan for next year 2011, Exchange of country reports), election of the Office Bearers of the Committee took place. Mr. H. Amano of JCCU was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson of the Committee for another term of four years. Mr. Virendra Singh, Chairman, NCCF (India) and Mr. Leong Sim Poh of NTUC Fairprice (Singapore) were unanimously elected as Vice Chairpersons of the Committee.

It was also decided that the next meeting of Consumer Committee would be held in the Philippines in conjunction with a workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives in Asia between October and December 2011.

Fisheries Committee: A meeting to discuss the issue of revival of ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and Pacific was held at BICC in Beijing on 2nd September at 14:00 hours. Ten participants from four countries (India, Japan, Korea & Vietnam) attended the meeting.

After a brief discussion on the subject, among members, it was decided to postpone the revival of ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and the Pacific for the time being because members wanted to concentrate on the strengthening of International Cooperative Fisheries Organization (ICFO) first as they do not have enough funds to support both ICFO and ICA Committee on Fisheries at the same time.

They further decided that if ICA-AP could finance the ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and the Pacific, it could take a decision and inform us accordingly.

HRD Committee: The 22nd meeting of the ICA Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD) for Asia and Pacific and was held in the forenoon of 2nd September at BICC in Beijing. 29 participants from 6 countries (China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and UK) attended the meeting. The opening session was attended and addressed by Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, President of NCUI and Vice Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly and Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chairman of the HRD Committee. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-Asia and Pacific also addressed the meeting at a later stage.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chairman of the HRD Committee. He welcomed the presence of the members and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He stressed the importance of Global HRD Networking (www.hrd.coop) developed and maintained by National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VMNICM) in collaboration with ICA.

The following four presentations were made at the meeting: (a) "Global HRD Networking Centre" by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, former Chief Executive of NCUI and Vice Chairman of Cooperative House building and Finance Corporation Limited, Lucknow, India; (b) "Status and Progress of Cooperative Education in Schools" by Mrs. Anita Manchanda, Chief Executive of National Cooperative Union of India; (c) "Cooperative Schools in U.K" by Mr. Mervyn Wilson, Chief Executive and Director of Cooperative College of UK, Manchester; and

(d) “Significance and Importance of Training of Board of Directors in Cooperatives – A Malaysian Experience” by Ms. Hajah Armi Zainudin, Vice President of ANGKASA and ICA Board Member.

The ICA HRD Committee initiated two ambitious projects, namely, Global HRD (GHRD) networking portal and Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) some time back.

A suggestion was made at the last meeting held in Hanoi that the Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) may be managed by the Asia-Pacific region. After discussions, it was decided that a detailed project report should be prepared by the HRD Committee and be placed before the next meeting for its approval. Mr. Bhagwati Prasad presented the feasibility report at the meeting.

After deliberations, the Committee felt that at this juncture there is a need to formulate long term policy for successful running of these two prestigious projects of ICA HRD Committee in times to come. For this a permanent framework is required to support financially, technically and administratively.

The committee also endorsed the suggestion of integrating these two projects to minimize the cost and broaden the prospects of generating more resources from various sources, keeping in view the larger interest of cooperative movements.

After long discussions, the Committee was of the opinion that keeping in view the importance and their usefulness, both projects, i.e. GHRD and CLC were required to continue in the larger interest of the coop movements. Since GHRD was being run and supported by NCUI, there was a need for augmenting funds for CLC to continue because this project was going to be closed on 30th Sept. 2010 for want of renewal of .coop domain.

The meeting decided to continue the seminar on HRD Best Practices in the year 2011. The theme of the seminar would be “Need and Importance of HRD in Cooperatives with special reference to Training of Board of Directors”. The representative of ANGKASA offered to host the next seminar in Malaysia sometime in May 2011.

The meeting unanimously re-elected Mr. Bhagwati Prasad from India as Chairman and Ms. Hajah Armi Zainudin from Malaysia was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of the HRD Committee for the next four years. Both of them thanked the members for reposing their faith in them.

Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization: The APHCO board meeting and the seminar was held in the afternoon of 2nd September at BICC in Beijing. 16 members from India, Japan, Malaysia and Sri Lanka participated in the meeting.

In the meeting, the members held discussions on Tokyo Declaration which was adopted in Tokyo at the 3rd international health coop forum in 2007. Five agendas were written in the Tokyo Declaration on the basis of Cooperative Principles as formulated by ICA.

The most important issue at the board meeting was on the revision of APHCO rules. In conclusion, they decided to further discuss the issue and not to seek approval of the APHCO rules at the present ICA Regional Assembly.

After the board meeting, APHCO held a seminar on the topic “HIV and Health Care for Women” focusing on cooperatives. Two resource persons were invited as speakers to make presentations at the seminar.

Research Committee: The ICA-AP Research Committee Conference on “Innovation and Expansion – The Opportunity for Cooperatives to Grow” was held at BICC in Beijing on 2nd September. The conference was chaired by Dr. G.N. Saxena, Chairman of ICA Research Committee. The conference was attended by 40 delegates from nine countries.

The focus of the conference was on integration of value chain in the affairs of cooperatives so as to give maximum benefits to the members and attract more members to join the cooperatives to expand the rural and local economy. The delegates were of the opinion that cooperative enterprises have an advantage compared to other forms of corporate as it dwells more on developing solid relations of reciprocal trust with stakeholders. The delegates from various countries made valuable contribution through their presentations on innovative ideas in cooperatives.

The conference concluded with the following important questions regarding the future of cooperatives: (a) What innovations should be introduced in corporate culture in order to face the many challenges of the present global economic situation; (b) How to compete with excellent companies, without becoming the same as a capital enterprise; (c) Were cooperative values and principles in line with the problems of today; and (d) How can cooperatives generate the resources required to compete and develop.

University/Campus Cooperative Committee: A special workshop on University/Campus Cooperatives was held in Yogyakarta (Indonesia) from 21st to 25th June. The main theme of the workshop was “Campus Coops: Responding to Emerging Challenges of Higher Education”. Around 100 participants including students from Japan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, and Indonesia attended the workshop. The 2nd meeting of University/Campus Cooperative Committee was held in Yogyakarta. 15 members of the Committee attended the meeting. Professor Kokichi Shoji was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Women’s Committee: The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Women’s Committee was held at BICC in Beijing on 1st September from 14:00 to 17:00 hours. Ten members from seven countries and twenty observers attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the Committee. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director, ICA-Asia and Pacific, also attended the opening session and extended a warm welcome to the participants. Dr. Choi emphasized on the importance of equal participation of women and men in cooperatives and the need of capacity building of women to take up leadership.

Ms. Kruewan Chonlanai, Chairperson of Asian Women in Cooperative Development Forum (AWCF) was unanimously elected as 2nd Vice Chair of the Committee. Currently it had got a total of 14 members from 11 countries.

The members shared information and updates about gender mainstreaming activities in their cooperatives. The next meeting of the Committee would be held in 2011 in conjunction with some important ICA event.

Youth Committee: The 4th meeting of ICA Committee on Youth Cooperation was held on 1st September at BICC in Beijing. 15 participants from seven countries attended the meeting. The meeting discussed the activities held since the last meeting and the activity plan for 2011.

All members actively participated in the discussions and pointed out the following as key issues facing the youth – unemployment; participation in decision-making process; education; social awareness among youth; environmental issues such as global warming; and legal constraints to reach out youth.

Ms. Tahmineh Kashani of CURACI (Iran) was unanimously elected as Chairperson while Mr. Hham Nasai of DEKOPIN (Indonesia) and Mr. Koji Ozeki of JA-ZENCHU (Japan) were elected as Vice Chairpersons of the Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee during 2011. The next Youth Conference would, however, be held in Japan in conjunction with the next Regional Assembly in 2012.

Preparatory Meeting of Tourism Committee: ICA-AP organized a preparatory meeting of Tourism and other innovative Committees at BICC in Beijing on 2nd September. The meeting was jointly chaired by Mr. Mohammad Sharif Bhajji, Managing Director, Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union, Pakistan and Dr. G.N. Saxena, Director–Cooperative Development, Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative, India. The meeting was organized keeping in mind the theme of the Regional Assembly. The meeting was attended by 34 delegates from eight countries.

The meeting started with the talks relating to the need for Focus Groups that could dwell upon the coop potential in areas like tourism, housing, forestry, education, insurance and workers. The unanimous recommendation was of ICA-AP’s nodal role in conceptualization of specialized committees to benefit coops and economy at large.

Participants shared experiences in serving tourism related interests. The importance of the International Year of Cooperatives-2012 was also voiced. The session concluded with the decision on conducting feasibility studies on forming tourism and housing committees as specialized bodies of ICA-AP. The Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union and the representatives of the Ministry of Cooperatives of Iran agreed to arrange financial support for these two feasibility studies. The session was facilitated by Mr. Rajiv Mehta who was assigned the responsibility of setting the contours of the studies in consultation with fraternal stakeholders in the ICA-AP region.

AGENDA ITEM 16: DISCUSSION ON IMPORTANT EVENTS

ICA Expo 2010, Bangalore (India), 8-10 December

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December 2010 in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy. The first ICA Expo was held in October 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair would promote the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

At the request of Dr. Choi, Dr. Saxena made a brief presentation on the preparations for the ICA Expo 2010. He said that about 75% of space had been sold out and the Expo would be inaugurated by Her Excellency Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, President of India. He said that Dr. Chandra Pal Singh had issued a letter to all the member cooperatives in India requesting them to participate at the Expo. He further said that IFFCO was willing to give space for five weaker cooperatives in the region free of cost as advised by ICA Regional Director.

Dr. Choi said that ICA Expo 2010 was very important for networking and requested the members to confirm their participation as soon as possible. He further said that participation of consumer and producer coops was very important.

UN Declaration on 2012 International Year of Cooperatives

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the members that the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution - "Cooperatives and Social Development" - in which it proclaimed the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) to be celebrated in 2012. He requested the members to take necessary initiatives on this matter as early as possible.

At the request of Dr. Choi, Ms. Maria Elena Chavez informed the meeting that the Working Group would be discussing this matter further. She said that one of the issues currently being tackled was determining a message for the cooperatives which could be translated into local languages and there was a need for the cooperatives to contact their governments. She further said that Japan, Mongolia, Brunei and the Philippines had already formed the national committees and requested other countries to form national committees.

Mr. Moteki informed the meeting that Japan has already formed the national committee and its first meeting was held in August and it would be meeting again in this year.

Mr. Yamashita wanted to discuss about strategic mission for IYC. He further said that JCCU would be celebrating its 60th anniversary in the next year.

Ms. Maria Elena Chavez further informed the meeting that there was an official website for International Year of Cooperatives which was launched in last August. Details on how to form a national committee were available on the website. ICA website would also be updated on a regular basis. ICA Geneva would also be sending out news items on IYC to its members regularly.

50th Anniversary of ICA-AP (1960-2010)

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the year 2010 marks completion of 50 years of ICA-AP. It was thought prudent to celebrate the history and glory of ICA-AP for serving the cooperative members in the biggest and most vibrant region of the world. A Book containing salient features of ICA's evolution to present form entitled **50 Years of International Cooperative Alliance in Asia-Pacific Serving Co-operatives** would be brought out. The chronology of events was distributed at the meeting.

He further said that it was his keen desire to capture this historic occasion as a launching pad for spreading awareness about the relevance and significance of cooperatives in general and 2012 International Year of Cooperatives in particular.

AGENDA ITEM 17 : ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Errum Sharif Bhajji made a presentation on *Terrible Catastrophe of the Century – Flood 2010 in Pakistan*. In her presentation she said that “at least 2,000 people have been killed and more than 722,000 homes had been badly damaged or totally destroyed. Pakistan has appealed to international donors for help in responding to the disaster. The UN has also launched relief efforts. It appealed for US\$ 460 million to provide immediate help, including food, shelter and clean water. Initial rescue of affected people, development of rescue camps, supply of food and medication are the basic requirements being supplied to some extent by the various agencies including civil societies and cooperatives. In Hyderabad two major camps of IDPs (more than 7,000 in each camp) have been set up by the Government where Sindh Graduates Cooperative Housing Society in collaboration with Hyderabad Gymkhana and other civil societies was providing food, clothes, milk to infants, water coolers, mats, cots, and other utilities”.

She said that at the moment they do not need any financial support from the members. However, they might require funds for re-construction programs (phase-2).

Dr. Chan Ho Choi said that he would be visiting Pakistan in October to find out more about the flood situation. He further said that if any member wanted to send donation, it could be routed through ICA.

Dr. Ali Baharum said that this time there was no field visits in China. He said that field visits were very important for the participants. He further said that Malaysia would be participating at the ICA Expo 2010 in Bangalore and would provide some financial support to Pakistan.

AGENDA ITEM 18 : CONSIDERATION OF VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that on behalf of Japanese Joint Committee (JJC), the JA-ZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan) had offered to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Japan in the last quarter of 2012 for 5 days.

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh informed the meeting that NCUI Congress would be held in 2012. Hence he wanted to host the next Regional Assembly in India in 2012 to coincide with the IYC. He requested the Japanese friends to allow Indian Cooperative Movement to host the next RA in India.

Mr. Moteki said that 13 organizations in Japan had already started working for a successful Regional Assembly in 2012 in Japan and requested Dr. Chandra Pal Singh to accept their invitation.

The meeting accepted the offer of JJC and decided to hold the next meeting in Japan in 2012. The date and venue would be decided in consultation with the JJC. The RA thanked the JJC for agreeing to host the ICA events in 2012 in Japan.

AGENDA ITEM 19 : CLOSING SESSION

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members for coming and attending the meeting. He appreciated the excellent arrangements made by the host organization (ACFSMC) for the meetings in Beijing.

Mr. Charles Gould said that the 2010 RA was concluded with good results. He also congratulated the ACFSMC for its efficiency and great hospitality. He specially congratulated the members of the ICA-AP Regional Board.

Dr. Chan Ho Choi said that a total of 26 different meetings were held in Beijing from 1st to 5th September and he thanked the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) for making excellent arrangements and the kind hospitality. He also thanked Mr. Charles Gould.

The RA proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Chan Ho Choi and his able staff for carrying out the ICA-AP's work with success. The RA also thanked Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director General for coming and spending his valuable time.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting
Guangzhou (China): 2nd March 2011

The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held at Shangrila Hotel in Guangzhou on Wednesday, 2nd March 2011 from 09:30 to 14:30 hours. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
3. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. Agung Sudjatmoko, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Alternate Member
5. Mr. Sang Chul Kim, NACF, Korea – Alternate Member
6. Dr. Mohd. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
7. Mr. Godofredo Lising, NATCCO, Philippines – Member
8. Ms. Dolly Goh, SNCF, Singapore – Alternate Member
9. Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
10. Dr. Chalernpol Dulsamphant, CLT, Thailand – Member
11. Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan, VCA, Vietnam – Member
12. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
13. Mr. Li Shun, ACFSMC, China - Interpreter
14. Mr. Ved Prakash Setia, NCUI, India - Interpreter
15. Mr. Ilham Nasai, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
16. Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan – Interpreter
17. Mr. Han Ho Choi, NACF, Korea – Observer
18. Mr. Vipul Perera, NCC, Sri Lanka – Observer
19. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand – Interpreter
20. Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hao, VCA, Vietnam – Interpreter
21. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, RD, ICA-AP, New Delhi
22. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board for coming to Guangzhou to attend the meeting. He said that we had earlier planned to hold this meeting in Malaysia in May. However, since we had to elect a Trustee to ICA Domus Trust from our region before the ICA global board meeting in May, it was decided to hold this meeting here. He also informed the meeting about the sad and untimely demise of Mr. S.K. Jakhar of IFFCO on 17th January 2011. He further said that Mr. Jakhar had made substantial contributions to the cooperative movements all over the world.

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh said that today Mr. Jakhar was not with us. It was a big loss for India and the world cooperative movement. Mr. Jakhar was representing many cooperative organizations in India and it was very difficult to fill the gap.

The board members conveyed their heartfelt condolences to his family members and prayed to almighty to give them strength to bear this unbearable loss.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda of the meeting was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Beijing on 1st September 2010

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held in Beijing (China) on 1st September 2010 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions were received. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 04 : Ratification of substitute member from Thailand

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) had nominated Dr. Chalernpol Dulsamphant, Chairman, in place of Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut. The meeting unanimously ratified the substitute member from Thailand. Dr. Dulsamphant thanked the Regional Board for ratifying his name.

Agenda Item 05 : ICA-AP Activities Report for 2010

Dr. Choi gave a brief account of the activities carried out by ICA-AP from 1st January to 31st December.

Mr. Phanuwat from Thailand stressed the need of educating leaders, bureaucrats and members of coop community in Laos and Cambodia to learn about Thai model of cooperatives and wash away their notion about government controlled coops.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities during 2010.

Agenda Item 06 : ICA-AP Financial Report for 2010

Dr. Choi presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the year 2010. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 8,440 in Delhi office. All members expressed happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi also presented the details of contribution received from development partners/members for the year 2010. He thanked the members for their contribution in kind for organizing various activities. He informed the meeting that the JCCU had seconded a person at Singapore Business Office and NCUI had seconded a person at New Delhi office. He also informed the meeting that due to staff restructuring Mr. Rajiv Mehta, Deputy Regional Director, was not working with ICA-AP with effect from 1st January 2011.

Mr. Amano from Japan said that the Financial Report includes only the funds received from the development partners/members and it should include the expenses also in future.

Agenda Item 07 : ICA-AP Membership Situation

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the following four organizations were admitted into ICA Membership since last Regional Board Meeting: (a) National Association of Labour Banks, Japan; (b) Supervision and Central Coordination Union of Rural Agricultural Cooperatives of Iran (SCURA); (c) Cooperative House Building and Finance Corporation Limited, India; and (d) Cooperative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH Group), Australia. The total membership of ICA-AP as such was 71 member organizations from 25 countries.

He also informed the meeting that Tose'e Ta'avon Bank (T.T. Bank) of Iran and National Cooperative Development Board (NCDB) of Nepal had applied for membership of ICA.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that there were 45 countries in Asia-Pacific region, but only 25 countries were members of ICA. He requested the board members to help him to increase the membership of ICA.

Mr. Phanuwat from Thailand said that the structure of the Cooperative Movement of Thailand had been changed since last year. Now we have seven national level federations and Chairmen of these federations were board of directors of CLT. Hence it was very easy for CLT to persuade them to join the ICA. He further said that the present Chairman of CLT was also the President of Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives of Thailand (FSCT) and Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Union (ACCU).

The members appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Choi in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region.

Agenda Item 08 : ICA-AP Budget for 2011

Dr. Choi presented the ICA-AP Budget for the year 2011. He further informed the members that a nominal surplus of CHF 1,339 was expected in the year 2011 also.

Agenda Item 09 : ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011

Dr. Choi presented the ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011. He said that in addition to routine activities the following four studies were included in the Work Plan – (a) Study on Consumer Cooperatives in Asia; (b) Study on Cooperative Trade among Cooperatives; (c) Study on Technical Cooperation among Cooperatives; and (d) Study on Communication Strategy for Cooperatives.

Dr. Choi informed the members that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries-MAFF (Government of Japan) supported training courses ended in 2010 and three new training courses would be starting from 2011 for three years.

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh from India requested ICA-AP to plan more activities in India with the support of NCUI.

Dr. Mohd. Ali Baharum from Malaysia offered to host the Regional Board Meeting in Malaysia in 2012.

Dr. Choi further said that this year JCCU would be celebrating its 60th anniversary and NACF would be celebrating its 50th anniversary. He said that UN had already cleared the slogan (Cooperative enterprises build a better world) and on 17th March they would be releasing the logo and we had to prepare for the celebrations of UN International Year of Cooperatives-2012 which was a life time opportunity.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for planning so many important activities during 2011.

Agenda Item 10 : Change of ICA Domus Trust Trustees

A brief note and the trust deed of ICA Domus Trust were provided to the members. Dr. Choi informed the meeting that ICA Domus Trust was incorporated in the year 1988 under Indian Trust Law for public charity objects and a small Board of Trustees, consisting of the following, was responsible to manage the affairs of the Trust.

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| 1. ICA President | : | Trustee Chairperson |
| 2. ICA-AP President | : | Trustee |
| 3. NCUI President | : | Trustee |
| 4. ICA Director General | : | Trustee |
| 5. ICA-AP Regional Director | : | Executive Trustee |

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that based on the consensus made in the ICA Board in Bangalore on 8th December 2010, it was suggested to restructure the 5 trustees as follows.

Current Trustees	New Trustees
ICA President (Pauline Green) – retain	ICA President (Pauline Green) – retain
ICA-AP President (Li Chunsheng) - retain	ICA-AP President (Li Chunsheng) - retain
NCUI President (Chandra Pal Singh) - retain	NCUI President (Chandra Pal Singh) -retain
ICA DG (Charles Gould) – resign	One Trustee from Europe region
ICA-AP RD (Chan Ho Choi) - resign	One Trustee from Asia region
	ICA-AP RD as Manager for the Trust

- Ms. Kathy Bardswick (Chair of Audit & Control Committee) agreed to accept as a Trustee from Europe region.
- One Trustee from Asia would be decided in the Regional Board meeting in Guangzhou.
- ICA-AP RD, to be the Manager of the Trust. However, a legal opinion was needed to check the power of the Manager provided by the Trust Deed in signing the daily operational transactions of the Trust.

Reacting to the above, Dr. Chandra Pal Singh said “In my opinion and as per the general practice of the Trust, once a Trust has been established then only the Trustees are empowered to take appropriate decisions in the best interest of the Trust as per the Trust Deed. All the decisions, whether financial, policy and others, have to be decided by the Board of Trustees itself. If DG does not wish to continue as Trustee, it is his own decision, but the RD should remain as one of the Trustees and execute the trust as usual. Further, it is not necessary at all to replace any trustee with some other person as the remaining trustees are competent to run the trust. As per the Trust Deed, the number of trustees should not be less than three and more than five. If the number is less than 3 then I think we can say there is a vacancy and it needs to be filled up.

Further, this is to apprise you that during the meeting of the ICA Domus Trust held in December in Bangalore (India), where the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting, the DG desired to use the Trust money for global purpose. We have no objection for using the money for the development of the cooperative movement at global level, but it should not be at the cost of ICA-AP region and particularly the Indian Cooperative Movement. ICA-AP office has great support from ICA Domus Trust to run its activities. First, we should fulfill the commitments to strengthen the cooperative movement in India as well as in Asia-Pacific region for which this Trust was established.

This is to further inform you that on the direction of the DG, the RD has also sought legal opinion on the use of Trust fund for global activities through the advocate suggested by DG from Geneva, who opined that the fund can be utilized for the global purpose, but the income will be treated as taxable income and we have to pay heavy amount towards tax. However, we also sought the legal opinion in the matter and were informed that the funds of the said ICA Domus Trust cannot be used for another purpose. As per the Indian Trust Act the property or any money cannot be used for any other purpose unconnected with the Trust and ICA is not the part of ICA Domus Trust. Further there will be lot of legal implication for using the fund outside India.

During the last two meetings I have raised a query about the non-provision of the fund in the budget for the activities to be carried out as per the Trust Deed and I was informed that due to ongoing construction of Noida building no provision is being made for the activities as the funds are being utilized to complete the construction work and once the building will be completed the provision will be made for organizing more and more activities. But the DG desired that instead fund proposed for the construction work should be shown as "surplus" for which we objected. But the RD while preparing the minutes of the said meeting showed the amount as "surplus" for which I have sent my dissent note to RD. A copy of the same is here for kind perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman.

Keeping in view the above situation and better use of the funds as per the Trust Deed, I request the Hon'ble Chairman to seriously examine all issues and take appropriate decision in this regard."

At this stage Mr. Li Chunsheng asked for comments/suggestions of the board members on this important issue. He further said that it was a very complicated issue and a careful decision had to be taken as per the Trust Deed. In conclusion, all the board members unanimously requested Dr. Choi not to resign and continue his position as Executive Trustee of the ICA Domus Trust.

Agenda Item 11 : 9th Cooperative Ministers Conference in Thailand

A note on 9th Cooperative Ministers Conference was provided to the board members in advance. Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the Cooperative Promotion Department, Government of Thailand, had agreed to host the 9th Cooperative Ministers Conference from 31st October to 4th November 2011 in Chiang Mai (Thailand). He also said that with a view to make participation more broad-based, the national apex organizations would be requested upon to include one or two Member of Parliament in their delegation.

Mr. Li Chunsheng suggested that it was better to hold the next Cooperative Ministers Conference in March 2012 to coincide with the celebration of UN International Year of Cooperatives and also since this year we had many important activities including the ICA General Assembly.

Dr. Dulsamphant from Thailand said that it was better to hold the Cooperative Ministers Conference next year due to parliamentary election this year.

The meeting authorized the Regional Director to negotiate the dates of the 9th Cooperative Ministers Conference with the Cooperative Promotion Department (CPD) and keep the board members informed accordingly.

Agenda Item 12 : Resolution for the Amendment of the 7th Cooperative Principle by Americas Regional Assembly

A letter from ICA President and the resolution passed by the Americas Regional Assembly for amending the 7th Cooperative Principle (Concern for Community) with Concern for Community and Environmental Sustainability was provided to the members in advance.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting about the resolution from the Americas region proposing an amendment to the 7th Cooperative Principle to strengthen environmental sustainability and requested the members for their reaction.

All the members, except one, felt that the existing 7th Cooperative Principle (Concern for Community) very well covers environmental sustainability and there was no need to amend it at the moment.

Agenda Item 13 : Other Business Matters Arising

Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka made a presentation on the damages caused due to flood in Sri Lanka in May 2010. He requested the board members for their generous contribution. It was mentioned that NCC had already sent an appeal letter to the ICA member organizations.

Agenda Item 14 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board in Chiang Mai in conjunction with the Ministers Conference, if it was held in the 1st week of November. If the Ministers Conference was postponed to next year, the next meeting would be held in Cancun (Mexico) in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly (14-18 November). The meeting authorized RD to take necessary contacts in this regard.

Dr. Choi thanked the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) of China for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality. He specially thanked Mr. Li Chunsheng and the ACFSMC for taking care of the hotel costs of the regional board members in Guangzhou.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting
Cancun (Mexico): 15th November 2011**

The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held at Moon Palace Hotel in Cancun on Wednesday, the 15th November 2011 from 09:30 to 14:30 hours. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
3. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Member
5. Mr. Won-Byung Choi, NACF, Korea - Member
6. Dr. Mohd. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
7. Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel, NATCCO, Philippines – Member
8. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, SNCF, Singapore – Member
9. Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
10. Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan, VCA, Vietnam – Member
11. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
12. Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan – Interpreter
13. Mr. Ilham Nasai, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
14. Mr. Han Ho Choi, NACF, Korea – Observer
15. Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hao, VCA, Vietnam – Interpreter
16. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director, ICA-AP
17. Ms. Savitri Singh, ICA-AP
18. Mr. K. Kukreja, ICA-AP
19. Mr. Nasir Khan, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Observer
20. Mr. Abdul Fattan Abdullah, Malaysia - Observer
21. Mr. MGS Silva, NCC, Sri Lanka – Observer
22. Ms. Bernadette Turner, Coop UK – Observer
23. Mr. Masahiro Matsuda, JA-Zenchu, Japan – Observer
24. Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Singapore – Observer
25. Mr. Katsumi Asada, Japan - Observer

Agenda Item 01: Opening Remarks

The Chairperson, Mr. Li Chunsheng, extended warm welcome to board members and introduced new member from Philippines and Thailand. The member from Thailand was not present. The President further thanked all the cooperative movements of the region for their valuable contribution.

Agenda Item 02: Approval of the Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was tabled for approval. Dr. C.P. Singh Yadav, Vice Chairperson said except agenda number 12 all other is adopted. He asked that this agenda was already discussed then why brought up again.

**Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in
Guangzhou on 2nd March 2011**

The minutes of the last meeting held in Guangzhou on 2nd March 2011 was confirmed.

**Agenda Item 04: Ratification of substitute members from Thailand
(Mr. Vitoon Neawpanit, Chairman of CLT) and the Philippines
(Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel, Vice Chairperson of NATCCO).**

The Chairperson welcomed the two new members to attend the meeting. Mr. Vitoon Neawpanit, Chairman of CLT was not present. Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel, Vice Chairperson of NATCCO from the Philippines introduced herself and thanked for welcome and committed to contribute for the better future of International Cooperative Alliance. The Chairperson remarked that Ms. Gabriel has to play a big role and invited comments on the issue. The members agreed.

Agenda Item 05: ICA-AP Activities Report for January-October

The Chairperson asked Dr. Chan Ho Choi to present the report. Dr. Choi presented the report and the Chairperson extended words of appreciation to all the cooperative members/government for cooperation and funding of the projects.

Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid, President [DEKOPIN] Indonesia and regional board member observed that most programs are of the nature of workshops and seminars. We need ICA-AP to convince governments and the cooperative movement to change environment and the cooperatives should be given more important role to play in the country.

Dr. C.P. Singh Yadav thanked the Regional Office and specially the Regional Director for good work and activities.

The Chairperson said that the comment from Indonesia is very important that cooperative play an important role in socio- economic development and coops should share experience and stressed on building friendship among us. He further appreciated the report of the Regional Director and hoped that this trend will continue.

RD expressed his gratitude to the members for great solidarity in not only providing support but hospitality and accepting delegates and participants and also seconded staff to the regional office. Because of this we were able to do many activities unlike other region.

Agenda Item 06 : ICA-AP Financial Report for January-September

Financial report was presented by the Regional Director. The Chairperson thanks for the report and invited members for discussion on the report.

Dr. Yadav appreciated the report and the Chairperson remarked that it is a positive report and good when compared to other regions of ICA.

Dr. Mohd. Ali Baharum, member from ANGKASA, Malaysia wanted to know country-wise contribution. The RD reported that it was not easy to segregate by country.

The Chairperson invited further comments and said that the question raised by Dr. Ali was good but what was important is to spend the money judiciously.

Agenda Item 07: ICA-AP Membership Situation

Dr. Choi explained the membership situation. Dr. Ali suggested building up Strategy to increase membership. Dr. Choi said that more members could be brought in from the Islamic countries with the help of Malaysia and other Islamic members.

Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid from Indonesia raised the issue of confirmation from the existing ICA member in the country in case a new member applies for membership of ICA. Dr. Choi informed that it was also our concern as several applications sent directly to ICA so we were informed by ICA Global. During the membership committee meeting I raised the issue. The tradition is to confirm the application from the existing members from the country.

Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Singapore informed that it was already in the rules of the ICA to get clarification from the existing members.

The Chairperson observed that membership grew substantially. It is good result. As for Malaysia/ Indonesia a new organization's application is always confirmed by the member federation.

Mr. Nurdin Halid suggested that in case of non-confirmation from the existing member the membership of the coop should be cancelled.

Agenda Item 08: Approval of ICA-AP Work Plan for 2012

The work plan for 2012 was approved.

Agenda Item 09 : Approval of ICA-AP Budget for 2012

The budget for 2012 was approved.

Agenda Item 10: The 9th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Thailand (27th Feb. to 1st March 2012)

Dr. Choi explained about preparations. The office has commissioned a Critical Study and has dispatched a set of Questionnaires to all members and governments to get feedback on output of the previous conference.

The members from Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Indonesia observed that this is a good platform to discuss common issue concerning to all such as control by politicians.

The Chairperson observed that the Ministers Conference was there for a long time. We consider the suggestions of Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Indonesia. In order to get good advantage of the coops, please send your suggestions/questions by email/letter to the Regional Office for making Agenda.

Agenda Item 11: 10th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Related Events, Japan, 26-30 November 2012.

President of JCCU introduced Kobe-RA preparations and extended invitations to all. He said that in March 2011 disaster happened and we received help and messages from all and thanked everyone. Kobe was divested by earthquakes but a beautiful city now.

The Chairperson thanked Japan Coop for outstanding preparations and appealed to all the members to attend this RA as election will take place.

Agenda Item 12: ICA Domus Trust

Dame Paulin Green, ICA President also participated in the discussion. Dr. Yadav presented a legal opinion on the matter. The discussion could not be concluded because of the difference of opinion. Therefore, the matter was referred to the Domus Trust meeting scheduled to be held separately in the afternoon.

Agenda Item 13: Discussion on Celebrations of IYC-2012

Dr. Choi requested members to send their activities to be posted on the ICA-AP web site to be shared with others. ICA-AP has prepared Te shirt, stickers, etc. for showing visibility and solidarity.

The members informed about their activities one by one and also offered suggestions.

Malaysia: On 26/11/11 the IYC 12 will be launched.

Sri Lanka: Will launch books and housing projects, IT program etc throughout the year.

Vietnam: Informed following two proposals for-2012.

1. The Revised Cooperative Law of Vietnam has been under the discussion of the National Assembly of Vietnam and will expectedly be promulgated at the end of the year. The revision process has received support from the German cooperative organizations.
2. In Vietnam, there is only VCA as the national cooperative organization which act as the umbrella association. There is no national federation of cooperatives in specific sector, such as agriculture, industry, fisheries (except the National Credit Association). The establishment of such national federation has been proposed in the National Assembly.
3. I therefore would like to suggest two recommendations:
 - *The ICA-AP should be concerned about the development of such federation. We need information and support for the establishment and operation of such organization. Some general information could be found in the website; however it should be more specified.*

Agenda-4: Perusal of Minutes of ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings - Annexure-2

- *VCA has planned to set up a Federation of cooperative in the field of agriculture, consumer, and industries. ICA-AP support in term of information and expertise will be highly appreciated.*

Mr. Haruyoshi Amano from JCCU, Japan informed the following:

12 members from Japan organized IYC committee last year, now preparing for next year launch from 13th Jan 2012. We will host RA and coop forum during that period and all ICA-AP members can participate. This is information about IYC celebrations. The Standing Committee IYC 2012 web site can be accessed for more information.

The Chairperson appreciated the plans of members and informed about preparations in China.

The government in China has approved working commission. Total 3 big events to be held in China.

The ICA-AP office may print special magazine and summarise all reports and send to ICA Global to inform about activities of our region.

Agenda Item 14: Other Business Matters Arising

Dr. Choi thanked Vietnam for inviting suggestions to revise law. He said that the main UN recommendation was to create enabling environment by new policy. This IYC-2012 is a good opportunity to upgrade the cooperative law in their countries. He asked them to post their coop law to ICA-AP website to get suggestions from other members in the region as well as from ICA-AP.

The Chairperson agreed with Dr. Choi and said it is important that through IYC-2012 we would create awareness for general people, upscale lobbying with government and get resolved concerned legal and policy issues for coops- ICA AP website can provide information.

Dr. Choi asked members to send cooperative stories for publicity.

Agenda Item 15 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26th February 2012 in Bangkok in conjunction with the 9th Cooperative Ministers' Conference.

The Chairperson thanks all the members and observers for attending the meeting and having good discussions.

Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting

Bangkok (Thailand): 26th February 2012

The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held at the premises of the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) in Bangkok on Sunday, 26th February 2012 from 14:00 to 17:30 hours. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
3. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. Teguh Boediyana, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Alternate Member
5. Mr. Si Hyung Jo, NACF, Korea – Alternate Member
6. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
7. Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel, NATCCO, Philippines – Member
8. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, SNCF, Singapore – Member
9. Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
10. Mr. Vitoon Naewpanit, CLT, Thailand – Member
11. Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, VCA, Vietnam – Alternate Member
12. Ms. Tahmineh Kashani, CURACI, Iran – Youth Representative
13. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
14. Dr. Dinesh, NCUI, India - Observer
15. Mr. Warsono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
16. Ms. Sharmila, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
17. Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan – Interpreter
18. Mr. Yutaka Aotake, JCCU, Japan – Observer
19. Mr. Masahiro Maeda, JCCU, Japan – Observer
20. Hj. Mutadho Bahri, KOPSYA-ANGKASA, Malaysia - Observer
21. Dr. M.G. S. Silva, NCC, Sri Lanka – Observer
22. Mr. D.S.K. Pathirana, COOPFED, Sri Lanka - Observer
23. Dr. Suwichai Suparanon, CLT, Thailand – Observer
24. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand – Interpreter
25. Mr. Hoang Van Long, VCA, Vietnam – Interpreter
26. Dame Pauline Green, ICA President – Special Invitee
27. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, RD, ICA-AP, New Delhi
28. Mr. K. Kukreja, ICA-AP, New Delhi
29. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi
30. Ms. Kanako Miyazawa, ICA-SBO, Singapore

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board for coming to Bangkok to attend the meeting. He also extended a warm welcome to Dame Pauline Green, President of ICA for coming to the meeting. He further said that she has completed a big job today. We have reached agreement on the appointment of trustees of the ICA Domus Trust at today's meeting. He also thanked the youth representative - Ms. Tahmineh Kashani of CURACI, Iran – for attending the board meeting first time.

Dame Pauline Green thanked Mr. Li Chunsheng for making excellent arrangements for the meeting. She said that 2012 is an important year for international cooperative movement and we have a key job to do. International economy is still in a chaotic situation. In this context I think the message we have given to the UN that we need more diversified economy is a critical one.

She underlined the importance of cooperatives that has over 10 billion members across the globe compared to shareholders of companies listed in the stock market that is just 327 million. The list of Global 300 successful cooperatives published each year alone is worth 1.6 trillion US dollars from 25 countries including Asia.

She extended an invitation to all members to the closing of the international year of cooperatives on 31st October 2012 in Manchester. It would be a major event and about 10,000 people are expected to attend. She further

said that there would be an ICA Expo also and requested the members to reserve the space in advance. She also said that there would be a special General Assembly of ICA where key issues would be discussed and you would get the invitation soon. Finally, she thanked the region for the good work they are doing.

She informed the meeting that we had a Domus Trust meeting today morning and we have finally reached agreement on the appointment of trustees which has been pending for a long time. She specially thanked Dr. Chandra Pal Singh for taking the right way forward. She informed the meeting that there were two different kinds of advices from the lawyers and hence a practical way had to be found. The composition of the trustees agreed are as follows: (a) President of ICA; (b) President of NCUI; (c) President of ICA-AP; (d) one global board member (on behalf of DG); and (e) one ICA-AP regional board member (on behalf of RD). Ms. Kathy Bardswick has agreed to be a trustee on behalf of DG. Dr. Chan Ho Choi would be appointed as Administrator of the Trust and we have full confidence in him in running the Trust.

She further said that global ICA was not seeking any funds from Domus Trust and the financial support to ICA-AP would be continued at the existing level. We would ask for a major development need in Africa when we start getting the rental income from the Noida building. We would come back to the Domus Trust with further details later.

Mr. Li Chunsheng appreciated the good talent and ability of Dame Pauline Green in conducting the meeting. He said that ICA Domus Trust was in existence for 25 years and done a lot of good work. He further said that one trustee has to come from our region and the final decision rests with the Regional Board.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda of the meeting was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Cancun on 15th November 2011

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held in Cancun (Mexico) on 15th November 2011 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions were received. The minutes were confirmed with the following amendment: The name at serial number 20 – Mr. Abdul Fattan Abdullah – should be from Malaysia and not Indonesia as mentioned in the minutes.

Agenda Item 04 : Ratification of Substitute Member from Vietnam

Mr. Li Chunsheng informed the meeting that the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) had nominated Dr. Dao Xuan Can, President, in place of Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan for the remaining period. However, Dr. Can could not come and in his place Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, Vice President of VCA, attending the meeting. The meeting unanimously ratified the substitute member from Vietnam.

Agenda Item 05 : ICA-AP Activities Report for November-December

Dr. Chan Ho Choi gave a brief account of the five activities carried out by ICA-AP from 1st November to 31st December.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities during 2011.

Agenda Item 06 : ICA-AP Financial Report for 2011

Dr. Choi presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the year 2011. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 9,777 in Delhi office instead of CHF 1,339 anticipated. All members expressed happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi also presented the details of contribution received from development partners/members for the year 2011. He thanked the members for their contribution in kind for organizing various activities. He informed the meeting that the JCCU had seconded a person at Singapore Business Office and NCUI had seconded a person at New Delhi office. In addition, NCUI has seconded another person to work at ICA-AP for two days in a week.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that we had hired two Consultants during 2011. One consultant (Dr. Daman Prakash) has undertaken two studies – (1) Promotion of International Trade among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific; and (2) Promotion of Technical Cooperation among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific. The other consultant (Mr. Rangan Dutta) has conducted the 4th Critical Study on Cooperative Legislation and Policy Reforms which would be presented at the 9th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers Conference.

Dr. Choi also said that we have received 3,000 books from ICA Geneva and our plan is to digitalize our library so that the member organizations would be able to retrieve these documents through ICA-AP home page.

Dr. Choi said that the balance of MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) fund would be used in the 1st quarter of 2012. He thanked the Government of Japan for providing financial support to ICA-AP for the last 25 years for training courses and hoped that this would continue in the coming years also. He further said that so far IDACA has received more than 5,600 participants from all over the world who work as officials and employees of the agricultural cooperatives and the government officials in charge of the cooperative development. Out of this, more than 4,000 are the graduates from the ICA training courses which have been funded by the Government of Japan.

Dr. Choi said that there was a balance of US\$ 23,000 in JCCU contribution which would be used in the 1st half of 2012 in consultation with JCCU.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the financial situation of Asia-Pacific region was very good and hoped it would be better and better in the coming years. He said that the programs supported by our members were very useful to our region.

Dame Pauline Green informed the meeting that ICA has moved to Belgium. However, this year we will continue in Geneva and a Resolution would be moved at the coming General assembly to move the office to Belgium and the currency would be Euro instead of Swiss Franc.

Agenda Item 07 : ICA-AP Membership Situation

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that Pishgaman Kavir Yazd Cooperative Company (PKYCC) of Iran has applied for membership of ICA. He also said that National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Limited (NAFCUB) of India have ceased to be a member of ICA due to non-payment. The current total membership of ICA-AP is 77 organizations from 25 countries.

The members appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Choi in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region.

Agenda Item 08 : Review of Singapore Business Office

Dr. Choi presented a Note on Singapore Business Office which was started functioning on 10th July 1999. He said that there was no agriculture or housing cooperatives in Singapore and only consumer cooperatives were there. He further said that the management of SNCF has expressed its desire not to continue the MOU after 31st March 2012.

Mr. Chan Tee Seng said that SNCF has been providing financial support to ICA for more than 10 years. To increase the intra-regional trade was the objective when the office was established. For the last 6-8 months we have been discussing with Dr. Choi about the future of the SBO. He further said that perhaps this is the time to review the arrangements and take a final decision.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that for the last 13 years SNCF has supported the SBO and we are grateful for their support.

Mr. Amano said that we are grateful to SNCF for their generous support for the last 13 years and honestly I want to continue the support, but you have your own problems. For the last 20 years the economic situation in Japan has changed for the consumer cooperative movement.

Prof. Dr. Ali Baharum, President of ANGKASA offered to provide office space for an ICA office in ANGKASA building in Malaysia free of cost. He said that Singapore and Malaysia is very near.

Mr. Si Hyung Jo said that having only one staff member in ICA office either in Singapore or Malaysia was not a healthy situation.

Mr. Chan Tee Seng said that we have to objectively assess the situation. The office could be in Singapore or in Malaysia.

Dr. Choi said that Singapore has a geographical position. However, we cannot insist on SNCF that it should continue the support. SNCF have indicated that they want to increase their staff strength.

Mr. Amano thanked Prof. Dr. Ali Baharum for offering his support for an office in ANGKASA building in Malaysia. He further said that SBO has not been functioning as per the objectives established.

Dr. Choi said that we have to frame new objectives for the new office. What I reported was the intention of the SNCF. I will continue to table the information on the new office in Malaysia. This was just a starting point.

Agenda Item 09 : Review of Constitutions of ICA-AP Sectoral/ Thematic Committees

Dr. Choi said that at present we have got eight Committees. Some Committees are very active and some are not. In observing the Constitution of the Committees, I found that it was much diversified. Member representation is very congested in some Committees. All researched are invited to Research Committee and they are not from member organizations. So we have to prepare a model Constitution to increase the participation of members in a democratic way and achieve the objectives. Elections would be held in Kobe RA for different Committees. He felt that all the Committees should have a uniform Constitution. This will also improve the functioning of the Committees. There should be clarity of objectives and these objectives should be followed by main ICA global objectives. He further said that once the model Constitution is drafted, we could request the Committees to review their Constitution accordingly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng requested the members to read the document circulated to the members thoroughly and send their comments to the Regional Director as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 10 : Report on Thailand's Flood Disaster in 2011 & Rehabilitation Plan of CLT

Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, Chief of International Department, Cooperative League of Thailand made a presentation on Thailand's Flood Disaster in 2011 and Rehabilitation Plan of CLT for the benefit of the members. The CLT thanked the members for their generous financial support.

Agenda Item 11 : 9th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers Conference

Dr. Choi gave a brief account of the 9th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers Conference to be held at United Nations Convention Center (UNCC) in Bangkok from 27th to 29th February. He informed the meeting that 14 ministers from 13 countries and over 300 participants from 21 countries are attending the Conference. The Conference would be inaugurated by the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. In addition, Dame Pauline Green, President of ICA, would also be attending the Conference. The Cooperative Promotion Department (CPD) has made all the arrangements for the Conference. The registration of the participants would be done at the four designated hotels and transport would be provided by CPD from the designated hotels to UNCC and back.

**Agenda Item 12 : 10th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Related Events, Japan
26-30 November 2012**

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the 10th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Related Events would be held in Kobe (Japan) from 26th to 30th November 2012.

Mr. Amano said that the venue of the meeting would be Kobe International Conference Center and information about reasonable hotels was to be collected. The name of the nearest airport is **Kansai**. The travel time from Kansai airport to Kobe is about 60 minutes and the host would provide transportation (limousine bus).

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that this is an important event and the preparations are going on for a long time. He hoped that the cooperatives in our region would participate in the events in good number.

Agenda Item 13 : Discussion on Celebrations of IYC-2012

Dr. Choi requested the board members to send their activities to be posted on the ICA-AP website to be shared with others. He said that the 9th Cooperative Ministers Conference and Regional Assembly would be the two main activities to be conducted by ICA-AP.

The members informed the meeting that the following activities would be hosted by their respective countries.

Singapore: (a) *The International Year of Cooperatives 2012 Conference is a 1-day conference (3rd October) that focuses on "how social capital drives profits, growth and sustainability;* (b) *Auto venture with 150 vehicles from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur;* and (c) *Coop Hot Shots – a photography competition with the 5 competition themes: cooperation, self-help, equality, mutual help, care for others (1st March to 30th April).*

India: *NCUI Congress on Cooperatives, April – President of India would be inaugurated. It is going to be a big event.*

Indonesia: (a) *International cooperative day celebrations in July;* (b) *International seminar on role of cooperatives;* and (c) *IYC will also be celebrated at provincial level.*

Malaysia: (a) *Auto venture;* and (b) *Setting up of a factory for clean drinking water.*

China: (a) *Organize series of events at national, provincial and primary level including exhibition, fair, workshops, etc.;* (b) *Trade networking;* (c) *Cultural activities;* and (d) *The 2012 International Year of Cooperatives Symposium, Beijing, 11-13 June.*

Agenda Item 14 : Other Business Matters Arising

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that some financial assistance should be provided to the youth representative (Ms. Tahmineh Kashani, CURACI, Iran) for attending future board meetings. ACFSMC agreed to consider the request.

Dr. Choi said that based on the objectives of IYC publication of cooperative success stories would be undertaken by ICA-AP.

Agenda Item 15 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

Mr. Li Chunsheng informed the meeting that the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) are organizing **The 2012 International Year of Cooperatives Symposium** in Beijing (China) between 11 and 13 June 2012. He also proposed that a Regional Board meeting could also be held in Beijing in conjunction with the Symposium, if majority of the members agree to attend. The hotel costs in Beijing would be borne by the ACFSMC. Otherwise, the next meeting would be held in Kobe in conjunction with the Regional Assembly. The meeting authorized the RD to take necessary contacts in this regard and take a final decision in consultation with the Chairman.

Dr. Choi thanked the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting
Beijing (China): 12th June 2012**

The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held at the Capital Hotel in Beijing on Tuesday, 12th June 2012 from 14:00 to 17:30 hours. Following members attended the meeting:

01. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
02. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
03. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
04. Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Member
05. Mr. Won Byeong Choi, NACF, Korea – Member
06. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
07. Ms. Amneris G. Gabriel, NATCCO, Philippines – Member
08. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, SNCF, Singapore – Member
09. Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
10. Mr. Vitoon Naewpanit, CLT, Thailand – Member
11. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
12. Mr. Li Shun, ACFSMC, China – Interpreter
13. Dr. Dinesh, NCUI, India – Observer
14. Mr. Teguh Boediyana, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
15. Mr. Ilham Nasai, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
16. Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan – Interpreter
17. Mr. Masahiro Matsuda, JA-ZENCHU, Japan – Observer
18. Mr. Young Ho Lee, NACF, Korea – Observer
19. Ms. Sylvia O. Paraguya, NATCCO, Philippines – Observer
20. Dr. Suwichai Suparanon, CLT, Thailand – Interpreter
21. Dame Pauline Green, ICA President – Special Invitee
22. Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director General, Special Invitee
23. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, RD, ICA-AP, New Delhi
24. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board from 10 countries for coming to Beijing to attend the meeting. He extended a warm welcome to Dame Pauline Green, President of ICA and Mr. Charles Gould, Director General of ICA for coming to the meeting. He also thanked Mr. Masahiro Matsuda of JA-ZENCHU for coming to attend the meeting first time.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda of the meeting was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Bangkok on 26th
February 2012**

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held in Bangkok (Thailand) on 26th February 2012 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions were received. The minutes were confirmed.

**Agenda Item 04 : Report on the 9th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference and
Follow-up**

Dr. Choi presented a brief report and the Joint Declaration adopted by the 9th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference held in Bangkok (Thailand) from 27th to 29th February 2012 which was attended by 14 cooperative ministers and about 300 delegates.

He also said that as a follow-up of the Conference, a letter together with the joint declaration and the speech of Dame Pauline Green at the Conference has been sent to member organizations where she has mentioned about

the appropriate policy interventions that governments could undertake at Rio+20 and at the G20 meeting in Mexico in June.

Dame Pauline Green said that the speeches made by the ministers were very good and the Conference had a good impact. She further said that ten days back a meeting of ministers was held in Paraguya which was attended by parliamentarians from 13 countries and South American parliamentarians have formed a network and we can have a global network of parliamentarians.

Dame Pauline Green further said that we have provided you with the Rio+20 Summit wording which is relevant for our understanding of what is being worked upon. She asked the members to provide the text numbers for the diplomats to place their support behind wording on “**cooperatives**” that is currently being considered in negotiations in Brazil on 20-22 June. She also informed the meeting that Ms. Betsy Dribben, ICA Director of Policy is working very hard on this issue and requested the members to contact her in case they need any clarifications.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the Government of Indonesia has offered to host the next Cooperative Ministers Conference in Indonesia.

Mr. Amano said that there was a Symposium by UN agencies in Japan and made a brochure that introduces the collaboration between UN agencies; local cooperatives and other organizations.

Agenda Item 05 : Membership Development Strategy in the Region

Dr. Choi presented the Membership Development Strategy in Asia-Pacific region with statistical information. He said that our region has got 62 countries (46 in Asia and 16 in Pacific Islands) and only 25 countries with 78 member organizations are represented and this fact alone provides a huge potential for ICA to increase its membership.

Mr. Charles Gould said that regionalization issue will be discussed at the Manchester meeting. He further said that this is very timely and in line with ICA global membership strategy. He also said that sub-regions have not helped much.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that comparing with our regions, our membership growth was very good (57 in 2007 and 78 in 2012) and we intend to reach the target of 100 members soon.

In his presentation, Dr. Choi made the following statement and recommendations for the consideration of the Board.

- *A special strategy is required to raise ICA membership in the Middle-East region, especially in Arab region for those many Muslim majority countries. It may be good for ICA and sometime jointly with ICMIF to develop a certain regional / international forum together with the ICA Muslim major countries.*
- *ICA may need to reach out to the non-ICA countries in the Pacific Island with the help of member organizations, especially in disseminating the ICA and ICA-AP materials to those remote island states.*
- *Strategy must be country-specific for the effectiveness. However we can approach them more efficiently in categorizing their membership patterns, considering their legal provisions, cooperative system and social environments.*
- *The Cooperative Ministers' Conferences, Regional Assembly and its Cooperative Forum have served as multilateral forum for Region in reviewing, assessing the county-wise strategies. While national conferences for specific countries have served as good events to bring the ICA Principle and technical assistance especially legal and thematic areas.*
- *In general, ICA-AP needs to promote more the Committee activities and interactions not only for the existing members but also as a strategy to invite new members and countries. To catch up the recent opportunities and as the emerging areas of cooperation, sectoral committees in fishery, forestry in rural area and housing and health in urban may need to be established in the region, while activating*

more on the existing committees in agriculture, consumer, credit and banking, and university-campus coops. In restructuring the ICA-AP Committees, it is desirable to have a 'model constitution' for framing the Committees be more representing, participatory and democratic.

- *ICA-AP may need to upgrade its Database knowledge not only to serve better to the existing members but to develop membership strategies in the non-ICA countries.*

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that it is a very good report and has revealed the complete story of membership in our region. He congratulated Dr. Choi for bringing this issue to the notice of the regional board members.

The members appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Choi in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region.

Agenda Item 06 : Moving of Singapore Business Office to Malaysia

Dr. Choi presented a Note on Singapore Business Office which was started functioning on 10th July 1999 with the financial support of Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF). He said that SNCF has declined to renew the MOU after 31st December 2012. He further said that at the last meeting held in Bangkok on 26th February 2012, Prof. Dr. Ali Baharum, President of ANGKASA had offered to provide office space for an ICA office in ANGKASA building in Malaysia free of cost and he had some discussions with Dr. Ali Baharum regarding the proposed MOU. He further said that we can start the office in January 2013 and activities on consumer coops, coop trade, banking and insurance, etc. could be promoted from the Malaysian Business Office (MBO) and requested the members to provide their advice.

Mr. Chan Tee Seng said that clear direction on what this office wants to do is required before opening the office.

Dr. Choi said that this will be clearly mentioned in the MOU and the MBO will be evaluated after two years. He requested more support from other member organizations in the form of one or two seconded staff. ANGKASA will second one staff to work at MBO.

Dame Pauline Green said that clear set of ideas is required including the number of staff members needed. She further said that regionalization issue will be discussed in Manchester in October this year.

Ms. Tanaka said that we used to send good English speaking staff to SBO. At the moment the intended object is not very clear. We will continue to support consumer cooperatives in the region and we will have closer collaboration with New Delhi and Malaysian office.

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh said that it is very important to have the structure and objectives of the office. Then only we can take a final decision whether you require outside support or not.

Dame Pauline Green said that we have a global board member from Iran and it has to be taken into account.

Dr. Choi said that the idea is to serve our members better. South-East Asia has been an emerging region for the cooperative movement, and requires more interactions with other regions in various sectors of cooperative businesses activities. He further said that geographic situation and cost effectiveness have also to be taken into account.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the structure and objectives are to be very clear to increase the membership from other countries. He really appreciated ANGKASA for supporting the MBO.

Dr. Choi said that he will work out more on this matter and report to the Kobe meeting.

Agenda Item 07 : Discussion and Approval of Model Constitution for ICA-AP Sectoral/ Thematic Committees

Dr. Choi said that at present we have got eight Committees and there is no uniformity in its constitutions. Member representation is very congested in some Committees. So we have prepared a model Constitution to increase the participation of members in a democratic way and achieve the objectives. He felt that all the Committees should have a uniform Constitution. This will also improve the functioning of the Committees.

Mr. Amano said that the overall aim could not be the same for sectoral committees and thematic committees.

Dr. Choi said that each Committee is free to change the overall aim based on the specific nature of its priority and areas/requirements. We have only provided a model constitution and the final version will be worked out by the Committee itself.

The meeting, in principle, approved the model constitution. Dr. Choi said that he will send out the model constitution to the Chairmen of the Committees for their deliberations.

**Agenda Item 08 : 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Related Events,
Kobe (Japan), 26-30 November 2012**

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the 10th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly and related events would be held at Kobe International Convention Center (KICC) in Japan from 26th to 30th November 2012. He said that the theme of the Coop Forum is “Role of Cooperatives in the Disaster Times” and the general theme is “Cooperatives Build a Secured Society” to be shared by all sectoral and thematic committees. The one-week long events are being hosted by the Japanese Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC) on behalf of 14 ICA member organizations in Japan. The draft Schedule of the meetings was also provided to the members.

Dr. Choi further said that the last election for ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Hanoi (Vietnam) on 5th December 2008 for a period of four years. Hence, the Regional Board has to be reconstituted at the Regional Assembly in Kobe. He further said that the Regional Assembly website will be launched soon. The registration fee charged by us is US\$ 300 which is very low comparing with other regions.

Ms. Tanaka said that women’s committee meeting and women’s forum would be held on 26th November and women’s exchange program on 27th November. She further said that only 14 countries send women representatives out of 25 countries. She requested the regional board members to send more women representatives to Kobe.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that this is an important event and the preparations are going on smoothly. He requested all regional board members to participate in large numbers.

Agenda Item 09 : IYC-2012 Celebration Activities of Member Countries

The members from Malaysia, Philippines, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Indonesia presented the IYC celebrations to be undertaken in their respective countries.

Dr. Choi requested the board members to send their activities to be posted on the ICA-AP website to be shared with others.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that (a) through IYC celebrations we can collaborate with the governments for better environment and conditions; (b) cooperatives build and establish education and better focus on younger generation; and (c) it is a good beginning or more now on cooperatives to grow fast and fast.

Agenda Item 10 : Other Business Matters Arising

The minutes of the ICA Domus Trust Meeting held on 26th February 2012 in Bangkok were circulated to the members for their information. Dr. Choi said that there is a change of Trustees in the ICA Domus Trust. RD has been resigned from the ICA Domus Trust as a Trustee and a substitute is to be nominated from the ICA-AP Regional Board. RD will function as an Administrator of the Trust. He also informed the meeting that the construction of the Noida building will be over by end of June 2012 and we are looking for a good tenant with the help of NCUI.

Dame Pauline Green said that everybody was happy with the decision. ICA-AP will get the funding at the existing level. Additional funding is to be shared with other regions including Africa. ICA global board has already nominated a member to the Trust in place of DG. ICA-AP Regional Board should nominate a person from its Board.

Agenda-4: Perusal of Minutes of ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings - Annexure-2

In response to a query from Dr. Choi regarding the composition of the Trustees, Dame Pauline Green clarified that three names are by designation – ICA President, ICA-AP President and NCUI President – and one each nominated by ICA Global Board and ICA-AP Regional Board.

Dr. Choi requested the members to nominate a person to be a Trustee of the ICA Domus Trust.

Agenda Item 11 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Kobe (Japan) on 26th November 2012 from 09:00 to 12:30 hours in conjunction with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that we already had two meetings this year and another will be held in Kobe in conjunction with the RA.

Dame Pauline Green said that this was a fantastic meeting. She thanked Mr. Li Chunsheng and his staff for the good arrangements made for the meeting. She also said that Asia-Pacific region is very valuable to ICA.

Mr. Charles Gould thanked ACFSMC for their hospitality. He further said what you have discussed here is very good and I hope to see you all in Manchester.

Dr. Choi thanked the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**The 9th Asia Pacific Co-operative Ministers' Conference
Bangkok (Thailand): 27-29 February 2012**

BRIEF REPORT

The 9th Asia Pacific Co-operative Ministers' Conference held on 27-29 February 2012 at the United Nations Convention Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, convened by ICA-AP and hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand was attended by 14 Co-operative Ministers and about 300 delegates including government representatives, international delegates and ICA members from the Asia-Pacific Region.

The conference was inaugurated by the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, His Excellency Mr. Chumpol Silpa- Archa who delivered the inaugural address. The Deputy Prime Minister highlighted the significance of co-operatives in the national economy and social stability and therefore, the government is committed to support and promote growth of co-operatives.

Mr. Theera Wongsamut, Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives extended warm welcome to the delegates and also delivered the key-note address on the conference theme: "Sufficiency economy and co-operatives." The concept of sufficiency economy developed by His Majesty the King of Thailand was taken up as the conference theme addressed by the Minister of Thailand who gave an ethical definition of sufficiency implying moderation in consumption and behavior and capacity to create within the individual and social system, a degree of immunity from shortages and deficiencies by proactive action with the use of knowledge and perseverance as the moral foundation of the people.

Exuding happiness at the excellent arrangements made and positive response of the governments and the ICA members, Dame Pauline Green, President ICA informed that this conference had about the largest ever participation of the ministers and ICA delegates. Mr. Li Chunsheng, President, ICA-Asia Pacific, expressed deep appreciation for the support of the Royal Government of Thailand for hosting the conference and the warm hospitality extended to delegates.

Dame Pauline Green, in her special address, highlighted facts to establish the unstated yet significant role of co-operatives in global economy as co-operatives have one billion members as compared to just 327 million share holders of companies listed in the stock markets and the net worth of 300 globally successful co-operatives published every year is about US\$ 1.6 trillion. She however regretted that the present role of cooperatives in environment and conservation and its future potential in this field were not noted in the Rio Conference and ICA has been trying to include Co-operatives as an item in the forthcoming Rio+20 conclave.

The Conference Honored Mr. Shill Kwan Lee for successfully organizing three Co-operative Ministers' Conferences during his tenure as the Regional Director of ICA-AP from the year 2002-2009.

There were 36 speakers from 21 countries including 14 Cooperative Ministers, 3 international organizations; FAO, ILO and ACCU besides 4 Government representatives and cooperative success stories presentation by the ICA-AP members. Honorable Cooperative Ministers as listed below attended the conference and made statement:

1. *Honorable Vice Minister Mr. Shuji Yamada, Ministry of agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan.*
2. *Mr. Enkhbold Nyamaa, Deputy Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament and President of National Association of Mongolian Cooperatives.*
3. *Honorable Mr. Harish Rawat, Minister of State for Agriculture, India.*
4. *Honorable Minister Reza Sheykholeslam, Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor and Social Welfare, Islamic Republic of Iran.*
5. *Mr. Yang Berhomat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya Bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, Hon'ble Minister of Industry & Primary Resources, Brunei.*
6. *Honorable Minister Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri Bin Yaakob, Minister of Domestic Trade, Co-operative and Consumerism, Government of Malaysia.*
7. *Honorable Minister Theera Wongsamut, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Kingdom of Thailand.*

8. *H.E. Dr. Phouangparisak Pravongviengkham Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, MAF, Government of Laos.*
9. *Honorable Minister Syarifuddin Hasan, SE, MM, MBA, Ministry of Cooperatives & SMEs, Indonesia.*
10. *Honorable Syed Asrafur Islam, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, Bangladesh.*
11. *Honorable Minister Mr. Johnston Fernando, Ministry of Co-operatives and Internal Trade Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka.*
12. *Honorable Mr. Seyed Nezamaldin Sajadi, Deputy of Jihad-e- Agriculture Minister, Islamic Republic of Iran.*
13. *Honorable Deputy Minister Mr. Nguyen Dang Khoa, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Vietnam.*
14. *Honorable Minister Dr. Pema Gyamtsho, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Royal Government of Bhutan.*

The important highlights of the statements made by the Hon'ble Ministers are as follows:

1. *Concerns about the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources for profits only and that commodification of public goods, rising prices, privatization of public services have been causing massive hardships for the common people and the cooperatives must step in to institutionally counter these adversities.*
2. *To expand the base of the co-operatives it is imperative that the activities of the SHGs, Micro Credit and Micro Finance Institutions, NGOs and Civil Society groups with shared values and methods of organization are brought within the ambit of co-operatives.*
3. *Empowerment of women could be achieved by innovative programs such as tree plantation in Mongolia and forming women led Diary co-operatives as achieved in India, Bangladesh and elsewhere.*
4. *The Governments of Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Bhutan Iran Mongolia, Nepal and Sri Lanka reported policy, law and institutional changes made to create an environment conducive to co operative development, while Philippines and Laos emphasized measures to make farms increasingly use organic methods through the cooperative mechanism with support from the Government to bring about balanced agriculture development.*
5. *The Islamic Republic of Iran projected the present share of cooperatives in the GDP at 9% and a target of 25% to be achieved in five years due to the concerted efforts of the Government to strengthen and expand the co operatives and suggested formation of a consortium of Governments to support cooperatives and a common chamber of co-operatives and regional and international unions for all co-operatives.*
6. *Japan, Korea and Vietnam informed the conference about new mechanism to promote ethical consumerism and co-operatives becoming an integral part of economic transformation programs with emphasis on upgrading the capacities of co-operatives to take up larger business activities. Mr. Shuji Yamada informed the exemplary work of Agricultural Co-operatives in providing relief to the victims of last year's devastating earthquake and highlighted their role in food security, sustainable development and diversified activities leading to diffusion of democracy. Considering the positive role of co-operatives, the National Planning Committee is engaged in the preparation of a comprehensive plan for co-operatives in Japan.*
7. *The Minister from India informed that the co-operatives are taking up a wide range of diverse activities and also informed about the legal and policy reforms undertaken by the government to reform the sector and in particular the credit sector.*
8. *The Minister of Bhutan stated that Bhutan has taken up a plan to promote co-operatives to achieve holistic human development in line with its development philosophy of Gross National Happiness which goes beyond GDP based on only material factors. The co-operative law 2009 has been enacted to provide the framework under which 170 co-operatives have been functioning. Bhutan supports the ICA Principles at this stage and is keen to actively participate in the UN and ICA work relating to cooperatives.*

9. *The President of the Co-operative League of Thailand urged upon creation of a strong capital base needed by cooperatives of the region. Hence special funding arrangements are to be created by the Governments to facilitate the growth of co-operatives.*
10. *The representative from Nepal stated that the cooperatives are to be the foundation of Nepal's economy based on multipurpose co-operatives, micro enterprises, and diary co-operatives with emphasis on participation of women and disadvantaged sections. A new Co-operative Law in conformity with ICA Principles is under preparation. Reforms in co-operative Policy are being considered under a mission mode approach to achieve professionalization and efficiency to raise share of co-operatives in the GDP from the current level of about 3.2%.*
11. *The representative from Kuwait stated that the concept of co-operation is rooted in Kuwaiti tradition of community help which the Government has harnessed to develop cooperatives in different spheres.*
12. *The representative of Korea made a presentation on "The Basic Cooperative Law in Korea". He said that 2012 is important momentum - key for success is working in partnership with NGO, government and coop. The coop will continue to work together at the local and international level.*
13. *The representative from China made a presentation on "Circular Economy Business. He said that circular economy – waste in one sector is input in another. There is a need to reuse and recycle with higher efficiency so that pollution is minimized and used again as much as possible.*
14. *Indonesia is amending its cooperative law of 1992. There is a need to amend cooperative law to adapt to climate and competition and also protection of intellectual property rights.*

At the end of each session, the conference provided an open forum for the delegates to participate in the proceedings. Several governments argued for special funding mechanisms for the development of co-operatives by initiating a Special Co-operative Fund and submitted their presentation materials. In order to make the conference more effective, the ICA-AP is commissioning critical study of cooperative law and policy of countries in the region before every conference which is being presented and discussed in the conference. This study gives an insight of prevalent practices and "what is working what is not" which is meant to help the ministers and stake holder in creating a road map for future progress. This time also the 4th Critical Study was completed by Mr. Rangan Dutta, Senior Consultant of ICA-AP and was presented by him at the conference.

The proceedings of the conference were concluded with the adoption of the Joint Declaration, consideration of the conference report and the concluding address by the Honorable Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Co-operation of the Kingdom of Thailand, Mr. Nattawoot Saikuar. Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director of ICA-AP expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude for the warm hospitality and all round support provided by the Government of Thailand and also acknowledged with gratitude the support of the Honorable Ministers and delegates by attending and actively participating in the Conference. The conference report and all the speeches and presentations are placed on the ICA-AP website.

The Honorable Minister Syarifuddin Hasan, SE, MM, MBA, Ministry of Cooperatives & Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of Indonesia has expressed his keen interest to host the next Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Indonesia.

The Joint Declaration of the 9th Cooperative Ministers' Conference adopted by the Conference on 29th February 2012 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok is as follows.

Joint Declaration of the 9th Co-operative Ministers' Conference

27th-29th February 2012

The United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand

Adopted by the Conference on 29th February 2012

1. The 9th Conference of Ministers in charge of co-operatives in the Governments of Member countries of the Asia-Pacific Region of the International Co-operative Alliance,
2. **Reaffirming** that the last eight conferences of 'Cooperative Ministers' since 1990 have contributed to the development of cooperative movements in the Region through the platform for Ministers aiming to provide an enabling policy and legal environment embodied in the Declarations and Recommendations adopted jointly with cooperative movements in the Asia-Pacific Region, met at Bangkok from 27 February to 29 February 2012 and

3. **Noting** that several Governments of the Region have taken steps, on the recommendations made at the 8th Asia Pacific Co-operative Ministers' Conference, to create an enabling environment for the co-operatives to function as voluntary, autonomous, democratic and apolitical enterprises and Cooperative Movements have striven to raise their capacities in size and scope of business to compete with the businesses of commercial and multinational enterprises in the process of globalization and harmonization of domestic laws and rules to the international standards and
4. **Taking Note** of the views expressed on the multi dimensional impact of Globalization experienced in their respective countries in terms of volatile capital markets, rising prices and consequent hardships for the masses, shrinking employment opportunities in the process of capital intensive growth, increasing casualisation of labour and adverse terms of trade for agriculture and rural economy, and
5. **Conscious of** the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources for profits disregarding the irreversible environmental damages, commodification of public goods and privatization of public services, causing massive hardships and the positive role of Cooperatives in addressing these issues and their contribution to strengthen food security in the world and
6. **Noting** that the UN General Assembly Resolution no. A/RES/64/136 calling upon all Member States to take advantage of the year 2012 declared as the International Year of Co-operatives in recognition of the positive impact of co-operatives on poverty reduction, generation of employment and social inclusion and the goals set by the UN for the International Year of Co-operatives, do hereby resolve to make earnest efforts to increase public awareness about co-operatives and their contributions to socio-economic development and especially towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goals, to promote the formation and growth of co-operatives, and to meet these objectives to encourage Governments to establish policies, laws and regulations to create an environment conducive to the formation, growth and stability of co-operatives, and
7. **Recognizing** that the vital role co-operatives in advancing towards a sufficiency economy based on sustainable development and our commitment to the co-operative movement, especially for those belonging to vulnerable groups, including women, youth, persons with disabilities, aged persons and indigenous peoples in order to fully participate, on a voluntary basis in cooperatives and to address their social and economic needs and
8. **Reaffirming** that the potential of co-operatives as a strategic sector balancing the forces operating in a market economy as being risk averse, stake holder welfare oriented form of enterprises has been overlooked and hence the need for a more dynamic set of laws and policies than what have been put in place so far

We, the participants of the Conference

9. **Urge** upon the Governments to formulate a new policy and legal framework, on the basis of ICA Principles, by initiating a comprehensive review of co-operative laws and Policies, taking into account the recommendations made in the last Asia Pacific Co-operative Ministers' Conference and the suggestion to enact a common co-operative code defining Government-Co-operative relationship and addressing the governance issues to enable the co-operatives to move to a high growth path and
10. **Urge** upon the Governments to expeditiously lay down a new policy and legal framework to provide a larger and durable space for the co-operatives in their economies by initiating an urgent review of the co-operative laws with a view to removing provisions which continue to impinge on the autonomy and self regulation in the management of co-operatives, introducing fair and transparent mechanisms for arbitration of disputes and redress of grievances and protecting the basic character of co-operatives by stricter legal provisions to prevent demutualization and to provide an effective supportive role for the Co-operative Unions and Federations in the functioning of the co-operatives essentially in capacity building and good governance for ensuring accountability and to review and restore various incentives earlier allowed to co-operatives such as exemptions from payment of certain taxes, in recognition of their crucial role in holding the price line, promotion of social welfare and sustainable employment and contribution to social and economic stability and

11. **Urge upon** the Governments to make institutional arrangements like constitution of a National and Provincial Co-operative Development Fund with contribution from the state, the co-operatives and the Central Bank not only to rescue co-operatives facing difficulty but also to assist them in developing professional management, competitive edge and core competency in emerging areas and to enter into more diverse areas of cooperation like housing, energy, health, child and elderly cares, education and other social services to render services to the common people at affordable prices apart from strengthening its traditional activities in credit, distribution of consumer goods and essential supplies and
12. **Call upon** the co-operative movements to consider innovative measures to bring within its ambit the Self Help Groups, especially the women led SHGs and Microfinance Institutions and other social associations with features common to co-operatives and shared values and promote growth of large multipurpose societies and expand the base of co-operatives, and
13. **Call upon** international organizations and the specialized UN agencies, in collaboration with national and international cooperative organizations, to encourage growth of coherent synergy between the co-operatives and the civil society organizations in areas such as natural resource conservation and environment and mitigation of climate change, advocacy and welfare of disadvantaged sections and thereby contribute to the growth of social capital and to promote of strategic alliances among co-operatives across the region and with appropriate public and private entities and promotion of greater sharing of experiences towards attainment of common objectives.

(Draft) New Strategic Plan of ICA Asia-Pacific

Introduction

01. The current 'Strategic Objectives (SO)' of ICA will end this year 2012, which has guided the operations of ICA and its regional offices since the ICA Extraordinary Ordinary General Assembly in 2008 in Rome.
02. As the United Nations declared the year 2012 as the UN International Year of Cooperatives (IYC), there have been full of cooperative aspirations, inspirations and new establishments in achieving the goals of UN-IYC. The 'ICA Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade', being adopted duly in the ICA Extraordinary General Assembly in Manchester on 31st October 2012, is the consolidate outcome to be pursued collectively by all cooperatives and their stakeholders in the coming decade.
03. The ICA Asia-Pacific now serves more than 700 million individual members through 81 national level member organizations and one regional organization in 25 countries in the Region. The number of member organization has grown steadily from 60 to 81 during the last four years (2009-2012). Knowing that the Region is economically boosting with about 4.2 billions of population now, the work for the cooperative development of ICA will be greatly potent and promising.
04. In acknowledging these provisions, potentials and grand framework of ICA for the world cooperatives, it is proposed to establish the New Strategic Plan of ICA Asia-Pacific for the next four years to come. The ICA-AP office is submitting the draft in encompassing the all visions, desires, objectives for the cooperative environments and situations of the Region.

ICA-AP Office in the Past and Now

05. The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) came to Asia Pacific Region with the establishment of the Regional Office & Education Center for South-East Asia in 1960 as a result of the discussions that had taken place at the various Congresses of the Alliance since 1948.
06. The main objectives of ICA-AP in the earlier decades, was to explore to bring the national cooperative movements in the developing countries closer to ICA, by way of educating and training cooperative leaders and managers so as to contributing through the instrument of cooperation, and to social and economic development of developing countries. Whilst the ICA-AP office, as the Regional office of ICA and as the custodian for the ICA Co-operative Identity Statement (ICIS), has been missioned to promote and enhance co-operative development in the Region widely.
07. Main focus areas of ICA's Regional office have been: Promotion and protection of ICA Cooperative Identity Statement (ICIS) mainly through the Cooperative Forum; Promotion of enabling cooperative policy and legal environment through the Cooperative Ministers' Conferences; Training of cooperative leaderships and managers

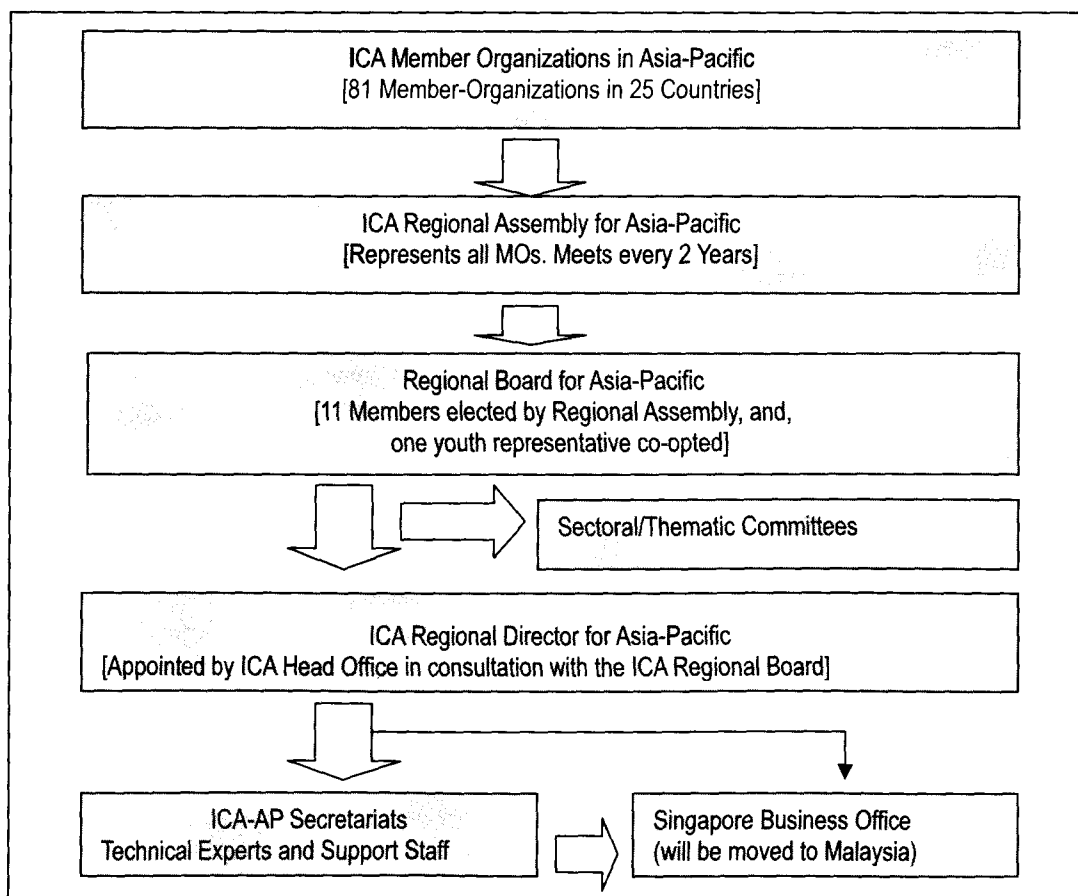
especially for the Agriculture and Consumer sector development; Supporting regional cooperative trade interactions; Human resource development for mainstreaming women, youth in co-operative efforts; Utilizing information, communication and technology for development, Technical assistances on cooperative laws; Consultancies, Field studies, Research and Development works.

08. In order to implement its activities, the ICA-AP has collaborated international and national development agencies and national government ministries. The major funding partners include the Government of Japan (MAFF) and ICA Member organizations i.e. JCCU (Japan), NACF (Korea), ACFSMC (China), SNCF (Singapore), NCUI (India), IFFCO (India).
09. In doing those activity programs and development efforts, ICA membership had increased explosively during the decade of 1991-2010, and even faster in recent years. As observed, inviting non-ICA countries will be the promising strategy to increase the membership in the coming years.

Period	Countries	Members
1960-1970	06	10
1971-1980	08	22
1981-1990	13	31
1991-2010	25	71

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Existing Members	55	57	60	65	71	77
New Members Added	2	3	5	6	8	1
Members Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total Members	57	60	65	71	77	81

10. Organizational Structure of ICA-AP



11. In addition to the above structure, ICA-AP has organized the Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference every four years as the unique instrument for the cooperative development in the Region since 1990, to mobilize the Ministers and their governments to prepare an enabling legal provisions and policy environments for full-fledged the potentials of cooperatives in the Region. The Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum has been also the Regional instrument for all members and their stakeholders to discuss cooperative issues and generate solutions in the Region. The Cooperative Forum has been held every two years since 1995 in conjunction with the Regional Assembly.

The Strategic Objectives of ICA (for 2009-2012)

12. The Strategic Objectives of ICA was made to present a global vision of the 'one ICA', including planning for the central and regional offices as well as the sectoral organizations for the period 2009-2012. It includes commonly agreed strategic objectives, key result areas, outcomes and indicators, as well as the strategic initiatives as defined by each component of the ICA.
13. The Strategic Objectives has guided the ICA's operation, visioning that the Cooperative Identify shall be the powerful instrument for all people, therefore inviting cooperatives as ICA members is essential for the cooperative contribution to the sustainability of human society.

Strategic objectives (SO) of ICA (for 2009-2012)

1. Consolidate and Increase Membership

- Retention of Existing Members
- Accreditation of New Members
- Improved Compliance of the Cooperative Identity
- Improved Value of Services to Members

2. Increase Global Influence to Promote Co-operative as Value Based Business

- Dissemination of ICIS & Cooperative Advantages in building a Value Based Business Model
- Institutionalization of Policy Dialogue on Co-operatives for Inclusive Growth of National Economy and Fair Globalization
- Effectiveness of ICA as a Lobbyist and Advocate for the Cooperative Movement
- Credibility of ICA as the Agency of Reference Value and Accreditation for Coops

3. Develop Strong Cooperative Enterprises for Social and Economic Progress

- Consolidated & Focused Strategic Alliances / Networks
- Enhanced Capacity of Co-operatives to Compete Locally & Globally
- Structured Governance Regime in Co-operatives
- Vulnerability Reduction through Co-operative Actions
- Participation of Women and Youths in the Cooperative Organizations

4. Strengthening ICA's sustainability through Financial Capacity, Good Governance and Committed People Base

- Timely Collection & Revision of Membership Fees
- Membership Advantages to Increase & Expand Membership Base of ICA

- Significant Development Funding from Alternative Sources
- Effective Governance System in ICA
- Knowledge Management within ICA
- Professionalism in Work Culture in ICA
- ICA as an Employer of Choice

The ICA “Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade”

14. In celebrating the UN International Year of Co-operatives, ICA has set up ambitiously a greater vision for the cooperative future and a powerful claim to the world, which is the ICA ‘Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade’. It can be summarized as follows (see the full document in separate paper).

Summary of the Blueprint strategy

The starting point for the strategy for a global co-operative future is the powerful claim which co-operatives make to the outside world: that they have a way of doing business which is better than the one which is currently failing.

- *Co-operatives are better because they give individuals **participation** through ownership, which makes them inherently more engaging, more productive, and both more useful and more relevant in the contemporary world*
- *Co-operatives are better because their business model creates greater economic, social and environmental **sustainability***

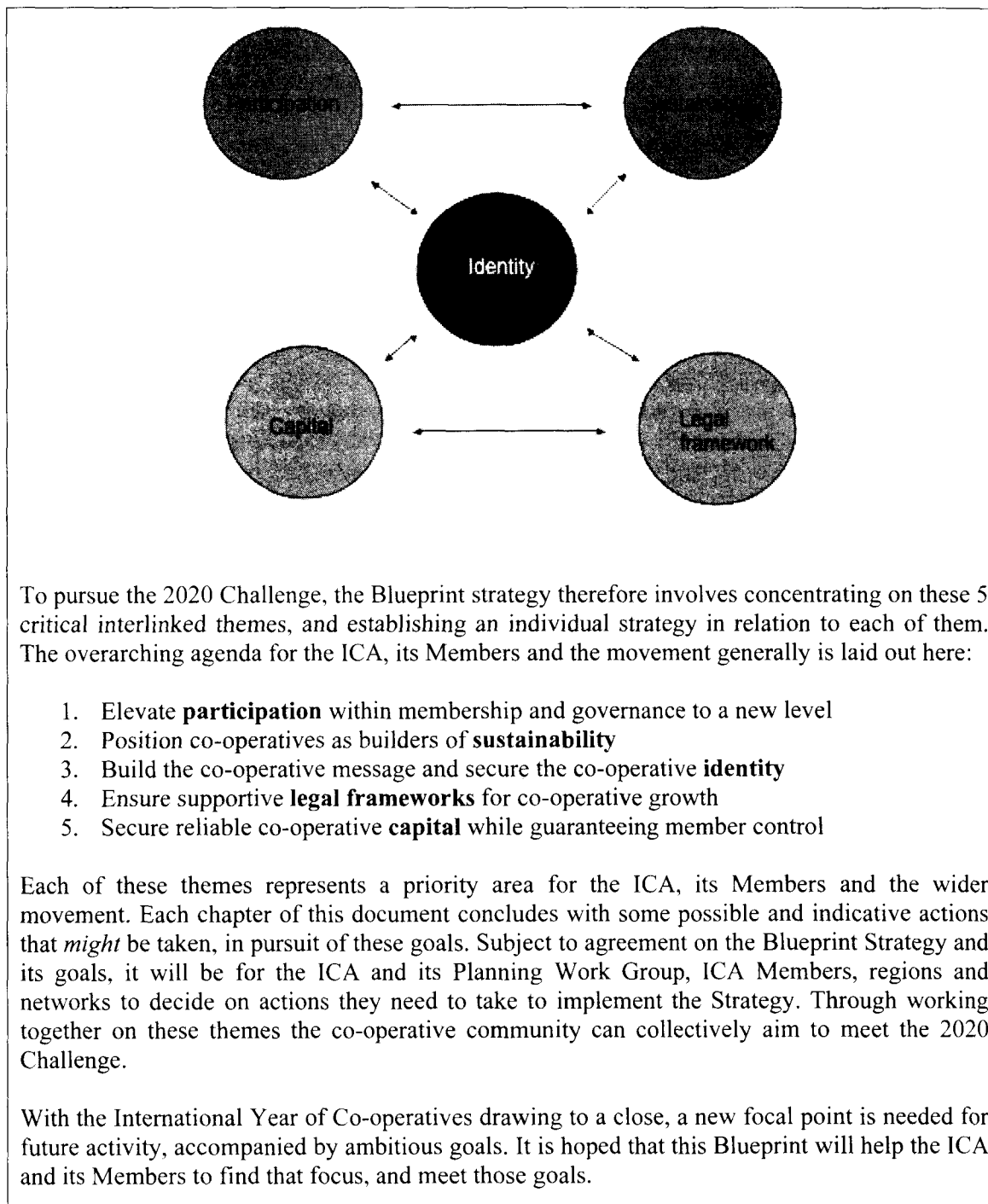
Chapters 1 (Participation) and 2 (Sustainability) explain why co-operatives offer a better way of doing business. Chapter 3 effectively sets out the co-operative proposition for today: what it means to be a co-operative and what are the defining characteristics or “irreducible core”.

- *This is looked at through the lens of **identity** – how co-operatives communicate their powerful message and how they are to be seen and understood by everybody from policy-makers to the general public.*

With the intrinsic and abiding value of the co-operative model clearly established, and a distinctive co-operative identity and proposition described, attention turns in chapters 4 and 5 to what facilitates or inhibits co-operatives.

- *Co-operatives in every jurisdiction sit within a **legal framework**. This framework plays a critical role for the viability and existence of co-operatives.*
- *Co-operatives need access to **capital** if they are to be established, grow and flourish.*

These are the five interlinked and overlapping themes of the Blueprint strategy, which can be illustrated as follows.



The Current Status of the Asia-Pacific Region

15. The Asia-Pacific is geographically wide and culturally segmented by sub-regions whereas the Pacific Islands are pointed on the Sea. In the coverage of the ICA Asia-Pacific, it can be divided into six sub-regions in terms of their historical, political, and currently economical interactions and alliances - the East Asia¹, Southeast Asia (ASEAN), Pacific Islands, South Asia (SAARC), Central Asia and Middle East Asia. One single office in New Delhi might not and will not be enough to cover the entire movements in the past, and much more in the future.

16. The Region is highly populous and economically boosting, and thus emerging Region for cooperative development. In the Region, the East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia are dominant in ICA membership and in population too.

17. ICA membership, Population and Total GDP in the ICA Asia-Pacific by Sub-regions

Sub-Region	Total Country	ICA Country	% of ICA Country	ICA Members		Population		Total GDP	
				n	percent	million	percent	billion	percent
East Asia	7	4	57%	26	32%	1,500	37%	14,878	61%
Southeast Asia	11	7	64%	12	15%	600	15%	2,148	9%
Pacific	18	3	17%	4	5%	33	1%	929	4%
South Asia	8	5	63%	22	27%	1,600	40%	4,383	18%
Central Asia	5	2	40%	2	2%	65	2%	166	1%
Middle East	14	4	29%	15	19%	221	5%	1,965	8%
Total	63	25	40%	81	100%	4,019	100%	24,469	100%

(Sources: <http://en.wikipedia.org>)

Approaching to the New Strategic Objectives

< From the Current Structure of ICA-AP >

18. To see the ICA membership in the Region, ICA-AP has many countries to invite in the Middle-East, Central Asia, Mekong-Delta, and in the Pacific. Noting that cooperative businesses in insurance, banking and consumer's have been highly emerging in these sub-regions, ICA-AP needs to have the strategic objectives to tap their potentials.

19. Activities of the sectoral and thematic Committees of ICA-AP have been the practical instrument for members and potent members to interact in exchange of their solidarity and business interests and opportunities in the Region. It should be further promoted and facilitated by the ICA-AP Secretariats. The ICA-AP currently has 4 sectoral Committees on Agriculture, Consumer, Credit & Banking, University/Campus Coops, and 4 thematic Committees on HRD, Research, Women and Youth. It has been desired by ICA-AP office to create the Committees on Fishery, Forestry (2F) for the cooperation in rural area; and Health and Housing (2H) in urban area in the Region.

< From the Strategic Plan for the New Business Office in Malaysia >

20. The Singapore Business Office (SBO) of ICA-AP started functioning on 10th July 1999 in a rented building, envisioning to creating business interactions and cooperative trade among members and with other partners in the Region. After 17 months of its operation, the original SBO (under the direct control of ICA-AP) had to move to the premises of the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) due to its failure to generate revenue to cover its operation cost to pay for the office rent and staff salaries. The business model of the original SBO might not produce easily the result in dealing with the cooperative apex organizations at that time.

21. Afterwards, SNCF had provided the office space since January 2002 till today and financial support of S\$ 30,000 per annum till the year-end of 2011. Two staff members, on deputation from Japanese Consumers Cooperative Union (JCCU) and National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) were working at the SBO till 2007. However, from the beginning of 2008 onwards only one staff member on deputation from JCCU is working at SBO. There had not been clear objective and activity plan for SBO except for the activities of the Consumer Committee funded by JCCU.
22. Upon receiving the question from SNCF in renewing the MOU in July 2011, Regional Director visited SNCF twice but could not reach an agreement on the utility of SBO for the benefits of SNCF. Finally in March 2012, the SNCF and ICA-AP decided to decline to renew the MOU.
23. In identifying a new place for new business office other than Singapore, Malaysia was the proper location, considering those various factors of demands, geographical proxies, cost of operations and international character of Kuala Lumpur. Thankfully, the Malaysian National Cooperative Movement (ANGKASA) has expressed their high willingness to host the business office for the Strategic Objectives. To this result, Regional Director reported and earned approval of the Board to submit a Strategic Plan for the ICA-AP Business Office in Malaysia.
24. Presently, ICA-AP is discussing with JCCU on how the joint activities on consumer cooperatives can be carried out as usual with new Business Office in Malaysia (MBO). In staffing for the MBO, ICA-AP has discussed with ANGKASA, JCCU and NACF on their secondments, and received the willingness from ANGKASA and NACF.
25. With these learned experiences, given the conditions and new objectives, the new 'Strategic Plan for the ICA-AP Business Office in Malaysia' was made for the Regional Board, and can be summarized as follows.

Strategic Plan for the New Business Office in Malaysia

Strategic Objectives

01. The Business Office in Malaysia, as the strategic office for the business interactions and exchanges, shall have the following strategic objectives to plan and implement relevant activities;
 - 1) to increase the business interactions and exchanges between/among Consumer Cooperatives, Cooperative Insurance & Banking, especially with the countries in the Middle east sub-regions;
 - 2) to promote 'Cooperative trade' strategically by the modes of 'Fairtrade' and 'B to B trade platform' through the Internet in the Region;
 - 3) to promote the technical exchanges and assistances in IT technology in the forms of workshop and training;
 - 4) to transfer the technical and managerial know-how, especially in the business areas of 'Resource Recycling' and 'Renewable Energy' businesses;
 - 5) to promote cultural exchanges of youth cooperators in the Region.

Office Structure

02. Under the direct control of Regional Director, the Office shall have three sections -
 - 1) Consumer Coop & Fairtrade, 2) Insurance & Banking, and 3) IT technology & Renewable

Resources which are to be covered by the three seconded staff members from said organizations, in collaboration with the staffs of New Delhi office and Committee of seconding organizations.

03. Address of the new Business Office in Malaysia shall be;
[ANGKASA, Wisma Ungku A. Aziz, Jalan SS 6/1, Kelana Jaya 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia]

Mode of Activity

04. Plan and implementation of the five strategic objectives can be categorized into two types by the venue of and mode of conduction of activities – 1) in Malaysia for Seminar, Workshop, Training; and 2) Other country than Malaysia for organized study visit of a group. It can be termed as 1) 'Meeting' and 2) 'Study Visit' in short.

1) Seminar, workshop and training (Meeting) are to be modulized with minimum two resource speakers (one from abroad, one from Malaysia) and about 20 participants (10 from abroad, 10 from Malaysia) for 2 days of activity.

2) Group (Study Visit) is to be modulized with one conducting staff and about 10 participants for 5 days (3 days of visits and 2 days of air travel).

Mode of Financing Activities

05. It will depend on the mode of activities in the case of 'Meeting' and the hospitality extensions of the hosting organization and financial capability of sending organization in the case of 'Study Visit'. The Financing scheme for participants is to be established case by case. However 'self-financing' is to be general norm for the participation except for 'resources speaker' and 'trainer' unless there will be funded by ICA Member or by a funding organization.

06. However, the host organization would provide air-fare, board and lodging, local transportation and other in-kinds services in part of these costs and selectively to the participants based on their objectives and financial capabilities.

Four-Year Plan

07. The Strategic objectives for the Malaysia Business Office will be attained in planning and implementing the strategic activity areas progressively for the four years to come.

Strategic Activity Area	Number of Activities' (Plan)			
	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016
Consumer Coops/ Fairtrade ¹⁾	2	2	2	2
Coop Insurance/ Coop Banking		1	2	2
IT and 'B to B' Technology	1	1	1	1
Recycling / Renewable business	1	1	1	1
Cultural exchange of Youth		1	1	1

1) Which excludes the existing activities of the ICA-AP Consumer Committee (JCCU funding)

Financing of MBO Works

08. In estimating the expenses, financing and budget for one year for the operation and activity implementation of Malaysia Office (KBO) is to be planed; provided that ANKASA will provide the office space in the ANKSAK premises, financial contribution and one or two staff member for the new Business Office; and foreseeing that NACF and JCCU will second one staff members each at their provisions of salary and living expenses of their seconded staff to Malaysia. The estimated total expenditure was figured as USD 67,000 to accomplishing the planned activities in assuming that the said provisions will be available from the participating organizations.

Term of Evaluation

09. The ICA-AP Business Office in Malaysia will be evaluated after two years together with ANGKASA in consultation with ICA-AP Board, participating organizations (JCCU, NACF) and ICA to decide for its improvement and continuation beyond the term.

< From the ICA 'Blueprint for a Decade' >

1. For the 'Participation'

26. It is fundamental for all cooperatives to ensure that participatory governance is in placed in structuring their organizational bodies and participatory decision-makings in their business management. It must be clearly stipulated in their 'Bye-Laws' in coinciding with the provided regulation of the Registry and Cooperative Law.
27. Full participation in the debating and voting procedures is fundamental for a cooperative organization, especially for certain organizations having big numbers of individual members. In utilizing the current IT technology and postal infra and mechanism, it will be desirable to innovate a direct-voting procedure as possibly.
28. Involvement and representation of women and youth have been the emphasis of ICA not only in the level of Federation/Apex organization but also in the Primary cooperatives. In this context, it will be desirable to review their By-Laws with a view to ensure for women and youth to have a certain seats in their Board structure.
29. To this end, ICA-AP will need to study and organize forum, seminar and workshop on those respects in reviewing the relevant laws on cooperatives, at the guidance of the ICA Cooperative Identity Statement (ICIS).
30. Participatory involvement of women and youth will be the firm ground for sustainable development in any cases. Where cultural diversity has been one of the factors for segmentation in the Region, ICA-AP should have the special program to exchange and enjoy their cultural diversities of youth.

2. For the 'Sustainability'

31. As globalization has proceeded widely, cooperative enterprises have faced high competitions, and have needed to equip themselves to gain their competitive

advantages in their respective business sectors. In their business operation, adoption of innovative technologies and business alliance are of strategic solution in cooperation. ICA-AP will need to prepare a special platform in mobilizing the new Business Office in Malaysia.

32. Most of the national Apex organizations, especially in the Southeast Asia and South Asia have had limited capacities to access the markets for their numerous numbers of small producers. Now in the highly connected society though Internet, it has been revealed and commended by many best practices in the Region for cooperative enterprises to install their own Internet based 'B to B' and 'B to C' business models. Then, ICA-AP will need to take this new business model as its new area for development.
33. As the countries in the Region are industrialized and hugely urbanized, ICA-AP needs to promote providing cooperative housings, health and care services. Concerning more their communities on environment, food safety and other social security should be continuously triggered. As their potent area of competent business, cooperatives and their enterprises need to involve and consider to establish some forms of enterprise in the areas of 'waste management and recycling of natural resources' and 'financing, producing and distributing of alternative energy'. These new business areas will be coincided with the 'Sustainability' pillar of the ICA Blueprint.
34. The paradigm of 'Ethical Consumption' should be extended to 'Ethical Production' in the Region by way of promoting the 'Fairtrade' business and practice domestically and among countries in the Region. It will give the ample opportunity for cooperatives and ICA-AP to create many educational programs on environment, food safety and climate change. To facilitate the 'Fairtrade' business, the Region may need to establish a regional norm and Institution for the 'Fairtrade Certification' in the Region.

3. For the 'Identity'

35. Basically, the Cooperative Identity is represented by the ICA Statement on Cooperative Identity which must be promoted by genuine operation of cooperatives firstly, and more actively disseminating positive messages to the public. Collections of 'Cooperative Story' and its publication will be the effective strategy.
36. In branding the cooperative business regionally and globally, ICA will need to have united symbolic features like 'doot.coop' domain and to create influential messages and media advocacies as experienced during the UN-IYC celebration.
37. Besides the Cooperative Identity also should be protected well by collective monitoring of cooperative movements and business operations by certain instrument such as 'Cooperative Social Audit' for example. It could be done better in the Regional level.
38. In the Regional level, it has been the view that 'Autonomy and Independence' principle was the given agenda for Asia-Pacific when ICA review the Cooperative Principle at the Centennial Congress held in Manchester in 1995. It must be continuously pursued by members and their governments soundly in the Region, especially in the process of cooperative legislation.

4. For the 'Supportive Legal Environment'

39. In the Region, the Cooperative Ministers' Conference has been the useful platform for Ministers' and their governments to resolute their wills to prepare their enabling legal and policy environments in reiterating the important roles of the cooperatives in their socio-economic and rural development.
40. While continuing to mobilize this special mechanism for the Region, it should be extended to invite Parliamentary members for the effective results. As desired, ICA will need to organize a 'Parliaments' Network' regionally and globally to whom we could call them as 'Cooperative-minded Parliaments Members.
41. In the Region, cooperatives have emerged in many sectors of new businesses which require a new legal provisions and regulation. Often in many countries, cooperatives are not allowed enter into banking and insurance business for their financial arm. In some countries, the genuine nature of cooperative business models are often challenged by their Fair Trade Agency in the processes of harmonizing domestic law with international standards. With a view to provide them a fair playing field, ICA-AP will need to organize an independent Conference instrument with national Registry agencies for dealing such specific issues on cooperative inclusion.
42. In the Region, there have been prevailing discrepancies between cooperative law and commercial laws and among cooperative law, regulations of Registry and government policies. To these inconsistencies and gaps, ICA-AP needs to mobilize a monitoring mechanism by setting up a Conference with national Registries in the Region.

5. For the "Cooperative Capital"

43. Creation of a cooperative enterprise is the genuine way of mobilizing shared capital in among ordinary people. The mechanism of retains of dividend earnings is also unique feature for the sustainable existence of cooperative enterprise. However, when cooperatives need and desire to expand their business and invest to new technology they often meet shortage of capital.
44. In the Region widely, size of cooperatives are very small and their business alone are uncompetitive and even intangible. So the merger and business alliance are necessary to make their size and business looks tangible to their market places. Especially in the time of fast globalization, enlargement of cooperative capital is necessary by way of enforcing merger of primary cooperatives at national norm, and strategic amalgamation alliance of township cooperatives. It had happened in the East Asia countries like Japan and Korea in the past. In these countries, enforcement was accompanied with technical assistances, financial incentives and legal provisions.
45. Sectoral Federations in some countries often attempted to have its own cooperative bank for their firm-based finance and investment, but failed to apply with given legal provisions. It could be taken vigorously as the strategic objective by those countries at the technical assistance and consultation of ICA-AP office in the coming years.

New Strategic Objectives of ICA-AP (2013-2016)

46. At the continuum of the ICA's Strategic Objectives made in Rome for the year of 2009~2012; in summing up the all objectives identified above; following strategic activities and program will be planed and implemented under the directions of Regional Board and in consultation with ICA, participating Members, related ICA-AP Committees, government agencies;
- 1) To invite more ICA membership in the Middle-East, Central Asia, Mekong-Delta, and in the Pacific sub-regions, noting that cooperative businesses in insurance, banking and consumer's are their emerging sector
 - 2) While further activating the Committees in Agriculture, Consumer, Credit & Banking, University/Campus Coops, HRD, Research, Women and Youth, to set up the Committees in Fishery, Forestry (2F) in rural area; and Health and Housing (2H) in urban area
 - 3) To promote the paradigm and practices of 'Ethical Consumerism' of consumers and 'Ethical Production' of producers.
 - 4) To promote 'Cooperative trade' strategically by the modes of 'Fairtrade' and 'B to B trade platform' through Internet
 - 5) To promote the technical exchanges and assistances in IT technology in the forms of workshop and training
 - 6) To transfer the technical and managerial know-how, especially in the business areas of 'Resource Recycling' and 'Renewable Energy' businesses
 - 7) To promote cultural exchanges of youth cooperators
 - 8) To study on countries' By-Laws of primary cooperatives, and to draw a model By-Laws with a view to ensure the financial sustainability of cooperatives and participatory governance and decision-making of members, especially for women and youth to have certain seats in their Board structure
 - 9) To collect and disseminate 'Cooperative Story' in creating public awareness on cooperative and its business model
 - 10) To promote and deliver of '.coop' domain and to create influential messages and media advocacies on cooperative and its business model
 - 11) To institutionalize the 'Cooperative Social Audit' with a view to and as a mean to promote and protect the Cooperative Identity
 - 12) To continue to organize the Cooperative Ministers' Conference as the useful platform for the enabling policy and legal environment and provision, especially in reiterating the 'Autonomy and Independence' principle for cooperatives in the Region

- 13) To organize a 'Parliaments' Network' regionally and globally with 'Cooperative-minded Parliaments Members
- 14) To organize an independent Conference instrument with national Registry Agencies in order to dealing such issues on cooperative inclusions in the business opportunity, especially in the area of new cooperative business, and for sound-tuning between cooperative laws and commercial laws and between cooperative law and government policy provisions
- 15) To encourage and enforcing merger of primary cooperatives as countries' norm, and to strategic amalgamation alliance of township cooperatives for strong capabilities by way of introducing best practices and model cases
- 16) To provide technical assistance and consultation to Member counties on cooperative law and regulations on cooperative banking and insurance.

Multi-Annual Budget for the Years of 2013-2016

BUDGET -NEW DELHI (all amounts in Swiss francs)		BUDGET 2013-2016			
		Y2013	Y2014	Y2015	Y2016
Expected GLOBAL Membership Fees		840,500	861,500	883,000	905,000
Bad Debt Provision	0.0%	12,607	12,922	13,245	13,575
Sectoral Orgn. Allocation		82,790	84,858	86,975	89,143
Balance prior to redistribution		745,103	763,720	782,780	802,282

INCOME					
- Subscription redistribution	50%	372,552	381,860	391,390	401,141
- Solidarity to Africa	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Total subscription redistribution		372,552	381,860	391,390	401,141
Regional membership fees					
Meeting revenues (R.A.)			50,000		50,000
Administrative Contribution		55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Sale of services & others		-			
TOTAL INCOME		427,552	486,860	446,390	506,141

EXPENSES					
Personnel Expenses		228,000	250,500	260,000	270,000
Travel Expenses		80,500	85,500	80,500	85,641
Premises & General Office Expenses		33,552	37,500	34,500	38,500
IT & Telecommunication		25,000	27,500	24,500	31,000
External Services		15,500	17,360	6,731	16,500
Meeting Expenses		16,500	38,500	14,500	36,000
Other Expenses		8,500	10,000	5,659	8,500
Budgeting to Malaysian Business Office		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		427,552	486,860	446,390	506,141

¹ The **East Asia** includes **China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia**, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and North Korea. The total population is more than **1.5 billion people**, about 38% of the population of Asia or 22% of in the world, live in East Asia, about twice Europe's population. The region is one of the world's most populated places, with a population density of 133 inhabitants per Km², being about three times the world average of 45 persons per km², although Mongolia has the lowest population density of a sovereign state. It holds the nominal GDP of \$ 14.878 trillion (as of 2011) in total. (source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Asia)

The **Southeast Asia** includes **Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam**, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos and East Timor. The total population is about **610 million people** (2011) with total GDP of \$2.158 trillion and \$3,538 GDP per capita (2011). (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia)

The **Pacific Islands** created the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) which includes 16 countries, - **Australia, New Zealand, Fiji**, Kiribati, Palau, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Niue, Samoa, Vanuatu, which has been highly led by Australia and New Zealand. The population of PIF countries was **32.5 million people** (2008) in total, and their total GDP was estimated as US\$929.263 billion. (source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Islands_Forum)

The **South Asian** Association for Regional Cooperation (**SAARC**) includes **Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka**, Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives. The total population was about **1.6 billion people** (2009) with high population density of 304.9/km². The nominal GDP produced was estimated as US\$ 4,382,700 million with US\$ 2,779 Per capita (as of 2009). (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asian_Association_for_Regional_Cooperation)

The **Central Asia** includes these five republics of the former Soviet Union - **Kazakhstan**, Kyrgyzstan, **Tajikistan**, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The total population of these five countries is about **64.7 million people** (2012), and the total GDP produced was marked as \$ 166 Billion with \$ 2,700 of GDP per capita (2009). (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia).

The **Middle East** includes **Iran, Israel, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates**, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestinian territory, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen. The economies of Middle Eastern are range from being very poor (such as Gaza and Yemen) to extremely wealthy nations (such as Qatar, UAE and Saudi Arabia). According to the World Bank's *World Development Indicators* database published on July 1, 2009, the three largest Middle Eastern economies in 2008 were Turkey (\$ 7.94 billion), Saudi Arabia (\$ 4.68 billion) and Iran (\$ 3.85 billion) in terms of nominal GDP. In regards to nominal GDP per capita, the highest ranking countries are Qatar (\$93,204), the UAE (\$55,028), Kuwait (\$45,920), Bahrain (\$34,662) and Cyprus (\$32,745). The economic structures of Middle Eastern nations are heavily dependent on export of only oil and oil-related products. (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_East)



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Invitation from ICA-AP President, Mr. Li Chunsheng



It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly and 7th Co-operative Forum to be held in Kobe (Japan) from 26th to 30th November 2012. The ICA-AP Regional Assembly, which meets once every two years, bringing together the representatives from member organizations in the Region will have its 10th Assembly in Kobe, Japan on 29th November 2012.

As you all are aware, the Regional Assembly deals with the development of cooperatives in the region and detailing of operations of ICA in the region and formulates policies on major issues beneficial and relevant to the ICA and the cooperative movement in the Region.

The 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly will bring together the interests of 530 million cooperators through the representatives from 78 member organizations in 25 countries. In the context of the Cooperative Ministers' Conference, co-operatives have been seen as the instrument to deal with the socio-economic development in the region, and thus add to the importance of ICA Regional Assembly. This time for Kobe, we have selected the general theme as "Cooperatives Build a Secured Society" to be shared by all sectoral and thematic committee meetings.

We know that cooperatives in the region have delivered a wide scope of services vital for not only their members' livelihoods every day but also for their societies, often as partner for government policy programs. In doing so, they must ensure the societies at large in the most security areas of food, water, shelter, health, job, finance, insurance, environment and many other social issues too. Especially in the time of crisis and disasters, their genuine role appears as apparent.

In view of this, the 7th Cooperative Forum on the "Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster" will also be of great feature to be taken in Kobe, Japan in conjunction with the Regional Assembly. We have seen the pertinent roles, assistances and efforts of cooperatives, as fore-frontiers, in the relief and reconstruction processes when the great earthquake stroked Kobe in 1995, and the big earthquake-tsunami hit the Mideast part of Japan in March last year.

Since 2012 is the International Year of Cooperatives, our movement has a "once-in-a-generation" opportunity to take a massive step forward and lead the growth of our movements in the region.

Let us set our date with the destiny of millions of cooperators by participating in the 10th ICA Regional Assembly at Kobe in Japan in November 2012.

Li Chunsheng
President, ICA-Asia and Pacific

Welcome Message from Mr. Akira Banzai



I am really pleased to welcome all of you, on behalf of the Japan Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC) to participate in the 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly that will be held from 26th to 30th November 2012 in the wonderful city of Kobe.

Kobe is the capital of Hyogo Prefecture, an oldest port city located between the sea and the Rokko mountain range, is one of Japan's most attractive cities for many reasons. It will be pleasant with a nice weather in Kobe.

To stay at the pre-arranged hotels and meetings shall be fruitful, together with our 14 Japanese members and local cooperatives in Hyogo Prefecture. We will provide all of you opportunities to visit an agricultural cooperative, a consumer cooperative, a fishery cooperative, a workers' cooperative, a forest owners' cooperative and a health cooperative and make best efforts to bring it into a success.

The 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly this time is calling the representatives from 78 member organizations and excellent cooperators from 25 countries in the Region. It must be the historical event for the region, especially in achieving the objectives of the International Year of Co-operatives 2012 set by the United Nations.

To pursuit these, we will hold many conferences, forum, seminars, and meetings organized by the ICA-AP sectoral and thematic committees at the Kobe International Conference Center (KICC). It is meaningful to take the general theme to be shared for the events as "Cooperatives Build a Secured Society".

Kobe also has been known well as vibrant city that recovered successfully from the calamity hit by the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995. You will see that the city is completely rebuilt now by the great efforts and endeavors contributed together with cooperatives. It will be special for the Assembly to organize the 7th Cooperative Forum on the "Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster".

To this end, we, 14 ICA members in Japan, wish the Assembly a complete success and all delegates a pleasant stay in Japan.

Akira Banzai
Chairperson, Japan Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC),
on behalf of 14 ICA members in Japan

About the 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly

In Tokyo Congress, October 1992, restructuring of ICA was approved and a Regional Assembly was adopted as the highest policy making body of ICA-Asia Pacific in which all the members can participate, discuss concerned issues and take decisions. Next year, the constitution of the Regional Assembly was adopted in a meeting held in Beijing, China in 1993. The First Regional Assembly was held at New Delhi, India, 5-6 January 1995. As per the ICA-AP rule thereafter, the Regional Assembly shall meet every second year.

The chronology of ICA-AP Regional Assemblies from inception till date is as follows:

- 1st Regional Assembly took place in Delhi, India 1995
- 2nd Regional Assembly took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1996
- 3rd Regional Assembly took place in Seoul, Republic of Korea 1998
- 4th Regional Assembly took place in Singapore 2000
- 5th Regional Assembly took place in Cebu, Philippines 2003
- 6th Regional Assembly took place in Chiangmai, Thailand 2004
- 7th Regional Assembly took place in Colombo, Sri Lanka 2006
- 8th Regional Assembly took place in Hanoi, Vietnam 2008
- 9th Regional Assembly took place in Beijing, China 2010
- 10th Regional Assembly is scheduled to take place in Kobe, Japan at the Kobe International Conference Center on 26th -30th November, 2012.



Slogan

Regional Assembly has been the time of cooperative festivity, gathering eminent cooperators and their representatives in the Region. In sharing a cooperative enthusiasm in the UN International Year of Cooperatives,

a slogan for the 10th Regional Assembly was decided as “Cooperatives Build a Secured Society”.

Regional Assembly Slogan - “Cooperatives Build a Secured Society”

The world today is facing innumerable challenges. Chronic problems such as poverty, food insecurity and hunger, social conflicts, terrors and civil wars have threatened human society. As industrialization as well as urbanization has been increasingly intense, the problems of pollution, wastes, highly infectious diseases, energy scarcity and environmental degradation are threatening the sustainable progress of human beings. Now in the 21st century, global warming and climate change are questioning profoundly the human existence.

The prime responsibility of addressing the situation must be on the national governments and their United Nations. However, seeing that most of UN's International Conferences and Protocols have not been so much effective in mobilizing changes at local level, role of civil societies should be considered as even more crucial one. The Cooperatives have existed since centuries everywhere in the world, operating in all kinds of sectors of living and serving daily lives of their members and communities. It is the fact that the Cooperative Movement being united and represented by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) brings together over 1 billion people around the world. The United Nations estimated in 1994 that the livelihood of nearly 3 billion people or half of the world's population was made secure by cooperative enterprise.

It is also a fact that cooperative enterprises have always emerged as a great force when nothing seemed to work and have pulled through major crises. However, keeping in view the complexity of challenges and limited resources and capacity that the cooperatives have, can cooperatives effectively confront these urgent challenges and play a meaningful role putting in practice the co-operative principles and values, especially the 7th Principle – Concern for Community, which may be more relevant to concurrent time as Concern for International Community?

In celebrating the UN International Year of Cooperatives, the 10th Regional Assembly of ICA-AP is taking this slogan to be shared by all participants and cooperators in the Region.

ICA-AP Committee Meetings

Regional Assembly has provided the platform for the Regional Committees for their general meetings and seminars as per their rules and activity plans.

This time, during the two days of 26th-27th November, ICA-AP Committees on – Agriculture, Consumer, Fishery, Credit and Banking (RCBA), HRD, Research, Women and Youth will have their meetings and seminars, and

report their resolutions to the Regional Assembly on 29th November.

Statutorily, ICA-AP Board recommended adopting the 'Model Constitution' for the ICA-AP Committees, revision and resolution of their committee constitution shall be the main agenda for their general meetings (see the Regional Assembly Program).

Thematically, the Regional Assembly slogan – "Cooperatives Build a Secured Society" shall serve as the theme for the discussion and examination of the Committee meetings and Regional Assembly.

Joint Opening Ceremony of 10th Regional Assembly and 7th Cooperative Forum

At the main hall of the Kobe International Conference Center, this grand opening ceremony will be held at 09:30-10:50 morning on 28th November. As our honorable guest, we expect that Mr. Yoshihiko NODA, Honorable Prime Minister of Japan preside the inauguration. Followings are the special guests who will provide their remarkable speeches.

- Mr. Akira Banzai, JJC Chairman & JA-Zenchu President
- Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of the ICA for Asia-Pacific
- Dame Pauline Green, President of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
- Representative from Government of Japan
- José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director of the ILO Employment Sector
- Mr. Toshizo Ido Governor of HYOGO Prefecture
- Mr. Tatsuo Yada, Mayor of Kobe City

Reconstitution of the ICA-AP Board

The Regional Assembly is the highest forum of the ICA members in the Region, for the members and by the members wherein all members from the region participate equally to discuss and resolute over all policy matters concerning rules, governance and procedures, work plan, finance, membership, elections and agenda raised by the Board and members.

According to the Article-7 of ICA-AP Rules, this 10th Regional Assembly shall elect the Regional Board Members of 11 persons consisting of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and eight Members. The current Board Members were elected by the 8th Regional Assembly in Hanoi 2008 (see the Regional Assembly Agenda (tentative)).

About the 7th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum

Since the 4th Regional Assembly in Singapore 2000, the Cooperative Forum has been installed, in the surveillance

of socio-economic and political environments unto cooperatives in the Region, and in order to draw recommendations and resolutions for the betterment of roles of cooperatives and promotion of enabling legal and policy environments for cooperatives. The theme of this 7th Cooperative Forum was decided as "Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster".

The 7th Cooperative Forum will start at 11:10 morning of 28th November at Kobe International Conference Center after holding the Joint opening ceremony for Regional Assembly and Forum at 09:30 -10:50 am. (see the Cooperative Forum Program)

"Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster"

As we are aware, during the last decade and especially in the last few years, the entire region has been devastated by natural disasters and several of member countries suffered irreparable loss of human life and property. A large number of cooperatives were destroyed, many members lost their lives, and several of people were disabled and rendered homeless and jobless.

During all these times of disaster, the cooperatives tried to alleviate the sufferings of the people with all means at their disposal. The role of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and its members in providing resources and extending solidarity has been stupendous in the time of need. Recently, the prompt action of the Japanese cooperatives in providing relief and support to affected people during Tsunami and earthquake in March, 2011 has been exemplary. However, it has been felt that the cooperatives can play bigger role in disaster relief and recovery process if their efforts are backstopped with support and resources from the Governments and other agencies as partners in joint endeavor.

In the Forum, the cooperatives from affected countries including Japan have been invited to share the cooperative experiences. It will be seen that during the course of rehabilitation and reconstruction work, the cooperatives experienced sever resource crunch and lack of supports from government and other agencies. In case the cooperatives are considered as one of the agencies for handling such work, the resources could be channeled through cooperatives which in turn enhance their capacity to help faster and better.

Therefore, this issue needs to be discussed and the members should be able to come up with certain road map and recommendations which could be taken up with Governments and UN agencies in the Region.

Program for 25th – 30th November, 2012

Kobe International Conference Centre

DATE	TIME	NAME OF EVENT	ROOM
25 th Nov (Sun)	14:00-19:00	Registration	Kobe Portopia Hotel
26 th - 28 th Nov	08:30-19:00	Registration	KICC
26 th Nov (Mon)	09:00-12:30	ICA Regional Board Meeting	401
	09:00-12:30	Credit & Banking Committee (RCBA) Meeting	502
	09:00-10:30	Agriculture Committee Meeting	501
	11:00-12:30	ICAO General Meeting	501
	14:00-17:30	Agriculture Committee & ICAO Joint Seminar	501
	09:00-17:30	Research Committee Conference & Meeting	503
	14:00-17:30	Youth Committee Meeting	402
	14:00-17:30	Women Committee Meeting & Forum	502
27 th Nov. (Tue.)	18:00-20:00	Welcome Dinner for ICA-AP Board	Hotel Okura Kobe
	09:00-12:30	Seminar on Promotion of Cooperative Tourism	503
	09:00-12:30	HRD Committee Meeting	501
	09:00-12:30	ICFO Annual Meeting	504
	09:00-15:30	Consumer Committee Meeting	502
	09:00-17:00	Study Visit & Exchange Program of the Women Committee	Co-op Kobe
	14:00-17:30	Forestry Committee Meeting	504
28 th Nov. (Wed.)	18:00-20:00	Welcome Reception by JJC	Portopia Hotel
	09:30-10:30	Joint Opening Ceremony of Cooperative Forum & Regional Assembly	Main Hall
	11:00-17:30	The 7th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum	Main Hall
29 th Nov. (Thu.)	09:00-16:00	The 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly	Int'l Conf. Room
	18:00-20:00	Farewell Reception by ICA-AP	Reception Room
30 th Nov. (Fri.)	09:00-17:00	Visit to local Cooperatives *	
Everyday	12:30-14:00	LUNCH	RECEPTION ROOM

* **Field Visit:** The host will arrange visit to local cooperatives

ICA Regional Board Meeting

26th Nov 2012

Facilitator: Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director

TIME & Room	09:00 - 12:30 (KICC Room 401)
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Credit and Banking Committee (RCBA) Meeting

26th Nov. 2012 (KICC Room 502)

Facilitator: Mr. Kulbhushan Kukreja, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
09:00-10:30	● Opening - Welcome remarks by the President of Norinchukin Bank	Secretariat
	Agenda 1. Adoption of Agenda	
	Agenda 2. Approval of Membership to the ICA-AP Credit & Banking Committee	
	Agenda 3. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	
	Agenda 4. Election of new Chairperson and Vice-Chair(s)	
10:30-11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Agenda 5. Presentation of Country Reports: on " <i>Present Scenario of Credit Cooperatives and Cooperative Banks</i> " Presentation by Mr. Kazuhiko Otake, Managing Director, Norinchukin Bank, Japan on " <i>Reconstruction Efforts, the role played by Cooperative Financial Institutions</i> " (Members are requested to bring written reports for presentation)	Chairperson
	Agenda 6. Discussion and Approval of Work Plan	Chairperson
	Agenda 7. Any other matter with the permission of Chair	
	Agenda 8. Date and Venue of Next Meeting	
	Closing	

Agriculture Committee Meeting

26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 501)

Facilitator: Mr. Ashok K. Taneja, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
09:00-10:30	● Opening remarks by Mr. N.P. Patel, Chair	Mr. N.P. Patel, Chair
	Agenda 1. Adoption of Agenda	
	Agenda 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting	
	Agenda 3. Report on the Activities Taken since last meeting	
	Agenda 4. Approval of Membership of the Committee	
	Agenda 5. Election of New Chairperson and Vice-Chair(s)	Interim Chair

Agenda 6. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	Elected Chair
Agenda 7. Discussion and Approval of Work Plan for 2013	
Agenda 8. Any other matter with the permission of Chair	
Agenda 9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting	
Closing	

ICAO General Meeting
26th Nov 2012

Facilitator: Mr. Si-Hyung Jo, Secretary of ICAO

TIME & Room	11:00 - 12:30 (KICC Room 501)
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Agriculture Committee & ICAO Joint Seminar
26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 501)

TIME	PROGRAM	RESOURCE PERSON
14:00 - 15:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inauguration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by Mr. Akira Banzai, President of JA-Zenchu - Opening remarks by Mr. Won-Byung Choi, ICAO President - Opening remarks by the Chair 	
	<u>Session 1: Presentation on "Democratic Management System of Primary Agricultural Cooperatives"</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker from JA-Zenchu - Other speakers by countries -
15:40 - 16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:20	<u>Session 2: Presentation on "Leading-edge Business Activities of Primary Agricultural Cooperatives"</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker from JA-Zenchu - Mr. Abolhassan Khalili, MD, Farda Oil Coop Co., Iran
17:20 - 17:30	Closing and Final Comments	

Research Committee Conference
26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 503)

TIME	PROGRAM	RESOURCE PERSON
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks by Dr. G.N. Saxena, Chair of the Committee - Welcome remarks by Mr. Akira Kurimoto, Vice Chair of the Committee 	
09:30 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keynote Lecture 1: <i>What are coops' potentials in socio-economic development?</i> 	Prof. Johnston Birchall, Sterling University, UK
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	

11:00 - 12:00	● Keynote Lecture 2: <i>How to gauge socio-economic impact of co-ops to increase visibility?</i>	Prof. Lou-Hammond Ketilson, Saskatoon University, Canada
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 - 15:00	Presentation of Papers	
15:00 - 15:30	Tea/ Coffee Break	
15:30 - 16:30	Presentation of Papers cont.....	
16:30 - 17:00	Plenary/ Closing of the Conference	

Research Committee Meeting
26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 503)

Facilitator: Mr. Ashok K. Taneja, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
17:00 - 17:30	Agenda 1. Adoption of Agenda	Dr. G.N. Saxena, Chair of the Committee
	Agenda 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting	
	Agenda 3. Report on the Activities Taken since last meeting	
	Agenda 4. Approval of Membership of the Committee	
	Agenda 5. Election of new Chairperson and Vice-Chair	Interim Chair
	Agenda 6. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	Elected Chair
	Agenda 7. Discussion and Approval of Work Plan for 2013	
	Agenda 8. Any other matter with the permission of Chair	
	Agenda 9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting	
	Closing	

Youth Committee Meeting
26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 402)

Facilitator: Mr. P. Santosh Kumar, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
14:00 - 15:30	● Opening remarks by Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director	
	Agenda 1. Self-introduction and country reports by the participants	Committee members
	Agenda 2. Welcome of new members and facilitation by Board	
	Agenda 3. Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting (Beijing 2010 – Singapore 2012)	
	Agenda 4. Presentation on “ <i>Role of Co-operatives during Natural Disasters</i> ”	Mr. Ahsan Ali Thakur, KCHSU Mr. Ilham Nasai, DEKOPIN
	Agenda 5. Discussion on “ <i>Novel ways of Co-operative Contribution</i> ”	
15:30 - 16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
16:00 - 18:00	Agenda 6. Presentation on “ <i>Co-operative Business Solutions – Effective technology for Efficient Results</i> ” - Report of ICA Youth	

Activity in December 2011	
Agenda 7. Open House discussion on the 'ICA Principle 6 th and ICA Principle 7 th '	
Agenda 8. Work Plans for 2013	
Agenda 9. Report Writing and Group Activity	
Agenda 10. Final Adoption of Youth Constitution to be submitted to the Regional Assembly along with Report	
Agenda 11. Date and Venue of Next meeting and Closing	

Women Committee Meeting
26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 502)

Facilitator: Ms. Savitri Singh, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
14:00 - 15:30	Welcome by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the Committee	
	Agenda 1. Adoption of Agenda	Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chair of the Committee
	Agenda 2. Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting	
	Agenda 3. Report on the Activities Taken since last meeting	
	Agenda 4. Approval of Membership of the Committee	
	Agenda 5. Election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson	Interim Chair
	Agenda 6. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	New Chairperson
	Agenda 7. Update on Review of TOT program and manual	
	Agenda 8. Discussion and Approval of Work Plan-2013	
	Agenda 9. Reports from some members (updates about gender mainstreaming activities in their coops, 5 minutes each)	- Ms. Om Devi Josh, Nepal - Ms. Divina Cabunoc Quemi, Philippines - Ms. Mi-Yea OH, Korea - Ms. Errum Sharif Bahajji, Pkistan
Agenda 10. Date and Venue of Next Meeting		

15:30 - 15:45 Break

ICA Regional Women's Forum
26th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 502)

TIME	PROGRAM	RESOURCE PERSON
15:45 - 16:15	Keynote speech on " <i>Women in Cooperatives and Human Resource Development to Build a Secured Society</i> "	- Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Vice President of the ICA-AP Board - Ms. Yoshie, Uchima & Ms. Satoko Chikamoto, JCCU
16:15 - 17:10	Presentation from Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker from JA group ● Speaker from Thailand (Ms. Kurwan Chonlanai) ● Speaker from Malaysia 	- Ms. Shizuka Sera, Chair of the National Council of Agricultural Cooperative Women's Association - Ms. Kurwan Chonlanai, Chair of AWC - Mdm. Roszurina Omar, Deputy Manager of ANGKASA
17:10 ~ 17:30	Report and recommendation of the Forum	Ms. Savitri Singh, Secretary of RWC
	Closing	Ms. Hitomi Tanaka

Seminar on "Promotion of Cooperative Tourism in AP Region"

27th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 503)

Facilitator: Mr. P. Santosh Kumar, ICA-AP

TIME	PROGRAM	RESOURCE PERSON
09:00 - 10:30	• Opening	Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director
	• Introductory remarks and Self-introduction by participants	
	• Report on the Previous Meeting (Beijing 2010)	Mr. P. Santosh Kumar, ICA-AP
	• Thematic Discussion 1. – "Sustainable Tourism Through Cooperatives" (Case and Practices)	- BJSU, Bangladesh - NCUI, India - ICC, Iran
	• Thematic Discussion 2. – "Educational Component of Cooperative Tourism" (Case and Practices)	- Nokyo Tourist, Japan - Coopfed, Sri Lanka
10:30 - 11:00	Networking Tea Break	
11:00 - 12:15	• Group Activity on Tourism Market in the Asia Pacific Region - Participants will be given fictitious tourism industry targets and will be encouraged to prepare cooperative tourism models for the countries in the Region.	Moderator: Mr. Sanjay Verma, NCUI
12:15 ~ 12:30	Closing and Final Comments	

Human Resource Development (HRD) Committee Meeting

27th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 501)

Facilitator: Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
09:00 - 10:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by Dr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chair of the Committee • Special remarks by Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, NCUI President and Vice Chairman of ICA-AP Board 	
	Agenda 1. Adoption of the Agenda	Dr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chair of the Committee
	Agenda 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 23 rd Meeting of ICA-AP Committee on HRD held in Selangor (Malaysia) on 4 th July 2011.	
	Agenda 3. Report on the Action taken on the decisions of the 23 rd Meeting of ICA-AP Committee on HRD held in Selangor, (Malaysia) on 4 th July 2011	
	Agenda 4. Approval of Membership of the Committee	
	Agenda 5. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	Agenda 6. Presentation on "HRD as a Tool for Good Governance in Cooperatives"	Dr. Bhagwati Prasad
	Agenda 7. Presentation on "How Human Resource Development Efforts Help Cooperatives Build Secured Society"	Prof. Rosmimah Bt Mohd Roslin, Cooperative College of Malaysia
	Agenda 8. Presentation on "Status Report of GHRD" (www.hrd.coop)	Dr. Dinesh, Chief Executive, NCUI
	Agenda 9. Presentation of country reports on 'Initiatives on HRD' by the members (Members are requested to bring written reports for presentation).	Committee Members
	Agenda 10. Election of Vice Chairperson(s)	Dr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chair of the Committee
	Agenda 11. Discussion on the subject for next HRD seminar	

	Agenda 12. Any other with the permission of the Chair	
	Agenda 13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting	
	Closing	

ICFO Annual Meeting

27th Nov 2012

Facilitator: Mr. Kwang-Bum Park, Secretary of ICFO

TIME & Room	09:00 - 12:30 (KICC Room 504)
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Consumer Committee Meeting

27th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 502)

Facilitator: Ms. Kanako Miyazawa, ICA-AP Singapore

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
08:45	Assemble at KICC Room. 502 for the 46 th Meeting of the Consumer Committee (*Members only)	
09:00 - 09:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks by Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, Chair of the Committee - Welcome remarks by Mr. Katsumi Asada, President of JCCU 	
09:10 - 09:30	Agenda 1. Adoption of Agenda	Mr. Haruyoshi Amano
	Agenda 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting	
	Agenda 3. Activity report since the last meeting by Secretary	
09:30 - 10:40	Agenda 4. Approval of Membership of the Committee	
	Agenda 5. Country reports and exchanges	
11:00 - 11:20	Tea/ Coffee Break	
11:20 - 11:50	Agenda 6. Activity plan for 2013	
11:50 - 12:10	Agenda 7. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	
12:10 - 12:30	Agenda 8. Closure of ICA-AP Singapore Business Office and Opening of ICA-AP Kuala Lumpur Office	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 15:00	Agenda 9. Report of Study on "the Present Status of Consumer Cooperative in Asia and the Pacific 2012" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Background and introduction:</i> Mr. Viendra Singh, Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee - <i>Summary of the study:</i> Ms. Kanako Miyazawa, Secretary of ICA-AP Consumer Committee - <i>Comments:</i> Mr. T.T. Adhikari 	
15:00 - 15:05	Agenda 10. Any other item with permission of the Chair	
15:05 - 15:10	Agenda 11. Date and Venue of next meeting	
15:10 - 15:15	Closing	

Forestry Committee Meeting

27th Nov 2012 (KICC Room 504)

Facilitator: Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP

TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON
14:00 - 15:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address by Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director 	Secretariat
	Agenda 1. Adoption of Agenda	
	Agenda 2. Approval of Membership of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry	
	Agenda 3. Amendment of the Committee Constitution (as recommended by the Model Constitution)	

	Agenda 4. Election of Office Bearers	Interim Chair
15:30 -16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	
16:00 -17:30	Agenda 5. Presentation of country Papers	Chairperson
	Agenda 6. Activity Plan for 2013	
	Agenda 6. Any other matter with the permission of Chair	
	Agenda 7. Date and Venue of Next Meeting	
	Closing	

Study Visit and Exchange Program of the Women Committee
27th Nov 2012

Facilitator:

TIME	PROGRAM	VENUE
09:10 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registration and Move to Seikatsu Bunka Center Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration will be conducted at each of hotel lobby respectively. Participants will move to the venue with event staffs 	Hotel lobby at *Kobe PortPia Hotel *Kobe Tokyu Inn *Toyoko Inn Kobe Sannomiya No.1
10:00 - 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of Japanese Cooperative Movement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Address by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the ICA-AP Committee on Women - Introduction of Hyogo-Ken Joint Committee of Cooperatives by Mr. Kohei Miyake, Managing Director of Hyogo Consumers' Cooperative Union 	Seikatsu Bunka Center Hall
10:10 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of co-operative sector in Hyogo Prefecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Owners' Cooperative - Fisheries Cooperative - Agricultural Cooperative - Consumers' Cooperative <p style="text-align: center;">(Speaker will be confirmed)</p>	
11:00 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visiting Consumer Co-operative Kobe Inspection Laboratory 	Inspection Laboratory
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cultural exchange event facilitated by members of Consumer Cooperative Kobe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kimono Dressing Class - Tea Ceremony 	Seikatsu Bunka Center Hall
15:30 - 15:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compliment to visitors 	<Exhibition >
15:55 - 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closing Address by Masao Hata, Executive Director, CO-OP Kobe 	Support program for UNICEF projects
16:00 - 16:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visiting and Shopping at "Seer", CO-OP Department Store 	Seer
16:55 - 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● End of the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants will go back to the respective hotels with event staff 	Seer

**The 7th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum on
“Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster”**

28th November, Main Hall - Kobe International Conference Centre

PROGRAM

09:30 – 10:30 Joint Opening Ceremony of the Regional Assembly and Cooperative Forum

- Welcome Address : Mr. Akira Banzai, JJC Chairman & JA-Zenchu President
- Inaugural Address : Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of ICA Asia-Pacific
- Inaugural Address : Dame Pauline Green, President of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)
- Special Address : José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director of the ILO Employment Sector
- Special Address : Representative from Government of Japan
- Address : Mr. Toshizo Ido Governor of HYOGO Prefecture
- Address : Mr. Tatsuo Yada, Mayor of Kobe City
- Appreciation : Dr. Chan Ho CHOI, Regional Director

10:30 – 10:50 Key-note Speech

- Keynote Speech: “*Role of Civil Society in Times of Natural Disaster*” by Mr. Masaki Watabe, Head of United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs(UNOCHA) Kobe Office, Japan

10:50 – 11:10 Tea Break

11:10 – 12:30 Session-1: Reports from Japan (Chairperson: Mr. Katsumi Asada, President of JCCU)

- Special Speech: Kaihara Toshitami, former Governor of Hyogo Prefecture
- Report: Hajime Yaguichi, JJC Senior Director & JA-Zenchu Ex Director – “*Great East Japan Earthquake and Effort towards Recovery and Reconstruction by Japanese Cooperative Movements*”
- Report: Fukushima IYC Planning Committee – “*Current Status and Issues of Great East Japan Earthquake and the Nuclear Accident*”
- 10 minutes Open Floor for Q&A

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Session-2: Country Reports (Chairperson: Mr. Li Chun Sheng, President of ICA-AP)

- The Great Flood of Thailand by President, CLT, Thailand
- The Tsunami Disaster case of Sri Lanka by President, NCC, Sri Lanka
- The Tsunami Disaster case of Indonesia by President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia
- The Flood Disaster case of Philippines by President, NATCCO, Philippines

15:00 – 15:20 Tea Break

15:20-16:20 Session-3: Panel Discussion and Open Forum (Chairperson: Dame Pauline Green, ICA President)

Theme: Co-operatives Build A Secured Society

- Mr. Akira Banzai, JJC Chairman & JA-Zenchu President
- Fukushima IYC Planning Committee Representative, Japan
- Chairperson, CLT, Thailand
- Chairperson, NCC, Sri Lanka
- President of DEKOPIN, Indonesia or Chairperson, CLT, Thailand
- President of NATCCO, Philippines

16:20 – 16:30 Tea Break

16:30-17:00 Session-4: Special speech

- Special Speech: Mr. Uchihashi Katsuto, Japan IYC National Planning Committee Representative - “*Expectation for the Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific*”

17:00-17:30 Session-5: Conclusion

- Report of the Forum and Presentation of the Resolution and Recommendations of the Forum: Dr. Chan Ho CHOI
- Closing Speech: Mr. Katsumi Asada, Vice Chair of JJC

The 10th ICA-AP Regional Assembly

29th November 2012

International Conference Room, Kobe International Conference Center (KICC)

TIME	AGENDA	PRESNTER	
09:00 – 13:00	Agenda 1. Opening Remarks	Mr. Li Chunsheng	
	Agenda 2. Approval of Agenda		
	Agenda 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 9th Meeting held in Beijing on 5th September 2010		
	Agenda 5. Perusal of Minutes of ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings since last Regional Assembly		
	Agenda 5. Report of the Regional Director <input type="checkbox"/> ICA-AP Financial Report (2009-2012) <input type="checkbox"/> ICA-AP Membership Situation		Chan-Ho Choi
	Agenda 6. Report on the 9th Cooperative Ministers' Conference held in Bangkok on 27 th -29 th February, 2012		
10:30 -11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break		
11:00 -12:30	Agenda 7. Re-constitution of the ICA-AP Regional Board <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Candidates <input type="checkbox"/> Election of Board Members including the ICA-AP President and 2 Vice Chairpersons	Election Committee	
12:30 -14:00	Lunch Break	Reception Room	
14:00 -17:10	Agenda 8. Report on UN International Year of Cooperatives and Blue Print of ICA by ICA Director General	Charles Gould	
	Agenda 9. Approval of ICA-AP Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2013-2016	New President Chan-Ho Choi	
	Agenda 10. Approval of revised ICA-AP Rules (on sub-regional office)		
	Agenda 11. Formation of ICA-AP Committee on Forestry		
	Agenda 12. Approval of revised Constitutions of the ICA-AP Committees.		
	Agenda 13. Reports from ICA-AP Sectoral /Thematic Committees	Committee Chairs	
	Agenda 14. Report of the 7th Cooperative Forum on "Role of Cooperatives in Times of Natural Disaster", and Adoption of Resolution on "Cooperative Action for Natural Disaster"	Chan Ho Choi	
	Agenda 15. Any Other Business matters	New President	
Agenda 16. Venue and Date of next Regional Assembly			
17:10 – 17:30	Agenda 17. Closing Remarks		

Model Constitution for ICA-AP Committees

Note: The Model Constitution for ICA-AP Committees has been drafted based on the study of existing provisions of various ICA-AP Committees and the Rules of ICA-AP approved by the Regional Assembly in Beijing on 5th September 2010. The Model Constitution provides definite guidelines to the ICA-AP Committees to draft their own Constitution in a manner they think as best for the growth of their respective sectors. The Model Constitution which comes up with vital recommendations is intended to serve as a template for creation of Constitution of each Committee of ICA-AP. The Articles related to 'General Functions' and 'Activities' in the Model Constitution provide enough scope to each Committee to use their own judgment in further elaborating/adding upon these Articles for their Constitution based on the specific nature of their priority areas/requirements.

Constitution of ICA-AP Committees

The Committees may be constituted in the areas which are considered desirable for strengthening of the cooperative movement in the region. Their establishment may be based on the requirements of the region, and the level of involvement of the ICA-AP member organizations in the area of activity covered by them.

Preamble

- The Committee is a Committee of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific. The Committee shall work in accordance with the aims and objects of the ICA and the general policy of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific.

Article-1: Name

- The name of the Committee shall be 'ICA-AP Committee on ----- (Consumer, Agriculture, Youth, Banking, which ever the case may be).

Article-2: Overall Aim

- The overall aim of the Committee shall be to promote the development of sound and effective cooperative organizations in the specialized area of its work and to develop appropriate policies and programs. In this respect, the Committee will undertake suitable advocacy work and formulate viable strategies from time to time in order to build up the sector which it represents.

Article-3: Membership

- The Committee shall consist of persons working in the field of specialized functioning of the Committee in the member organizations of the ICA in the Region. Each member organization of the ICA-AP would be entitled to nominate a maximum of two persons in the Committee.

- Non-member of ICA can attend the Committee meeting provided it obtains the approval from the member organization of ICA and also accepts the objects of the ICA and the Committee.

Article-4: Functions

- to review periodically the progress made in the area covered by it and to initiate necessary action;
- to promote the growth and development of cooperatives in the region;
- to assist in the strengthening, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the existing cooperatives in the region;
- to recommend policies and common lines of action in the specialized field of functioning of the Committee and to initiate implementation;
- to make recommendations and undertake professional steps for improving managerial competitiveness and operational efficiency of cooperatives in the region;
- to promote systematic dissemination of information and exchange of experiences /best practices in respect of the area covered by it;
- to suggest and initiate programs of member activities and undertake appropriate measures for developing active participation of members in the management of cooperatives;
- to survey the problems which concern the cooperatives in the Committee's area of functioning, in order to ascertain which problems are common to these cooperatives as a whole, and formulate recommendations for the solutions of these problems;
- to share knowledge as well as liaise and collaborate with the ICA main specialized Committee, other regional and international organizations concerned with its work; and
- to carry out any other activities which are incidental or conducive to the promotion of the aims and objectives of the Committee.

Article-5: Activities

- For dynamic growth of the cooperative sector in the region, and to influence the policy-makers to give due recognition to cooperatives in the policy/legislative framework of the countries, the Committee may undertake various activities/ programs in accordance with the functions as well as objectives of the Committee. If needed, the Committee may decide to raise funds to increase its activities/programs.

Article-6: Meetings

- The meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once every year. At the time of the Regional Assembly, all the Committees shall hold a meeting/ seminar;
- The meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in English. Participants requiring interpretation in any

other language may be accompanied by personal interpreters at their own cost;

- The Regional Director and/or his/her nominee and members of the Regional Board shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Committee;
- The members shall serve on the Committee for a period of four years;
- Each member attending the meeting shall have one vote;
- Observers from non-member organizations may be invited to the Committee meetings, through the national member organizations of ICA. Non-member organizations may here refer to institutions/organizations engaged in or interested in the Committee's area of functioning.
- The Committee shall have the powers to frame its own rules of procedures and conduct for approval by the Regional Assembly; and
- The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall consist of 5 member countries/organizations.

Article-7: Working of the Committee

- The Committee will work within the ICA Strategic Plan and will submit annual work plan/budget to the Regional Director.

Article-8: Officers

- The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. Their term of office shall be four years (RA to RA). Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election;
- The Officer in charge of the Committee at the ICA-AP will function as Secretary of the Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for the operational and administrative work of the Committee; and
- In the case of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson not being present at the meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson from among the members present for conducting the meeting.

Article-9: Finance

- The work and the meetings of the Committee shall be on a self-financing basis; and
- The financial year of the Committee shall be one calendar year.

Article-10: Office

- The office of the Committee shall be at the ICA-Asia and Pacific at New Delhi or at such place as may be decided by the Committee with the approval of the Regional Assembly.

Article-11: Report to ICA Regional Assembly

- The Committee shall submit a report of its activities to the ICA Regional Assembly.

Article-12: Relationship with Member Organizations

- The members of the Committee will keep the Committee informed of all significant developments in the Committee's field of work in their respective countries.

Article-13: Working Groups

- The Committee may constitute a technical development unit or working group as may be necessary, to deal with specific issues and problems and these groups may meet as and when required.

Article-14: Amendments

- Any amendments to the Constitution of the Committee shall be by a decision of two-thirds of all the members eligible to vote. Amendments thus adopted shall come into force after they are approved by the ICA Regional Assembly.

Article-15: Dissolution

- The Committee may be dissolved by the decision of three quarters majority of those attending the meeting.

CONCEPT NOTE

The 7TH ICA ASIA-PACIFIC CO-OPERATIVE FORUM ON “ROLE OF COOPERATIVES IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER” 28 November 2012 at Kobe International Conference Centre, Kobe, Japan

Background

As we are aware, during the last decade and especially in the last few years, the entire region has been devastated by natural disasters and several of member countries suffered irreparable loss of human life and property. A large number of cooperatives were destroyed, many members lost their lives, and several of people were disabled and rendered homeless and jobless.

During all these times of disaster, the cooperatives tried to alleviate the sufferings of the people with all means at their disposal. The role of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and its members in providing resources and extending solidarity has been stupendous in the time of need.

Recently, the prompt action of the Japanese cooperatives in providing relief and support to affected people during Tsunami and earthquake in March, 2011 has been exemplary. However, it has been felt that the cooperatives can play bigger role in disaster mitigation and management if their efforts are backstopped with support and resources from the Governments and other agencies as partners in joint endeavor.

Asia-Pacific Region is most prone to natural disasters but lacks preparedness even when it is four times more likely to be affected by natural disasters than Africa and 25 times more likely than Europe or North America, – according to the first Asia-Pacific Disaster Report, launched by ESCAP and ISDR in Icheon, Republic of Korea on 26th October, 2010 (*The Fourth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)*).

In South-East Asia, many more people died as a result of natural disasters from 2001 to 2010 than during the previous decade, mainly because of two extreme events: the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami of 2004, killing over 230,000 people in fourteen countries. Indonesia was the hardest-hit country, followed by Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand and Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar in 2008.

Iran is one of the most seismically active countries in the world and every year people die due to earthquake. In China, during the 2008- Sichuan earthquake 87,476 people lost their lives. The Pakistan Flood-2010 raised deaths due to natural disaster to over 2,100 with over 18 million people affected. The severe flood-2011 in Thailand resulted in a total of 815 deaths and 13.6 million people affected. The Philippines suffered a great deal due to flash flood in 2011 and more than thousand people died many more left homeless and sick. A powerful earthquake in 2011 hit Japan, over 200,000 homes destroyed and about 16000 people died.

Reconstruction and rehabilitation assistance by the co-operative organization in Asia and the ICA initiatives:

The ICA and member cooperatives across the world are always quick to respond to such emergencies and rush to help the cooperatives and communities. The ICA immediately issued message of solidarity and appeal to all the members to contribute funds and other help. There are several examples such as during the Iran earthquake-2003, the members from Asia and other parts of the world contributed generous funds, in china earthquake-2008, the members extended help and in Myanmar cyclone 2008, the ICA, in response to its call to global cooperative fraternity, received a generous support from its member cooperatives for the revival of most affected and marginalized Co-operatives in Myanmar.

The ICA-AP office helped in reconstruction of several cooperatives in the country. After the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami-2004, the ICA appealed for generous contributions and the fund was used for reconstruction in Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka in collaboration with their respective national cooperative organizations. Some member coop organizations in the region have been implementing exclusive projects to rehabilitate affected people and co-operative fraternity in affected countries.

The ICA-Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) helped Pakistan flood relief work by contributing funds and distribution of relief material to the affected people. The regional Director visited to give a healing touch to the devastated people. The ICA collected funds through members and helped the flood relief task in Thailand in collaboration with member, the Co-operative League of Thailand which distributed eatables and other consumer items to flood victims.

The initiatives and efforts by Japanese cooperatives were phenomenal during 2011 earthquake and Tsunami in the country. The cooperatives launched help centres immediately, providing emergency aid, support medical activities, donations, fundraising activities, volunteer disaster relief etc. The cooperatives opened relief fund account and the ICA members helped generously. The ICA President Dame Pauline Green visited Japan to meet with the members and to take stock of the situation.

Thus, it is very important to discuss the issue at the important platform like the 7th ICA-AP Regional Co-operative Forum to be held in conjunction with ICA-AP Regional Assembly-2012 and other related events which will provide opportunity to a large number of co-operators from the region and other stake holders to participate. The members are invited to share their experience and make suggestions on how to build the

capacity of the cooperative organizations to handle disaster as co-operatives represent a large number of individuals, their families and community which gets affected very adversely due to natural disasters.

Objectives

The general objective of the forum is to bring together co-operatives and other stake holders such as United Nations agencies on a platform to deliberate upon role of co-operatives as partners of disaster management and strengthening their capacity for disaster preparedness, mitigation and management.

• Specific objectives are

1. Recognizing co-operatives as representative of largest group of people in a country which represents individuals as well as their community more than any other civil society in any country for that matter.
2. UN and governments facilitate co-operatives in Asia Pacific countries to integrate resources for developing and implementing rehabilitation and reconstruction project during disaster.

3. Facilitating net work with fellow cooperatives, governments and UN agencies for exchange of information and declare co-operatives as mainstream organization to channel resources for disaster management by integration of co-operatives into the existing disaster management system.

4. Facilitating a joint exercise involving the ICA-UN-Government-Co-operative Movement to develop disaster management unites in co-operatives equipped with appropriate resources such as dedicated funds, disaster preparedness Manual and training to staff.

Expected results

1. To raise awareness about role of co-operatives during the disaster and to resolve and recommend that co-operatives be recognized as "Partner in disaster management" by respective governments and UN.
2. UN-ICA partnership for capacity building of co-operatives for disaster management.

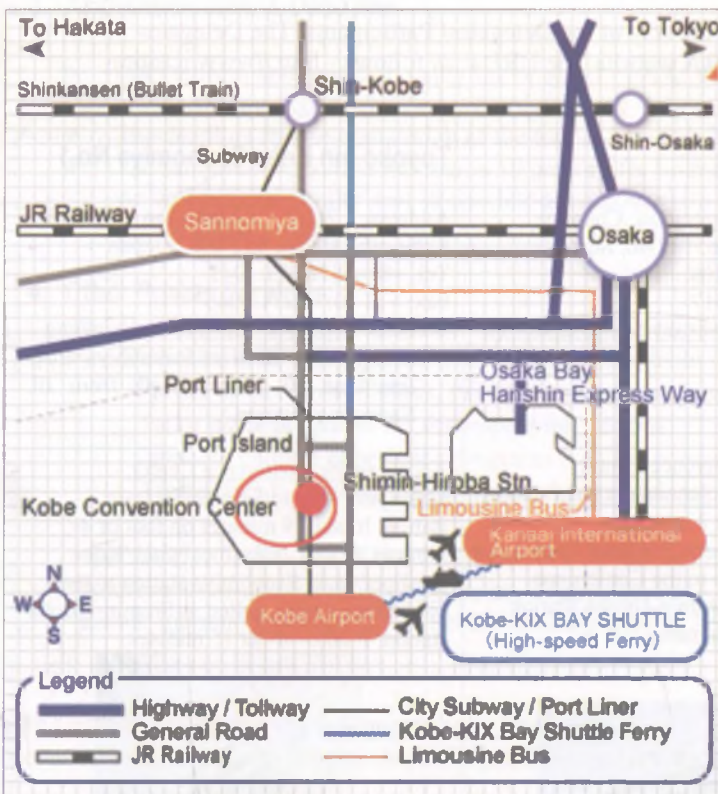


Travel to Kobe

Kobe is located in Hyogo Prefecture, one of several prefectures in the mid-west of Japan that, together, are known as the 'Kansai Region'. This is Japan's premier tourism area for overseas visitors making Kobe an ideal base city for visiting world heritage sites, both to the east and to the west. The Port of Kobe and its man-made islands are located on the north shore of the Osaka Bay. As a port city, built on a history of transportation, and with its own airport and Shinkansen station (Shin-Kobe), Kobe offers easy access for both domestic and overseas travelers.

Travel Option you may choose to arrive Kobe City as follows. Please click below for your detail information.

- [International Flight \(Arriving Kansai Int'l Airport\)](#)
- [International Flight \(Arriving Tokyo Narita / Haneda\)](#)
- [International Flight \(Arriving Nagoya Centrair\)](#)
- [Domestic Flight \(Arriving Kobe Airport\)](#)
- [Domestic Flight \(Arriving Osaka Itami Airport\)](#)
- [JR Shinkansen \(Bullet\) Train \(Arriving at Shin-Kobe Station\)](#)
- [Local or Express Rail \(Arriving Kobe Sannomiya Station\)](#)



Airport Transportation Service by JJC

Thankfully, the JJC, the host organization will provide visa facilitation, reception and airport transfer from Kansai Airport to all the three designated hotels by arranging suitable transportation from 25th November to 1st December 2012. Transport to and from the hotels to KICC shall also be provided by the JJC, especially where the meeting place is not too close to the hotels.

Kobe International Conference Centre (KICC)

6-9-1 Minatojima-Nakamachi Chuo-Ku, Kobe 650

0046, Japan. Tel: +81-78-302-5200, Fax: +81-78-302-6485

- Kobe Convention Center (the International Conference Center, International Exhibition Halls and other key venues) are located on Port Island, about 10 minutes from downtown Kobe (Sannomiya) and only 8 minutes from Kobe Airport. Please see [About Sannomiya and Getting to Port Island \(Kobe Convention Center\)](#)
- Please click this KICC website (<http://kobe-cc.jp/english/>) for your detailed information.



Hotels

The following hotels have been engaged with special rates for the stay of the Delegates/ Participants. The Delegates /Participants can I book the hotel through N Tour on ICA-AP RA website The URL is as follows - <http://www.icaapra-kobe2012.com/>.

Kobe Portopia Hotel

Address: 10-1,6 Chome, Minatojima Nakamachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe, 650-0046, Japan.
Tel. +81.78.302.1111/
Fax. +81.78.302.6877
Website:<http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/>

- 4-Star hotel located just next to the Kobe International Conference Center.

Access to the Conference Center:
Only 2 minutes on foot.



Kobe Tokyu Inn

Address: 6-1-5, Kumoidori, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0096, Japan
Tel. +81.78.291.0109
Fax.+81.78.221.2917
Website:http://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/en/TI/TI_KOBE/

- 3-Star hotel located at the center of Kobe city.

Access to the Conference Center:
Make your way to Sannomiya train station on foot, take about 2 minutes.
Take local train 'Kobe Portliner' from Sannomiya Station to the Conference Center, called as Shimin-Hiroba Station. It takes about 15 minutes.



Toyoko Inn Kobe Sannomiya No.1

Address: 2-2-2, Gokou-dori Chuo-ku Kobe-city, Hyogo 651-0087; Japan
Tel. +81-(0)78.271.1045
Fax: +81-(0)78.271.1046
Website: <http://www.toyoko-inn.com/eng>

- Budget class hotel at Sannomiya area, less than 10 minutes walk from JR Sannomiya station.

Access to the Conference Center:
Make your way to Sannomiya train station. It takes 9 minutes on foot or 4 minutes by taxi. Take local train 'Kobe portliner' from Sannomiya station to the conference center, called as Shimin-Hiroba station. It takes about 15 minutes.



Tour Program

In order to the participants of the conference to have the possibility to experience a little more of Japan, the JA group's exclusive tour operator (Nokyo Tourist Corporation) has offered a special selection of tours before or after the meeting.

1. Pre tour : Tokyo 2 nights/ 3 days tour from 23rd to 25th Nov.

- Visit Tokyo, Mt.Fuji and Hakone, then transfer to Kobe for joining the meeting
- The bullet train ticket from Tokyo to Shin-Kobe is included
- The pre-tour starts from Tokyo city and the nearest airport is Narita International Airport
- It is highly recommend that participants to take the flight from your country to Narita International Airport to arrive on 23rd Nov. for joining this Pre-tour.



2. Post tour : Kyoto 2 nights/ 3 days tour from 1st to 3rd Dec.

- Visit famous historical city Kyoto and Nara. Finish the tour in Kyoto on 3rd Dec.
- Farewell dinner, Japanese Kaiseki style dish with Maiko's dance performance is included
- The post tour starts from Kobe where we have a meeting, then end up the tour at Kyoto city on 3rd Dec.
- The recommendable your departure airport is Kansai International Airport, the nearest interracial one.
- The tour fee includes airport transfer from the hotel to KIX.



3. Application form & Dead line

- Fill the form and send it to us by fax or email - FAX: 81-3-5297-7653 / Email: inbound@ntour.co.jp
- The deadline for the application of the tour is 31st Oct 2012
- The minimum operation number is 10 persons for both tours. However, even in case of less than minimum number, we will provide similar seat in coach tour without extra charge. In that case, the sightseeing places on the itinerary will be slightly changed. However the other conditions, meals and transfers are the same as the original one.

4. Other Private Services

- Participants may contact to the following contact number for any private requests
- Dedicated staff members from the Ntour are available for further assistance and requests personally made such as, Pre & Post accommodations, private transfer arrangements from the airport
Tailor made programs for accompanying persons
Japanese cultural experience programs (eg. Tea ceremony, Japanese flower arrangement)
Arrangements for your private guide, theatre and train, or bus, tickets etc

Contact: NOKYO TOURIST CORPORATION (Ntour) INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE & MARKETING
Address: 1-16-8 Sotokanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8613 Japan Tel: +81-(0)3-5297-7653 / Fax: +81-(0)3-5297-0131
Email: inbound@ntour.co.jp Person in charge: Ryoji ASO

The Official Website: www.icaapra-kobe2012.com

It contains all the relevant information on registration and booking of the hotels.

Registration: www.icaapra-kobe2012.com/registration

The ICA-AP members can register directly at this website.

- **Registration Fee: USD 400**
- Please note that the deadline is 17th October 2012 for both registration and hotel booking.

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY IN ALL CAPS. CHECKED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY.

REGISTRATION FEE: USD 400

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____

Full Name: _____ Title: _____ Rank: _____ Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

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Visa Application

- The Japan Joint Committee of Cooperatives (JJC) secretariat of ICA-AP Regional Assembly will prepare the documents required for VISA application ON A GROUP BASIS, NOT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.
- Please identify the person in charge of VISA application of the group to prepare the following forms.
- Please download the below application forms to fill in all required terms in it, and send to JJC secretariat of ICA-AP Regional Assembly: icaapra2012@gmail.com .
- (Download Excel documents)
[\[List of Visa Applicants\]](#) [\[Schedule of Stay\]](#)
- Application forms include a list of members in the group, which is also vital for this VISA application procedure. Upon receiving your submitted forms, JJC secretariat of ICA-AP Regional Assembly will send all documents necessary along with the invitation letter to the person in charge of visa application of the group. Please advise us (JJC secretariat of ICA-AP Regional Assembly) the person in charge and the postal address of his/her office to send these documents from JJC.
- Notes: For the application of Japanese VISA, you need to prepare other items such as your passport besides the above documents issued from JJC.
- Please see the following website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for the detailed procedures for other items you are required: [Guide to Japanese Visas](#)

Participants and Observers:

Leaders, members and observers from the cooperative movements of all ICA member countries from the Region, government officials, international agencies and other cooperative stakeholders

The Host Organization

- The following cooperative organizations – member of the Japan Joint Committee of Co-operatives (JJC) have kindly host the 10th Regional Assembly and related events.
- E-mail address of the JJC secretariat for the 10th Regional Assembly is : ica-ap.ra2012@jccu.coop

Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives (JA-ZENCH) , IE-NO-HIKARI Association, Japan Agricultural News (Nihon Nogyo Shimibun) , Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union (JCCU) , Japanese Health and Welfare Co-operative Federation (HeW Co-op Japan), Japan Workers' Co-operative Union (JIGYODAN), National Association of Labor Banks (NALB), National Federation of Agriculture Co-operative Associations (ZEN-NOH), National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations (ZENGYOREN), National Federation of Forest Owners Co-operative Associations (ZENMORI-REN), National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA), National Federation of Workers & Consumers Insurance Co-operatives (ZENROSAI), National Mutual Insurance Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives (ZENKYOREN), The Norinchukin Bank

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<u>IE-NO-HIKARI Association</u>	
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<u>The Norinchukin Bank</u>	The Norinchukin Bank

9th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly

Beijing (China), 5th September 2010

AGENDA NOTES



**International Co-operative Alliance - Asia and Pacific
New Delhi, India.**

9TH MEETING OF THE ICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Theme: Sustainable Innovations – Opportunities for Cooperatives to Grow
Beijing (China): 5th September 2010 {09:00~16:00}

AGENDA NOTES

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

Following the joint opening ceremony of 6th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum and Regional Assembly on 3rd September, 9th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly will be officially opened on 5th September. Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of ICA-Asia and Pacific and also the Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly will chair.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of Agenda

Delegates would be requested to formally approve the Agenda.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Meeting held in Hanoi on 5th December 2008

The Minutes of the 8th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly held in Hanoi (Vietnam) on 5th December 2008, as enclosed at Annexure-1 were circulated to all the delegates and member organizations. No suggestions/observations/ amendments have been received. Minutes may be confirmed.

Agenda Item 04 : Perusal of Minutes of ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings since last Regional Assembly

Since the last Regional Assembly, four meetings of the Regional Board were held. Confirmed minutes of the meetings are enclosed at Annexure-2. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes has already been taken. The delegates of the Regional Assembly may kindly peruse.

Agenda Item 05 : Approval of revised new Rules of ICA-AP

The ICA Governance Committee was given the mandate to review the Rules of the ICA regions so as to ensure that those were in conformity with the ICA Rules approved by the Special 2008 General Assembly held in Rome. ICA Rules being the global rules of the organization carry global significance and therefore the regional rules should be in conformity with the ICA Rules and avoid restating what is found

in the ICA Rules – especially with regard to mission statements, membership, powers and responsibilities, etc. This in turn would have the advantage that if and when the ICA Rules were amended by the General Assembly with regard to these issues, the amendments would automatically apply to the regions enabling a consistency in the governance.

The ICA-AP has accordingly revised its Rules which were approved by the last RA in Hanoi in 2008. The new Rules of ICA-AP, as approved by the Regional Board, are enclosed at Annexure-3. The Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Rules.

Agenda Item 06 : Report of ICA-AP Activities in 2009 & 2010

The report of main ICA-AP activities carried during the year 2009 and progress of activities for the year 2010 is attached at Annexure-4.

Agenda Item 07 : ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009 and 2010

The ICA-AP Financial Report for the year 2009 and for the period January to June 2010 is given at Annexure-5.

Agenda Item 08 : ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011

The draft ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011 is attached at Annexure-6.

Agenda Item 09 : ICA-AP Membership Situation

The following ten organizations from seven countries have joined ICA since last Regional Assembly in Hanoi in December 2008:

1. All China Federation of Handicraft & Industrial Cooperatives (ACFHIC), China.
2. International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (ICPIC), China.
3. National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Limited (FISHCOPFED), India.
4. National Labour Cooperatives' Federation of India Limited (NLCF), India.
5. Iran Oilseeds & Vegetable Oil Processing Factories Coop Co.(Farda Oil Co.), Iran.
6. iCOOP Solidarity of Consumer Cooperatives, Rep. of Korea.
7. Korean Association of Social Economy Enterprises (KASEE), Korea.
8. National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Cooperatives (NAMAC), Mongolia.

9. National Cooperative Federation & Development Center (VICTO National), Philippines.
10. Republican Union of Consumer Societies (Soyuz Tadjikmatlubot), Tajikistan.

Central Union of Cooperative Societies (CUCS) of Israel has ceased to be a member of ICA due to non-payment of subscription fee.

The following organizations have applied for membership of ICA:

- China Fisheries Association (CFA), China
- Supervision & Central Coordination Union of Rural Agricultural Cooperatives (SCURA), Iran.
- National Association of Labour Banks, Japan.
- Mongolian Coop Training and Information Center (MCTIC), Mongolia.
- Cooperative House Building and Finance Corporation Ltd., Lucknow, India.

The total membership of ICA-AP is 68 organizations from 25 countries.

Agenda Item 10 : Approval of Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO)

It may be noted that 2008 Special ICA General Assembly held in Rome (Italy) had resolved that there should be only one time annual membership fee of ICA thereby doing away with the membership fee of sectoral organizations. This consequently applies equally at the global, regional and sectoral levels. Accordingly, no sectoral organization, globally or regionally, would be allowed to collect separate membership subscription or have non-members participating in the meetings. As such, it is the responsibility of ICA regional offices to ensure adherence of this resolution by regional sectoral/thematic committees. However, considering the budgetary constraints, there will of course be a major discussion at the ICA Global Board Meeting in Beijing about the future of the Sectoral Organisations and that will include the financial aspect also.

The Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO) was discussed at the last Regional Board meeting held in Seoul on 19th April 2010 and it will be again discussed in Beijing on 1st September. The Constitution is enclosed at Annexure-7. Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Constitution.

Agenda Item 11 : Revival of ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and Pacific

The ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and Pacific was in existence until 1998 and it used to hold its meetings regularly. Its revised Constitution was also approved by the Regional Assembly held in Seoul (Republic of Korea) in 1998. After that due to

lack of interest among committee members, it was discontinued. Now, on the insistence of some members, it has been decided to revive the Fisheries Committee. The meeting of the revived Fisheries Committee is scheduled to be held in Beijing on 2nd September. The RA may accord its approval.

Agenda Item 12 : Report on 6th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum.

The 6th Asia-Pacific Coop Forum would be held on 4th September 2010 a day before the Regional Assembly. The Forum will have presentations by eminent cooperative experts and leaders on the theme “**Cooperatives – The Sector of Global Importance**”. The sub-themes that would underpin the objective of the main theme are (a) Visibility of Cooperatives and Year 2012; (b) Cooperatives – A Responsible Civil Society; (c) Corporate Governance in Cooperatives; (d) Level Playing Field for Cooperatives; and (e) Cooperatives: The Sector for Empowerment of Women and Youth. The deliberations at the Forum will help delegates have a deeper insight into the most relevant and crucial contextual issues important to cooperatives. We expect nearly 250 international participants in this Cooperative Forum, besides a large number of local participants.

A brief report and issues arising out of the Forum will be placed before the Regional Assembly on 5th December.

Agenda Item 13 : Report on Cooperative-Government Dialogue on Cooperative Development

The 17th Dialogue between the Cooperatives and the Governments in Asia-Pacific region will be held on 3rd September to evince the interests of the governments in drawing an actionable, realizable and verifiable action plan for the socio-economic development through cooperatives.

A brief report will be placed before the Regional Assembly.

Agenda Item 14 : Report of 5th Regional Women’s/Youth Forum

A brief report will be placed before the Regional Assembly by the Chairperson of ICA Women’s Committee.

Agenda Item 15 : Reports from ICA Sectoral/Thematic Committees

Chairpersons of the following ICA-AP Sectoral/Thematic Committees will present their report before the time of Regional Assembly:

- (a) *Agricultural Committee*
- (b) *Regional Cooperative Banking Association*
- (c) *Consumer Committee*

- (d) Fisheries Committee
- (e) HRD Committee
- (f) Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization
- (g) Research Committee
- (h) University/Campus Committee
- (i) Women's Committee
- (j) Youth Committee

*Pursuant to the recommendations of international conference on Cooperative Tourism held in India in October 2008 and the seminar on Coops-A Better Business Model: Emerging Opportunities in October 2009, a preparatory meeting on setting up **Coop Tourism Committee** in the Asia-Pacific region will be held on 2nd September. A brief report will be presented at the RA.*

Agenda Item 16 : Discussion on Important Events:

ICA Expo 2010, Bangalore (India), 8-10 December

The ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December 2010 in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show case our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy.

The first ICA Expo was held in Oct 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal and the event attracted nearly 8,000 visitors. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair promoted the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

A brief presentation on the preparations for the ICA Expo 2010 would be made at the meeting.

UN Proclamation of International Year of Cooperatives 2012

The 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution - "Cooperatives and social development" - in which it proclaimed the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) to be celebrated in 2012. The UN resolution recognizes that the cooperative business model is a major factor of economic and social development, promoting the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of people in both the developed and developing world, and that, in particular, cooperatives contribute to the eradication of poverty. The resolution also encourages all governments to create a more supportive environment for cooperative development, particularly when it comes to securing finances for capital building.

Members are requested to take necessary strategic initiatives on this matter as early as possible.

50th Anniversary of ICA-AP (1960-2010)

The year 2010 marks completion of 50 years of ICA-AP and there is every reason to celebrate the history and glory of ICA-AP that has been serving the cooperative members in the biggest and most vibrant region of the world. There would not be a better way to unravel the contributions made by the ICA-AP during last 50 years in this region than releasing a Book containing salient features of ICA's evolution to present form. As a prelude to historic book release, a booklet containing chronology of events in last five decades has been prepared and is ready for release and distribution.

ICA will hold special event in New Delhi in November 2010 in conjunction with the celebrations of Indian cooperative week from 14th to 21st November 2010 to mark the occasion by releasing the book.

It is proposed to start 50th anniversary celebrations at the 9th Regional Assembly in Beijing. The culmination of anniversary celebrations would be at the 2nd ICA Expo in Bangalore (India) in December 2010.

Agenda Item 17 : Any Other Business

Agenda Item 18 : Consideration of Venue and Date of next Meeting

On behalf of Japanese Joint Committee (JJC), Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan) has offered to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Japan in the last quarter of 2012 for 5 days. The RA may approve the proposal.

Agenda Item 19 : Closing Session

Tea break : 10:30~11:00
Lunch break : 12:30~14:00

ANNEXURE-1
Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
ICA-AP Regional Assembly

Annexure-1

**MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF ICA-AP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Hanoi (Vietnam): 5th December 2008**

AGENDA ITEM 01: OPENING REMARKS

The joint opening ceremony of the 5th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum and 8th Regional Assembly was held at My Dinh National Convention Center in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 3rd December 2008. His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, Chairman, National Assembly of Socialist Republic of Vietnam inaugurated the event which was hosted by Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA; Mr. Li Chunsheng, President, ICA - Asia and Pacific; and Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President of VCA addressed the gathering of 900 cooperators from Vietnam and various parts of the world. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA - Asia and Pacific, raised a vote of thanks on behalf of ICA-AP.

The Regional Coop Forum was dedicated on the theme "COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS" along with three related Sub-themes, namely, (a) *Coop Advantages in Ensuring Inclusive Growth of Economy*; (b) *Enhancing Management Capacity in Cooperatives*; and (c) *Business Networking to position Coops as a Preferred Brand*.

Subsequent to the deliberations at the ICA Regional Cooperative Forum, the 8th Meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Assembly was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi (Vietnam) on 5th December 2008. 195 participants from 24 countries and three international organizations attended the Regional Assembly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng, President, ICA-AP and being the Chairman of ICA-AP Regional Assembly opened the meeting and welcomed all the members and special invitees including the ICA global board members. He expressed his happiness for the participation of most of the member organizations' representatives at the Regional Assembly in Hanoi. He was happy to learn about laudable achievements made by the Cooperative Movements in various countries of the Region during the last two years. He also referred to the challenges before cooperatives due to global economic recession. After his brief remarks, he requested Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA, to formally inaugurate the meeting.

Mr. Ivano Barberini expressed his pleasure on attending 2008 Regional Assembly of ICA-AP. He thanked all the participants for their participation in various meetings. He said that this was an important meeting. He overwhelmingly thanked the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), particularly its President, Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan, for the excellent arrangements made for the Cooperative Forum and the Regional Assembly. He welcomed all the delegates to the meeting and wished good discussions on the Agenda for consensus.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Mamoru Moteki, the newly elected President of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (JA-ZENCHU) made a brief introductory speech. He said that the world was facing global financial crisis sparked by the US sub-prime loan issue. He also referred to the natural disasters caused by global warming in the world causing great problems to peoples' livelihood. He reaffirmed the need of mutual help as the basic idea of cooperatives so as to reinforce the relationship with members more closely than ever.

AGENDA ITEM 02: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked the members if they had any comments on the Agenda. The Agenda, which was circulated at the meeting, was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM 03: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING HELD IN COLOMBO ON 18TH AUGUST 2006

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Regional Assembly held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 18th August 2006 were circulated to all the delegates/member organizations and no comments/suggestions/amendments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM 04: PERUSAL OF MINUTES OF ICA-AP SC MEETINGS SINCE LAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Since last Regional Assembly, five meetings of the Standing Committee were held. Confirmed minutes of these meetings were circulated at the RA. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes had already been completed. The delegates of the RA endorsed the minutes of the Standing Committee.

At this point, Mr. G.H. Amin, President of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 05: APPROVAL OF NEW RULES OF ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee referred to the contents of the new Rules of ICA-AP and broadly mentioned a few of the changes like Standing Committee would hence be called as Regional Board and also referred to the constitution, powers and meeting schedule of the Regional Board.

He further said that the Regional Board in its meeting held on 1st December, had decided to amend Article-10.4 (Regional Board) as follows:

A Youth Representative shall be co-opted in the Regional Board. The Asia Pacific members of the ICA Board who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at the Regional Board.

The new Rules of ICA-AP were accordingly proposed for required amendment that was unanimously approved by the Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 06: PROGRESS REPORT FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out during January to November 2008. He also presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the period January to September 2008. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 10,100 in Delhi office during the year 2008.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee mentioned that the total membership of ICA-AP as on that day was 59 organizations from 23 countries. Sharjah Cooperative Society-UAE, Fiji Cooperative Union Limited-Fiji, and Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC)-India had joined the ICA membership recently.

The Regional Assembly (RA) thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities. The delegates expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP. The report was unanimously accepted by the RA.

At this point, Mr. Adi Sasono, President of Dewan Koperasi Indonesia (DEKOPIN) and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 07: APPROVAL OF ICA-AP STRATEGIC PLAN AND MULTI-ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2009-2012

Mr. Rajiv Mehta presented the framework and contents of the ICA-AP Strategic Plan for 2009-2012 synchronizing with the Strategic Objectives of ICA.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the Multi-Annual Budget of ICA-AP for 2009-2012. The delegates took note of the contents and approved the Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2009-2012.

AGENDA ITEM 08: APPROVAL OF WORK PLAN OF ICA-AP FOR 2009

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the ICA-AP Work Plan for 2009. He informed the meeting that the details of the events would be worked out with the concerned member organizations.

He also informed the RA that Mr. Mohammad Al Ansari, Chairman of the Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies in Kuwait had announced a special contribution of US\$ 10,000 to conduct activities in response to global economic crisis.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the ICA-AP secretariat for preparing a very good Work Plan for 2009.

At this point, Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum, Deputy President of ANGKASA (National Cooperative Organization of Malaysia) took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 09: APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA-AP COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting about creation of ICA-AP Youth Committee in last RA at Colombo. ICA-AP had received two proposals for setting up two separate Committees for (a) Cooperative Research and (b) University/Campus Cooperatives. He further informed that the ICA-AP Regional Board, in principle, had agreed to set up these two Committees at its meeting held in Manila in March and in Hanoi on 1st December 2008.

After discussions, the RA unanimously approved the Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on Cooperative Research.

AGENDA ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA-AP COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY/CAMPUS COOPS

The RA unanimously approved the Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives with the following amendment:

Article 8-Officers: Para 8.4 (In the absence of the Chairperson in the meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair from among the members present to conduct the proceedings of the meeting) should be deleted since there was a provision for two Vice Chairpersons in the Constitution.

At this point, Dr. Yehudah Paz, President of NISPED and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11: RE-CONSTITUTION OF ICA-AP REGIONAL BOARD

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the RA that the term of the current board members would be over by December 2008. As per the new Rules of ICA-AP, the Regional Assembly should elect a maximum of eleven (11) members to the ICA-AP Board for a term of four years.

He confirmed having received 15 nominations from member organizations by the ICA-AP Secretariat. The list was already circulated to the participants at the RA.

Mr. Li Chunsheng opined to elect 11 members out of 15 through election and proposed the name of Dr. Yehudah Paz as Chairman of the Election Committee to conduct the election.

Dr. Paz explained that according to the new Rules, the members of the Regional Board would elect the Chair and the Vice Chairs. So there would be a short meeting of the newly elected board members to elect the Chair and Vice Chairs before the closing of the Regional Assembly so that the delegates had the opportunity to know the names. The RA agreed to hold a short meeting of newly elected Board immediately after the election result was declared.

Dr. Paz elucidated the election procedure and thanked Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his team for the excellent arrangements made for the election. He also wished a good luck to all the candidates contesting the election.

After counting the number of votes, following persons were declared elected to the ICA-AP Regional Board for the next four years.

S.#	Name of the Member	Country	Position/ Organization
01	Mr. Li Chunsheng	China	Vice President, ACFSMC.
02	Mr. G.H. Amin	India	President, NCUI.
03	Mr. Adi Sasono	Indonesia	President, DEKOPIN.
04	Ms. Hitomi Tanaka	Japan	Board of Director, JCCU.
05	Mr. Won-Byung Choi	Korea	Chairman, NACF.
06	Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum	Malaysia	Dy. President, ANGKASA
07	Mr. Guillermo P. Cua	Philippines	Congressman/NATCCO.
08	Mr. Chan Tee Seng	Singapore	Chairman, SNCF.
09	Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka	Sri Lanka	Chairman, NCC.
10	Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut	Thailand	Chairman, CLT.
11	Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan	Vietnam	President, VCA
12	Mr. Teo Say Hong	Singapore	Youth Representative (co-opted)

A special meeting of the newly elected ICA-AP Regional Board Members was held immediately after the declaration of results. At the special meeting following were elected unanimously:

Mr. Li Chunsheng : ICA-AP President and Chair of the Regional Assembly
 Mr. G.H. Amin : Vice Chair of the Regional Assembly
 Ms. Hitomi Tanaka : Vice Chair of the Regional Assembly

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members of the Regional Board for electing him as Chairman of the Assembly and pledged before the RA to work efficiently in collaboration with the support of board members. All other board members also thanked the RA for electing them.

Mr. Ivano Barberini, Mr. Iain Macdonald and Mr. Shil Kwan Lee congratulated the newly elected board members and wished them best of performance.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT ON 5TH ICA REGIONAL COOP FORUM

The 5th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi (Vietnam) on 4th December 2008, preceded by a joint inauguration of the Forum and the 8th ICA Regional Assembly in the

afternoon of 3rd December at My Dinh National Convention Center by His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, Chairman, National Assembly of Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Forum was hosted by the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). The Forum was marked by an overwhelming participation of more than 195 participants from 24 countries and three international organizations.

The theme of the Forum was "COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS" along with following sub-themes: (a) *Coop Advantages in Ensuring Inclusive Growth of Economy*; (b) *Enhancing Management Capacity in Cooperatives*; and (c) *Business Networking to position Coops as a Preferred Brand*.

Eminent cooperative researchers and practitioners had participated at the Forum. Thematic presentations were made by Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General of ICA and Mr. Chan Tee Seng, Chairman of SNCF. Presentations on sub-themes were made by Mr. Sanjiv Chopra, Mr. Bruno Roelants, Mr. Chan Ho Choi, Mr. Jiro Ito and Mr. Paul Hazen.

The Forum proceedings and presentations were summarized by Dr. Yehudah Paz, former ICA Global Board Member, who presented a report on the Forum at the Regional Assembly.

At this point, Mr. **Bandupala Ranaweka**, President of National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (NCC) and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT OF 5TH COOP RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 5th Asian Cooperative Research Conference was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi, on 2nd December 2008. 15 researchers from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated at the Conference. The theme of the Conference was "Strengthening Cooperative Advantage under the Competitive Environment". This time also the Consumer Cooperative Institute of Japan (CCIJ) extended scholarships to six researchers from India and one from the Philippines.

Majority of the presenters were academicians with considerable research experience to their credit. Their papers reflected in-depth analysis of researched data and case studies. They brought out very important findings and revealed facts and figures for future planning.

After the Conference, a Steering Committee Meeting was held which was presided over by Mr. Akira Kurimoto. Dr. G.N. Saxena of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Mr. Akira Kurimoto of Consumer Cooperative Institute of Japan (CCIJ) were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Research Committee respectively for a period of four years. Both Dr. Saxena and Mr. Kurimoto are members of the ICA Global Research Committee.

Mr. Kurimoto and Dr. Saxena thanked the members for electing them as key office-bearers of the Research Committee.

It was decided to hold the next Conference in China in 2010 in conjunction with the next ICA Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORT OF 5TH REGIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM

The 5th Regional Women's Forum was held at Melia Hotel on 2nd December. The theme of the Forum was "Advantage of Gender Integration in the Economy of Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific". A total of 50 cooperators from eight countries attended the Forum.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the ICA-AP Women's Committee welcomed the guests and participants and thanked them for their presence. Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President of VCA delivered the opening address and declared the Forum open. Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA

and Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP also addressed the Forum and re-affirmed their commitment for achieving total gender integration in cooperatives.

The keynote speech on the theme was delivered by Ms. Bui Thi Lan of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Nepal. She talked about significant contribution of women as food provider to the family as well as to the community and focused on various FAO programs on socio-economic development of women to ascertain food security.

A panel discussion was held after the presentations. The topics of discussion were (a) Joint membership of couple/spouse of the member in agricultural cooperatives for increasing number of women in cooperatives; and (b) 33% reservation of women at all levels, especially at leadership for active participation in cooperative business. Based on the conclusion of the panel discussions, the Forum assigned a number of actions to ICA as well as all the members, partners and stake holders.

At this point, Mr. Li Chunsheng took over as chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 15: REPORTS FROM ICA-AP SPECIALISED COMMITTEES

Women's Committee: The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Women's Committee was held at Melia Hotel in Hanoi on 1st December from 14:00 to 17:00 hours. Six members from five countries attended the meeting. In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was presided over by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Vice Chair of the Committee. The Vice President of VCA addressed the participants and extended a warm welcome.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka from Japan and Ms. Norma Preyaras from the Philippines were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. It was decided that the 2nd Vice Chair will be filled up by nomination from Singapore.

The Secretary presented the work plan for 2009 which was approved by the Committee. Country reports on gender integration and women development activities in cooperatives were presented by AWCF, Philippines and Vietnam. The next meeting of the Committee would be held in 2009 in conjunction with some important ICA event.

Consumer Committee: The 42nd meeting of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi, on 3rd December. 15 participants (members and observers) from India, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting. Mr. Nguyen Cuu Quoc, Vice President of VCA delivered the welcome speech at the meeting and Mr. Jiro Ito, Chair of the Committee presided.

In addition to routine agenda, special presentation on Store Development on "Saigon Coop - the way to become Vietnam's leading retailer" was presented by Ms. Tran Thi Kim Quyen. Another special presentation on "How NTUC FairPrice help Consumers cope with the cost of living in Singapore" was made by Mr. Poh Leong Sim, Vice Chair of the Committee and Group Company Secretary/Director (Legal) of NTUC FairPrice, Singapore.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Pune (India) in November-December 2009 along with a regional workshop/seminar.

Consumer Sub-committee on University/College Coops: The 14th meeting of the ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Cooperatives was held on 2nd December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. 12 participants from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam attended the meeting. In addition to routine Agenda, it was confirmed that Sub-Committee would be upgraded to a full-fledged Committee, as approved by the Regional Assembly.

Professor Kokichi Shoji was elected as Chairperson of the full Committee and Professor Mohd. Ali Hasan and Professor Zenaida Diola were elected as Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee unanimously. Mr. T. Kuriki from Japan and Dr. Y. Dongre from India were nominated as Co-Secretaries of the Committee. The term of the office-bearers would be **two years** (from one Regional Assembly to another).

Before the meeting of the Sub-Committee, a Regional Workshop on University/Campus Cooperatives was held in the morning at the same venue. 35 participants from 8 countries attended the workshop. Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, First Vice President of VCA delivered the welcome speech. Prof. Kokichi Shoji, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee presided. The representatives of each country presented country report on the present status of University/College Coops in their respective countries.

Agriculture Committee: The 38th Meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Agriculture was held on 2nd December at Melia Hotel in Hanoi, soon after the ICAO Conference on "Protection of Small Family Farmers through Co-operatives" The theme of the Conference was Quality Production-Quality Food and Quality Trade through Cooperatives. 30 delegates from eight countries, namely, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the conference and the committee meeting.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Chan-Ho-Choi, steered the meeting as per the agenda and following decisions were made: (a) UCCS Kuwait would be inducted as a new member of the Committee; (b) A conference would be held in early 2009 to assess the "Impact of Global Economic Meltdown on Food Security and Agricultural Cooperatives". The conference would be a joint sponsorship of IFFCO, UCCS Kuwait and ICAO.

Mr. N.P. Patel, Vice Chairman of IFFCO (India) and Mr. Sunil Silva, General Manager of NCC (Sri Lanka) were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee for a term of four years.

The meeting ended with remarks from newly elected Chairman of the committee, Mr. N.P. Patel who thanked Mr. Chan-Ho-Choi, Secretary General, ICAO for hosting the 38th Meeting of the Committee and also thanked the participants and resource persons for making impressive and thought provoking presentations.

Regional Cooperative Banking Association (RCBA): The 10th meeting of RCBA was held on 1st December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. 13 participants (members and observers) from India, Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Vice President of VCA, Mr. Nguyen Xuan Hien, was requested to chair the meeting. In his opening speech he said "although in Vietnam there has not been any cooperative banking association, we hope that at this meeting we can share valuable experience, accumulate useful information to establish a cooperative bank in the future".

Mr. B.D. Sharma introduced the working of the RCBA as well as the coop credit and banking institutions in Asia-Pacific region. He said that the RCBA was established to exchange views from time to time on the contemporary issues.

Mr. Deepak Kumar made a presentation on "Role of NABARD in the Development of Coop Banks in India". Mr. B. Subrahmanyam highlighted on the issues such as need for networking among coop banks and the need for appreciating the concept, importance in identifying the indicators and implementing corporate social responsibility. The representatives of other countries present verbally informed about the trends in cooperative credit and banking sector in their countries.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the meeting resolved that the existing Chairman and Vice Chairman should continue to hold their positions until the next meeting.

HRD Committee: The seminar on New Dimensions of Cooperative HRD Institutions in the Globalised Environment and the 21st Meeting of ICA Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD) for Asia and Pacific and was held in the forenoon of 3rd December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. 37 participants from ten countries, namely, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the seminar/meeting.

The opening session was attended by Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, Vice President of VCA; Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director of ICA-AP; and Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of NCUI. The following four presentations were made at the seminar: (a) Global HRD Networking Centre by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of NCUI, India; (b) Networking among Cooperative HRD Institutions - Significance and Challenges by Mr. Yuzri Suhud, Secretary General of DEKOPIN, Indonesia; (c) Strategies for Networking by Ms. Julia Bee Bte Ramjan, Deputy Director, Cooperative College of Malaysia.; and (d) Role of HRD Institutions in Capacity Building for Good Governance and Professionalisation by Mr. Zulkifli Mohammad, Chief Executive, SNCF, Singapore.

The seminar was followed by the 21st meeting of HRD Committee which was presided over by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chairman of the Committee. He welcomed the presence of the members and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He stressed the importance of Global HRD Networking (www.hrd.coop) developed and maintained by National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VMNICM) in collaboration with ICA. He also said that the HRD portal was restructured with 11 languages and registration of experts of cooperatives were also included in the new portal.

Mr. K.K. Ravindran, Managing Director of National Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks Federation, India, offered to host the next seminar on “**Role of HRD Institutions in Changing Economic Scenario**” and meeting in Mumbai sometime in 2009. The meeting unanimously accepted the proposal.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that the Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) would be managed by the Asian region. After discussions, it was decided that a detailed project report should be prepared by the HRD Committee and be placed before the next meeting for its approval. If some funds could be raised through HRD institutions, an external consultant could be appointed. Otherwise, the project report would be prepared internally.

Youth Conference: The Youth Conference was held on 1st December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. More than 60 delegates from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated. Many youth delegates from the College of Technology and Management, College of Vocational Training, Technical and Fine Art belonging to Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) and other affiliated units of VCA also participated.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President of VCA. The theme of the Conference was Cooperatives and Youth Entrepreneurship. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the ICA.

Dr. T. Paranjothi, Secretary, NCCT; Dr. A. Fronda from the Philippines; Mr. Rajiv Mehta, Director (Development), ICA-AP and Mr. Teo Say Hong, Chairperson of the ICA-AP Youth Committee made presentations on various aspects related to youth and their employment, etc.

After the Conference the 2nd meeting of the Youth Committee was held. The meeting discussed the activities held since the last meeting in Singapore and the action plan for the coming year. Mr. Teo Say Hong was re-elected as Chairperson of the Committee, while Ms. Nguuyen Thi Thu Hao of VCA and Mr. Ilham Nassai from Kopindo, Indonesia were elected as Vice Chairs.

Mr. Teo Say Hong also suggested that the Chairperson of the Regional Committee should represent at the proposed Global Youth Committee, for which the Regional Youth Committee would extend all

help. Participation of the Chairperson of the Regional Committee would help in continuity of youth activities globally. The meeting agreed to the suggestion.

The next meeting of the Committee was decided to be held in Singapore during 2009. The next Youth Conference would, however, be held in China in conjunction with the next RA in 2010.

**AGENDA ITEM 16: *REPORT OF THE 8TH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
HELD IN MALAYSIA FROM 12TH TO 15TH MARCH 2007***

The 8th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy and Legislation was held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) from 12th to 15th March in collaboration with the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development (MECD) and ANGKASA. The opening ceremony of the Conference was held in the afternoon of 12th March at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC). Around 900 people attended the inauguration. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The inaugural session was also addressed by the Hon'ble Minister of the MECD and the ICA President.

The theme of the Conference was "Fair Globalisation through Cooperatives". Around 316 participants and observers, including 10 ministers, from 21 countries and four international organizations attended the Conference.

The Conference was quite successful in terms of achieving its core objective of sensitizing the Governments to the need of realizing full potential of cooperatives in building national economy, especially in the context of globalization, demanding the legislative cum policy support for the cooperatives to play an important role in equitable distribution of the benefits accruing from the liberalized global economy.

The Conclusions and Recommendations of the Conference were circulated to the governments and member organizations of ICA in Asia-Pacific region for taking appropriate action on the Recommendations. The Kuala Lumpur Declaration adopted by the Conference was read out by Mr. Rajiv Mehta for the benefit of the participants present at the RA.

AGENDA ITEM 17: *ANY OTHER BUSINESS*

Mr. Rajiv Mehta made a presentation on *Myanmar Post Cyclone Reconstruction Program for Cooperatives*. He said that ICA had received US\$ 72,270 for the reconstruction of disaster affected cooperatives in Myanmar from the following agencies: IFFCO-India; ACFSMC-China; JCCU-Japan; ZENROSAI-Japan; JJC-Japan and Teachers Coop-Singapore.

A Statement on the Increasing Role of Cooperatives in Recent Global Economic Crisis aimed at containing the ill effects of the global economic recession, and calling on political leaders to recognize the important role that cooperatives could play in existing crisis, was distributed among the members for their approval. The Statement was unanimously approved by the RA.

Mr. Iain Macdonald said that the Statement was well written and informed the importance of it. He requested the members to send the Statement to their respective governments.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the Statement would be sent to all ICA-AP member organizations, governments and media for wider circulation. He also requested the members to widely circulate it in their countries.

AGENDA ITEM 18: *CONSIDERATION OF VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING*

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the RA that All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) had agreed to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in China in 2010. The

meeting accepted the offer of ACFSMC and decided to host the next meeting in China in 2010. The date and venue would be decided in consultation with the ACFSMC. The RA thanked the ACFSMC for agreeing to host the ICA events in 2010 in China.

AGENDA ITEM 19: CLOSING SESSION

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members for coming and attending the meeting. He appreciated the excellent arrangements made by the host organization in Vietnam (Vietnam Cooperative Alliance) for the meetings in Hanoi.

Mr. Ivano Barberini said that the 2008 RA was concluded with good results, especially with the Statement on the Increasing Role of Cooperatives in Recent Global Economic Crisis that was approved by the RA. The ICA global Board at its meeting held in Hanoi had decided to continue the relation with the governments and accordingly ICA would be sending a letter to G20 countries because China and India were not included in the G8. He also congratulated the VCA for its efficiency and great hospitality. He specially congratulated the members of the ICA-AP Regional Board.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that a total of 16 different meetings were held in Hanoi from 1st to 6th December and he thanked the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) for making excellent arrangements and the kind hospitality.

The RA proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his able staff for carrying out the ICA-AP's work with success. The RA also thanked Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President for coming and spending his valuable time.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE-2
Minutes of the four ICA-AP
Regional Board Meetings.

Annexure-2

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 2008 elected Regional Board of ICA-AP held on 1st June 2009 at the Conference Hall in JCCU, Tokyo.

The meeting was attended by the following members and observers:

1. Mr. G.H. Amin, President, NCUI, India - Vice Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan - Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, Chairman, SNCF, Singapore - Member
4. Mr. Adi Sasono, President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Member
5. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, President, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
6. Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, Chairman, CLT, Thailand - Member
7. Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President, VCA, Vietnam - Member
8. Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum, Dy. President, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Member
9. Mr. Teo Say Hong, SNCF, Singapore - Youth Representative
10. Mr. Rong Jun, ACFSMC, China - Alternate Member
11. Mr. Chan Ho Choi, NACF, Korea - Alternate Member
12. Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, Chairman, IFFCO, Member Global Board of ICA
13. Mr. Toshifumi Yamashita, President, JCCU, Japan - Observer
14. Dr. Gopal N. Saxena, Director (Coop Dev), IFFCO, India - Observer
15. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China - Observer
16. Mr. Soeryo Bawono, Vice President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
17. Mr. Yuzri Suhud, Secretary General, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
18. Mr. Aharuyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan - Observer
19. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand - Observer
20. Ms. Tran Thu Hang, Interpreter, VCA, Vietnam
21. Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA, Geneva.
22. Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen, Director Development, ICA, Geneva.
23. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, RD, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Secretary
24. Mr. Rajiv Mehta, DRD, ICA-AP, New Delhi.
25. Mr. Yoshimitsu Nakamura, ICA-AP (SBO).

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

At the beginning Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP welcomed all the delegates and thanked JCCU for hosting the meeting. He requested Mr. G.H. Amin, President, NCUI cum Vice Chairman of the ICA - AP Regional Board to Chair the meeting due to indisposition of Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of the ICA - Asia and Pacific. Pursuant to the request of RD, Mr. Amin chaired the meeting.

At the very outset Mr. Amin greeted the participants and mourned sudden and untimely death of Mr. Barberini on 6th May in Italy. He shared the grief of Indian Cooperative Movement with all his fraternal colleagues duly mentioning that it was in the month of February that he had the privilege to listen to Late Mr. Barberini's Vaikunth Bhai Memorial Lecture on Role of Cooperatives in Global Economic Crisis that Mr. Barberini had very gracefully delivered at NCUI.

Mr. Amin mentioned that he had no idea that he would never meet Mr. Barberini thereafter and termed it a tragic loss for the cooperative world when we had needed him most. He termed Late Mr. Barberini as a great scholar, leader and above all a noble human being. Mr. Amin then requested all the participants to stand and observe a two minute silence as a mark of respect to noble cooperative leader and urged upon all to pray to God to bestow peace to the departed soul of Late Mr. Barberini.

After having observed silence for two minutes, the Board resumed the agenda for the day.

Mr. Yamashita, President of JCCU welcomed all the Regional Board members present at the meeting and thanked them for having flown all the way to Japan despite the swine flu fear. He referred to doing away with neck tie due to summer room temperature being kept at 28 degree Celsius so as to reduce carbon emission in the air. Therefore, new dress code in JCCU had no neck-tie. Mr. Yamashita paid rich tributes to Mr. Barberini. He referred to the economic meltdown and termed global economic crisis as the crisis of confidence. He also emphasized the need of world peace and nuclear disarmament and proposed a resolution for the cooperatives to contribute significantly in this context of global importance and welfare.

Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA expressed his happiness on coming to Japan after 14 years and fully endorsed the views expressed by Mr. Yamashita. He informed the members about the sad demise of Mr. Barberini who was quite eager to come to Japan. He said that Mr. Barberini was working until two hours before his death. He had finished a book on Cooperatives the day he had died. According to Mr. Barberini the root cause of the economic crisis was capital greed and going beyond the board. He said that Mr. Barberini had termed the crisis as huge but with huge opportunity for cooperatives and accordingly the theme of Geneva General Assembly of ICA in November 2009 would be “**Global Crisis – Cooperative Opportunity**”.

Mr. Jakhar, Chairman IFFCO cum Board Member of ICA greeted the participants and expressed his deep sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. Barberini. He termed him as the crusader against cooperative imperfections and a great philosopher cum cooperative conservationist of the century. He referred to his last meeting with him at his residence in Chandigarh, India where Mr. Barberini had very freely explained the logic behind the shift in criteria of ICA membership from turnover to membership basis. He remembered Mr. Barberini for his profuse liking for the Asia-Pacific region in general and India in particular because of the size of membership.

Mr. Jakhar also paid rich tributes to late Mr. Guillermo P. Cua, Regional Board Member from the Philippines and hailed his role as a true cooperator who not only enriched the policy content on cooperatives in the Philippines, but also used his influence in streamlining the critical section of Cooperative Act in the Philippines.

Mr. Jakhar highlighted the role of ICA in the present global economic crisis and committed full support of IFFCO in the resurgence of cooperative movement across the globe.

Mr. Amin thanked Mr. Yamashita, Mr. Iain Macdonald and Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar for their remarks. Mr. Amin also wished Mr Li Chunsheng a speedy recovery.

Mr. Amin began the meeting on the note of severe economic crisis that had engulfed the whole world that had affected cooperatives as well. He laid emphasis on the fact that the right time had matured to show the world about the advantages and strengths of cooperatives in standing tall during crisis. Mr. Amin reminded the ICA Regional Board about great challenge that lied ahead and important role ICA could play in advocating the importance of cooperatives in insulating the global economy from such turmoil. Mr. Amin expressed his happiness about the ICA-AP for having planned an important conference next month in Bangkok on Enhancing the Role of Cooperatives in Faster Recovery from Economic Crisis. He expressed his confidence about the success of the conference that would certainly show right direction to both the governments and the cooperatives in forming the strategy to revive economic growth with due inclusions through cooperatives. He appreciated the role of ICA- AP Regional Director Mr. Shil Kwan Lee in this context.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Amin requested all the members to please approve the Agenda for the meeting and welcomed suggestion in this regard. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Hanoi on 1st December 2008

Mr. Amin asked the members if they had received the minutes of our last meeting held in Hanoi. He sought comments from the members on the minutes brought by ICA -AP. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 04 : Presentation on Cooperatives in Japan

Mr. Amin requested Madam Tanaka to make a presentation on Cooperative Movement in Japan. Ms. Tanaka made an impressive presentation on the Japanese Cooperatives with special reference to Consumer Coops catering to 25 million members with a turnover of 34.1 billion USD for the services ranging from retail sale to home delivery, medical, insurance and housing. She also covered the fisheries coops, university and campus coops, forest owners' coops and workers' coops. Mr. Higuchi from JA-Zenchu made presentation on the Agricultural Coops in Japan.

Agenda Item 05 : Review of Cooperative Development in the region

Mr. Amin requested Mr. Lee to facilitate presentations on the Review of Cooperative Development in the Region. Representatives from China (Mr. Rong Jun), Indonesia (Mr. Adi Sasono), Malaysia (Mr. Ali Baharum), Singapore (Mr. Seng Chan Tee), Sri Lanka (Mr. Bandu Ranawaka), Korea (Mr. Chan Ho Choi), Thailand (Mr. M. Pukanut) and Vietnam (Mr. N.T. Quan) made presentations on the latest status of cooperative movement in their respective countries.

Agenda Item 06 : Presentation on International Accounting Standards

Mr. Satoshi Takano, Deputy Director, Management Planning Department, Zenrosai, Japan made a presentation on the IAS and touched upon the peripheral issues relevant to cooperatives focusing on the basic aspect as to how should we tackle with the convergence on "Financial Instruments with characteristics of Equity" between FASB and IASB? He said that ICA IAS working group still had to work to ensure full recognition and understanding of the special nature of the co-operative enterprise by the international accounting standard setters. Mr. Lee desired that the IAS working group recommendations could be shared with the members of ICA-AP by the ICA HQ.

Agenda Item 07 : Interim Report on ICA-AP Activities and Discussion on 2009 Important Activities

Mr. Amin requested Mr. Lee to present interim report on ICA-AP Activities and about activities of ICA in the region during 2009. Mr. Lee made a presentation on the interim activity report of ICA - AP during first part of year 2009 and proposed following revised activity schedule for the rest of the year 2009.

- Exploratory Mission to Kazakhstan, 9-12 June.
- National Conference on Cooperative Development, Myanmar, 16-18 June.
- Exploratory Mission to Mongolia, 23-28 June.
- Management Capacity Building of Women for Cooperative Development, Malaysia, 29th June to 3rd July.
- Conference on Enhanced Role of Cooperatives in the Recovery from Global Economic Crisis, Thailand, 2-4 July.
- National Workshop on Development of University/Campus Coops, Thailand, 11-13 July.
- 1st Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 28th July to 22nd August.
- 4th Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women, Vietnam and

- Japan, 20th August to 25th September.
- Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Coops, Singapore, 24-26 Aug
- 3 Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives, Miyagi/ Tokyo/Kobe, July/Sept./October.
- ICA Conferences on Cooperative Development, Brunei/Iran/Bhutan/ Maldives/ Pakistan, Aug-November.
- Study Tour to Agricultural Cooperatives, Korea, 21 - 25 September.
- Workshop on Enhancing Role of Women in Coop Business, Philippines, 8-10 September.
- 2nd Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 2-27 November.
- Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives, India, 8-11 December.
- Re-construction of Cyclone Affected Cooperatives in Myanmar, January-October.
- Project on Women and Youth Empowerment through Coops in Sri Lanka, January-October.
- Project on Promotion of Sustainable Model of Agricultural Cooperatives for Poverty Alleviation of Farmers, Afghanistan, Cambodia and Laos, January-December.
- Project on Mainstreaming of HIV Issues in the Education and Training System of Cooperatives, India, January-December.

All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the performance and accepted the activity plan as above.

Agenda Item 08 : Financial Report of ICA-AP

Mr. Lee made a presentation on the interim financial report of ICA-Asia and Pacific for 2008 and also presented a forecast on the overall financial status of ICA-AP during 2009. During 2008 the ICA-AP could have surplus of 1,429 CHF as against anticipated surplus of 5,416 CHF. During 2008 ICA-AP received special contributions from MAFF, Japan (926,464 CHF), JCCU Japan (100,100 CHF), ACFSMC, China (55,000 CHF), IFFCO India (38,500 CHF), NACF, Korea (33,000 CHF) and SNCF, Singapore (23,622 CHF).

For the year 2009, ICA-AP had spent 59,957 CHF until March 2009 and expected to utilize full budget available for 2009.

Agenda Item 08 : Discussion on ICA-AP Membership Status

Mr. Lee presented a report on the membership status and stated the fact that the total membership of ICA-AP consists of 61 Organizations from 23 Countries. He named the two newly entered members namely: iCOOP Solidarity of Consumer Coops, Korea; and National Labour Coops Federation (NLCF), India. He said that two cooperatives, namely, Republican Union of Consumer Societies, Tajikistan and National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Limited (FISHCOPFED), India had applied for the membership. Mr. Lee explained about the membership expansion strategy and introduced a new brochure titled "JOIN ICA" recently published to market the benefits of joining the ICA network.

Agenda Item 09 : Other Business Matters Arising

Before deciding the venue and date for the next meeting, Mr. Shil Kwan Lee announced his decision to retire from the services of ICA after 31st December 2009 despite the fact that his contract was valid until December 2010. He advised the members of the Regional Board to suggest name of suitable candidates to the Director General of ICA for the appointment of his successor.

Agenda Item 10 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Board was decided to be held in Geneva on 17th November 2009 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

The meeting concluded with thanks to Mr. G.H. Amin for chairing and conducting the meeting.

Minutes of the Special ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting Held in Beijing on 12th October 2009

Special meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Minzu Hotel, Beijing (China) on 12th October 2009 mainly to transact the Agenda of stronger regional representation of the Asia-Pacific region in the ICA Global Board and selection of the Regional Director, ICA AP. Following were present at the Special Regional Board meeting.

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China - Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan - Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India - Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. Won-Byung CHOI, NACF, Korea - Member
5. Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, IFFCO - Global Board Member
6. Mr. Naoki Higuchi, JA Zenchu, Japan - Global Member Representative
7. Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed, SNCF, Singapore - Member Representative
8. Mr. Adi Sasono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Member
9. Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, CLT, Thailand - Member
10. Mr. Ismail Bin Nordin, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Member Representative
11. Mr. Chan-Ho CHOI, General Manager, NACF, Korea - Regional Director Select
12. Mr. Kwang-Seok HONG, NACF, Korea - Accompanying Delegate
13. Mr. Kyu-Ha YEON, NACF, Korea - Accompanying Delegate
14. Dr. Gopal N Saxena, Director (Coop Dev.), IFFCO - Accompanying Delegate
15. Mr. Nasir Khan Yahaya, ANGKASA - Accompanying Delegate
16. Mr. Soeryo Bawono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Accompanying Delegate
17. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand - Accompanying Delegate
18. Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA - Special Invitee
19. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP
20. Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta, Deputy Regional Director, ICA-AP

Opening Remarks by the President, ICA-AP

Mr. Li Chunsheng extended a hearty welcome to all the participants. Citing reasons for the Special Regional Board Meeting, he referred to the election of Global ICA Board Members in the forthcoming General Assembly in Geneva and recruitment of Regional Director following the retirement of Mr. Shil Kwan Lee by the end of this year.

He further elaborated the need of improved representation of Asia-Pacific region in the Global Board and also explained the process adopted for the recruitment of Regional Director.

He extended a special thanks to the Director General of ICA for having made it possible to attend the Special Board Meeting and also for facilitating selection of new Regional Director.

Approval of the Minutes of last RB meeting in Japan

Minutes of the last meeting of the Regional Board held on 1st June 2009 in Tokyo were approved by the members present.

Review of Cooperative Movement in the region

The country papers on recent cooperative developments in China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Japan were presented by the following representatives:

1. China by Mr. Li Chunsheng
2. India by Mr. G.H. Amin

3. Indonesia by Mr. Adi Sasono
4. Korea by Mr. Won-Byung CHOI
5. Singapore by Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed
6. Malaysia by Mr. Ismail Bin Nordin
7. Thailand by Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut
8. Japan by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members for making the presentations and requested the members of the ICA Global Board from the region for their contribution and thoughts.

Mr. S.K. Jakhar, Chairman, IFFCO thanked the ACFSMC leadership for hosting the special RB meeting. While showing his happiness over the immunity of coops from the ill effects of global economic recession he conveyed his serious concerns on various types of natural disasters that had posed a serious threat to the agriculturists in the affected countries. India was one among them where the erratic and untimely rainfall had reduced the sown farm area causing sharp decline in the agriculture production in the ensuing season. Cooperatives would be most affected and vulnerable and there was a need to ponder over the problem. He asked ICA to organize subject specific brainstorming to find a new system of sharing from each others' lessons and experiences.

Mr. Naoki Higuchi, Deputy General Manager, JA Zenchu mentioned about the JA National Congress that was held recently on 8th October and attended by more than 4,000 delegates from Japan. The Congress had discussed new strategy for agri coops in Japan in the background of new government in Japan. The Congress had unequivocally agreed to the need of rejuvenating agri coop movement in Japan. The Congress had also taken serious view on the global economic crisis and impact on coops in Japan.

Discussions on 2010 Activities of ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee first presented the progress made against the activity plan for 2009 and then briefed on the activities planned for the rest of 2009. He thereafter assured the members that the suggestions made by them would be incorporated in the 2010 plan of ICA-AP. The draft activity plan for the year 2010 would be ready by mid of November for the approval of Regional Board and the final 2010 plan duly aligned with the ICA global plan would be ready by mid of December 2009. The year 2010 would have some additional member centric activities through the newly inducted members from Kazakhstan and Tajikistan in the CIS sub-region of ICA-AP and Mongolia in the Central Asian sub-region.

Mr. G.H. Amin advised the Regional Director to ensure timely monitoring and evaluation of the activities for greater impact. The Director General while appreciating the need of impact assessment hailed the activities of ICA-AP region and appreciated the role of Regional Director and the Deputy Regional Director together with their efficient team.

Mr. Adi Sasono, President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia conveyed the decision of DEKOPIN to organize international seminar on Food security & Bio-energy in Jakarta in the first week of December 2009 and extended warm invitation to all the members present. He asked ICA AP to incorporate this activity in the 2009 plan of ICA-AP. Similarly, Dr. Saxena informed about the special seminar of ICA AP Research Committee in New Delhi on 23rd and 24th October in Gurgaon (India) and advised ICA-AP to include it in the 2009 activity schedule.

Governance Agenda

General Assembly in November 2009 in Geneva

DG, Mr. Macdonald shared detailed information on the programs and events during the course of ICA GA in Geneva in November 2009. He asked the Members of the RB and the staff of ICA-AP to expedite registration of the delegates from the Asia Pacific region.

Election of the members of ICA Global Board

Concerning the constitution of the Global Board of ICA, the Chairman ICA-AP RB Mr. Li Chunsheng referred to the membership power and accordingly sought opinion of the RB Members on the need of issuing a statement on the rights of the members to vote according to the voting system and vote in favour of the nominees from the AP region so as to have greater representation of the cooperatives from the region in the larger interest of the cooperative community from the biggest and fastest growing region of the world. He also asked RD to issue a letter to all the prospective nominees advising them to prepare a small introductory speech for two minutes at the GA to impress upon the representatives of the ICA Members from the world about their suitability and utility at the ICA Global Board. Mr. Amin seconded the proposal and advised RD to issue the letters to all the members of ICA from the Asia Pacific region.

Mr. Higuchi asked the RD to make sure that the voting system is properly understood by the members.

Mr. Zulkifli stated the need of assessing the prospects of each nominee and accordingly issuing an advisory to weaker candidates to withdraw so as to strengthen the chances of other strong candidates.

Mr. Lee agreed with the advice of Mr. Higuchi and sought opinion of the members on the suggestion made by Mr. Zulkifli.

Mr. Lee thereafter reiterated the need of more seats in the ICA Global Board from the Asia Pacific region and besides called upon the members of the RB to even look for new DG from the Asia Pacific region subsequent to retirement of Mr. Macdonald by the mid of next year.

Responding to the suggestion of Mr. Lee, the DG Mr. Macdonald appreciated the feelings of RD on the Eurocentric Global Board of ICA and supported the idea of Mr. Lee about the DG from this region. He further substantiated it by saying that changes are on the anvil and when ICA could have first woman President then why not a new DG from AP region.

Appointment of Regional Director of ICA-AP

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the ICA Director General for working hard on the recruitment process of the Region Director for the ICA Asia Pacific region.

The Director General after having shared the details about the process adopted for the recruitment of Regional Director announced the name of **Mr. Chan Ho Choi** as the next Regional Director of ICA-AP with effect from 1st January 2010. He congratulated Mr. CHOI on his selection. All the board members endorsed his appointment.

Mr. Chan Ho Choi addressed the members of the Regional Board and committed to serve ICA on the lines of the Strategic Objectives set for the ICA.

2010 Regional Assembly of ICA-AP

Highlighting 2010 important activities in the region, Mr. Lee mentioned about the ICA Expo 2010 in India in December 2010 and ICA-AP Regional Assembly in China in September 2010. He proposed to hold Coop-Government Dialogue together with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Coop Forum to follow the implementation of the steps pronounced in the 8th Ministers Conference Declaration held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March 2007. He sought the opinion of the members in due course of time so as to finalize the schedule of events in China in 2010.

Mr. Li Chunsheng appreciated the functioning of the Regional Office and agreed to the proposal put forth by the Regional Director and also agreed to the suggestions made by Members of the RB.

Mr. Macdonald further added the need of inter-regional coordination and collaboration for learning from each other's experiences.

Any other business matter

Earthquake in Indonesia

Mr. Adi Sasono gave a brief account of the devastation caused by earthquake last month in Indonesia. He was requested by the Regional Director to send broad figures on the damage caused to cooperatives and type of assistance required to restart the operations of coops.

UN General Assembly - Year of Cooperatives

DG informed the delegates that the global economic crisis had shaken the confidence of investors and consumers in profiteering corporate structures thereby opening the doors for value based economic models. The UN had accordingly launched a campaign to declare 2012, the Year of Cooperatives. The UN General Assembly would be soon making a formal decision to this effect and the scope and value of cooperatives would grow many folds.

Next Meeting of the Regional Board

The next meeting of the Regional Board would be held in Geneva on 18th November 2009.

The Special Regional Board meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair and the ACFSMC for making all out efforts in seeing to the comfort and convenience of the delegates.

Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting held at
International Convention Center, Geneva (Switzerland)
18th November 2009: 09:00~13:00 hours

Meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Geneva on Thursday, the 19th November 2009. Following leaders and the officials attended the meeting.

- 01 Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China - Chairperson
- 02 Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India - Vice Chairperson
- 03 Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan - Representative - Vice Chairperson Ms. Tanaka
- 04 Mr. Won-Byung CHOI, NACF, Korea - Member
- 05 Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, IFFCO - Global Board Member
- 06 Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, CLT, Thailand - Member
- 07 Prof Dr Mohammed Ali Baharum, President, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Member
- 08 Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, Vice President, VCA, Vietnam - Alternate Member
- 09 Ms. Dolly Goh, CEO, SNCF - Representative of Mr. Chan Tee Seng, President, SNCF, Singapore - Member
- 10 Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Singapore - Observer
- 11 Mr. M.G.S. Silva, GM, NCC, Sri Lanka - Representative of President, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
- 12 Mr. N.P. Patel, Vice Chairman, IFFCO, India - Observer
- 13 Mr. D.P. Baskota, Chairman, NCF, Nepal - Observer
- 14 Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA
- 15 Mr. Jan Erik Imbsen, Director Development, ICA
- 16 Mr. Chan-Ho CHOI, General Manager, NACF, Korea - Regional Director Select
- 17 Dr. Gopal N Saxena, Director (Coop Dev.), IFFCO - Accompanying Delegate
- 18 Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand - Accompanying Delegate
- 19 Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP
- 20 Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta, Deputy Regional Director, ICA-AP

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board. Broaching the objective of the meeting, he highlighted the need of a coordinated action by the members of ICA from the Asia-Pacific region in the voting for election of members for the ICA Global Board. He sought cooperation of the ICA-AP board members in mobilizing effective and meaningful voting by the members from AP region. Mr. Li Chunsheng extended a warm welcome to Ms. Dolly Goh, the Chief Executive of SNCF and introduced her to the members of the regional board.

Agenda Item 02: Approval of the Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was approved.

Agenda Item 03: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Beijing on 12th October

The minutes of the Special Regional Board Meeting held in Beijing (China) on 12th October 2009 were also approved.

Agenda Item 04: ICA-AP Activities Carried Out/Planned in 2009

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee gave a brief account of the activities carried out by ICA-AP during 2009 until the end of October 2009 and planned for the remaining period. He appreciated the support of IFFCO in supporting special project on women & youth empowerment in Sri Lanka and also supporting pertinent conference on role of cooperatives in mitigating the impact of global economic crisis that was held in July in Bangkok. Referring to termination of the AGRITERRA project, he made a mention about the cooperative law in Laos that would soon be passed by the Parliament. He also made a special mention of Mongolia for its networking initiatives for 2012 as the UN year of cooperatives. He referred to his visits to Kazakhstan and Mongolia and mentioned about three new members of the ICA from central Asia.

Mr. Lee briefed about the need of reconstructing the disaster affected cooperatives in Indonesia and shared the contents of the appeal issued by ICA in this context. Mr. Imbsen referred to the protocol on reconstruction being developed with the NISPED of Israel.

Mr. Seah advised the ICA-AP to motivate Fiji, Australia and New Zealand to participate in the events of ICA.

M. Rajiv Mehta presented a report on the reconstruction support given to cooperatives in Myanmar and highlighted major interventions. Mr. Li Chunsheng desired to have a completion report on the post disaster coop reconstruction program of ICA in Myanmar.

Agenda Item 05: ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented statement of expenditure incurred by ICA-AP until the end of October 2009.

Agenda Item 06: ICA-AP Membership Situation

Mr. Macdonald appreciated the efforts made by Mr. Lee in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region. He further advised the ICA-AP office to explore possibilities of bringing Bhutan, Jordan, Yemen, Syria, islands in Fiji and a few more countries from central Asia in the network of ICA.

Mr. Amin, Vice President ICA Asia Pacific endorsed the views of the DG. Highlighting the importance of Arabian countries, Dr. Ali Baharum advised Mr. Lee to induct a staff fluent in Arabic so as to have more members from GCC countries. Mr. Imbsen offered the services of ICA HO staff till the arrangements are made.

Mr. Li Chungsheng also stressed the need of enrolling more members from the AP region of ICA.

Agenda Item 07: ICA-AP Work Plan/Budget for 2010

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the first draft of 2010 budget and activity plan of ICA-AP.

Mr. Jakhar advised ICA-AP to pay more attention on Agriculture cooperatives and sought support of ICA-AP in facilitating a pilot initiative of MARKFED, Punjab to import agriculture machinery from Korea at a subsidized rate. Mr. Choi, Chairman of NACF proposed to set up a machinery bank for the coops.

Mr. Pukanut, Chairman of CLT stressed the need of educating leaders, bureaucrats and members of coop community in Laos and Cambodia to learn about Thai model of cooperatives so as to wash away their notion about government controlled coops.

Dr. Ali Baharum desired to have real trade facilitation by ICA-AP and advised a special supplement on trade on the ICA-AP website.

Answering the question posed by a few board members about the membership fee distribution between HO and Regional Office, the DG replied that by 2012 the percentage share will be 50:50 between the HO and RO.

Agenda Item 08: Election of the Members of ICA Global Board

The election procedure was briefly explained by the DG. Mr. Lee requested all the members of the board to do canvassing for the candidates from AP region and elect them.

Agenda Item 09: ICA-AP Regional Assembly, Beijing, September 2010

Mr. Li Chunsheng made an impressive presentation on the 9th Regional Assembly of ICA-AP in Beijing (China) in September 2010.

Agenda Item 10: Other Business Matters Arising

Mr. Baskota expressed the need of a larger representation of Asia-Pacific in the Global Board of ICA.

Mr. Lee informed the members of the Regional Board about the proposal of Iran to host next Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy & Legislation. The members advised RD to take the decision after carefully consulting the Iranian authorities.

Mr. Lee sought permission of the Chair to say good bye with a special thanks to the RB members. He expressed his deep sense of appreciation to all the members of ICA from the region for their kind support and cooperation in making his tenure quite successful and rewarding. He advised the leadership of the region to take coops a step higher by taking best advantage of the Asianization process. He reposed his confidence in the team of ICA Asia Pacific. Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked Mr. Lee for his good role and requested him to share his valuable experiences with Dr. Choi in making this region progress continuously.

Referring to the amendments to the ICA-AP rules, Mr. Li Chunsheng asked Regional Office to submit it to the Regional Board for authorization and seek approval of Regional Assembly.

Agenda Item 11: Date and Place of Next Meeting

Next meeting of the ICA AP Regional Board was fixed for early April 2010 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting

Seoul (Republic of Korea): 19th April 2010

The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held at the premises of National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) in Seoul on Monday, the 19th April 2010 from 09:30 to 16:30 hours. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. Benny A. Kusbini, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Alternate Member
5. Mr. Won-Byung Choi, NACF, Korea – Member
6. Prof. Data Dr. Mod. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
7. Mr. Artemio M. Jose, NATCCO, Philippines – Alternate Member
8. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, SNCF, Singapore – Member
9. Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
10. Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, CLT, Thailand – Member
11. Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, VCA, Vietnam – Member
12. Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, IFFCO – ICA Global Board Member
13. Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, JA-ZENCHU, Japan – Observer
14. Mr. Nobumasa Kitajima, APHCO, Japan - Observer
15. Mr. Mr. Luxiao Hao, ACFSMC, China - Observer
16. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
17. Mr. Li Shun, ACFSMC, China – Interpreter
18. Dr. Gopal N Saxena, IFFCO, India – Observer
19. Mr. Bachrul Chairi, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
20. Ms. Makiko Sakurai, JCCU, Japan – Interpreter
21. Mr. Sang Chul Kim, NACF, Korea - Observer
22. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand – Interpreter
23. Mr. Hoang Nghia Trung, VCA, Vietnam – Interpreter
24. Mr. Chan-Ho Choi, RD, ICA-AP
25. Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta, DRD, ICA-AP
26. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Won-Byung Choi, Chairman of National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) thanked the members for accepting the invitation and coming to attend the Regional Board Meeting in Seoul. He said that NACF had made good arrangements for the meeting. He specially thanked Mr. Li Chunsheng and Dr. Chan Ho Choi for holding the Regional Board meeting in Seoul. He wished the participants a fruitful meeting and a comfortable and memorable stay in Seoul.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board. He also extended a warm welcome to Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, former Regional Director of ICA-AP; Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU, Japan and Mr. S.K. Jakhar, ICA Global Board Member for having made it possible to attend the meeting in Seoul. He said that we were meeting after six months and lot of changes had taken place since then. He informed the meeting that Indonesian Cooperative Council (DEKOPIN) had constituted a new board and Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid was elected as President of DEKOPIN. Since Mr. Halid was very busy he had sent Mr. Benny A. Kusbini, the Vice President of International Relations to this meeting. Mr. Benny introduced himself and thanked the Chairman. Mr. Li Chunsheng requested Mr. Benny to convey the best wishes of Regional Board to the new President of DEKOPIN.

Dr. Chan Ho Choi extended a warm welcome to the members of ICA-AP Regional Board. He specially thanked Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU and Mr. S.K. Jakhar, ICA Global Board Member for making it possible to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 02: Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda of the meeting was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 03: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Geneva on 18th November 2009

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 18th November 2009 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions were received. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 04: Plan and Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010

Dr. Chan Ho Choi gave a brief account of the activities carried out by ICA-AP from January to March and scheduled for the remaining period of 2010. He also presented the ICA-AP budget for 2010. He said that a surplus of CHF 2,048 was expected during the year 2010.

Mr. Pukanut from Thailand stressed the need of educating leaders, bureaucrats and members of coop community in Laos and Cambodia to learn about Thai model of cooperatives and wash away their notion about government controlled coops.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for planning so many important activities during 2010.

Agenda Item 05: ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the year 2009. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 1,330 in Delhi office for the year 2009. All members expressed happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi also presented the details of contribution received from development partners/members for the year 2009. He thanked the members for their contribution in kind for organizing various activities. He also informed the meeting that the JCCU had seconded a person at Singapore Business Office and NCUI had seconded a person at New Delhi office.

Responding to above, Dr. G.N. Saxena said that we should also thank NACF for the secondment of Dr. Chan Ho Choi at New Delhi. He, however, requested Dr. Choi to reflect the RD's salary contribution made by NACF in the financial report of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi responded that the NACF was providing special contribution of US\$ 30,000 to ICA-AP for special activities instead of salary.

Agenda Item 06: ICA-AP Membership Situation

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the following five organizations were admitted into ICA Membership since last Regional Board Meeting. (a) All China Federation of Handicraft and Industrial

Cooperatives (ACFHIC); (b) International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (ICCIC); (c) Korean Association of Social Economy Enterprises (KASSE); (d) Iran Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Processing Factories Cooperative Company (Farda Co.); and (e) Supervision and Coordination Central Union of Rural and Agricultural Cooperatives of Iran (SCURA). The total membership of ICA-AP as such was 69 member organizations from 25 countries.

He also informed the meeting that China Fisheries Association (CFA) and VICTO National of the Philippines had applied for membership of ICA.

Highlighting the importance of Arabian countries, Dr. Ali Baharum advised Dr. Choi to induct a staff fluent in Arabic so as to have more members from GCC countries.

The members appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Choi in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region.

Agenda Item 07: Discussion on Rules of the ICA-Asia and Pacific

Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta presented the proposed amendments in the Rules of ICA-AP. He informed that the ICA Governance Committee was given the mandate to review the Rules of the ICA regions so as to ensure that those were in conformity with the ICA Rules approved by the Special 2008 General Assembly held in Rome.

He further informed that ICA Rules being the global rules of the organization carry global significance and therefore the regional rules should be in conformity with the ICA Rules and avoid restating what was found in the ICA Rules - especially with regard to mission statements, membership, powers and responsibilities, etc. This in turn would have the advantage that if and when the ICA Rules were amended by the General Assembly with regard to these issues, the amendments would automatically apply to the regions enabling a consistency in the governance.

Responding to proposed amendments, Mr. Amin said that we should not delete the Articles 2 (Objects); 4 (Membership); 5 (Rights of Member Organizations); 6 (Obligations of Member Organizations); 11 (Powers of Regional Board); and 12 (Regional Director) from the existing Rules of ICA-AP which were approved by the Regional Assembly in Hanoi in 2008. He also referred to the filling up of elected position which should be replaced by election only and not nomination.

Ms. Tanaka said that under Article-9: Regional Director - 2nd sentence should be amended as "His/Her" as a woman could also be the Regional Director of ICA-AP in the future. The members unanimously agreed to this suggestion.

Commenting on Article-3 concerning Structure where it was mentioned that a regional office in New Delhi, India and a sub-regional office in Singapore. Dr. Ali Baharum suggested that we should take out the name of the countries since the office could be located anywhere in the region.

Dr. Choi said that the Rules could be amended by the Regional Board and Regional Assembly whenever necessary.

Mr. Li Chunsheng requested the members to send their proposals to the Regional Director and this could be further discussed at the next Regional Board Meeting in Beijing on 1st September.

After lunch a video presentation on Introduction of NACF Core Business Activities (marketing, mutual credit, guidance) was made by the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) for the benefit of members. The members appreciated the presentation and a copy of the same was distributed at members' request.

Agenda Item 08: Discussion on setting up of a new Committee Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization (APHCO) and its Constitution

Mr. Nobumasa Kitajima, Chief of Secretariat of Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO) made a presentation about APHCO. He said that at the moment eight countries (Japan, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Korea, Mongolia, India and Malaysia) were members of APHCO.

Dr. Choi said that to become a member of the Committee, the organization had to be a member of the ICA as per ICA Geneva rules. However, at the regional level ICA had not yet taken a decision on this matter. He requested the members to approve the setting up of this Committee and also said that at the next meeting he would bring proposal for Fisheries Committee for the consideration of the Regional Board.

Dr. Saxena said that the ICA global board had not taken a decision on collecting subscription or giving of funds from the central budget to specialized committees and this issue was still pending. So as a rule APHCO might be allowed to collect subscription from members. Likewise, all Committees could be allowed to collect subscription from members.

Dr. Choi said that all Committees should not be treated the same way and ICA-AP would allow new Committees to collect subscription, if they so desire on case by case basis. He also said that the members of the Thematic Committees are mainly from the member organizations and they did not collect any money. But members of all sectoral organizations are not members of ICA.

Mr. Kitajima said that APHCO needed some money for the activities and also to pay to the ICHO subscription.

Mr. Quan said that the rules and structure were not very clear. Dr. Choi suggested that Article 5 and 6 should be inter-changed.

Mr. Kitajima said that he would report it to the APHCO Board. Mr. Kitajima was further requested to submit the revised Rules at the Regional Board meeting in Beijing for its consideration.

Agenda Item 09: Discussion on Important Events in the Year 2010

ICA-AP Regional Assembly, Beijing, September

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the 9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly together with the 6th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum and other related events would be held at the Beijing International Convention Centre (BICC) in Beijing, China from 1st to 5th September 2010 under the auspices of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC).

Mr. Zhang Wangshu of ACFSMC made an impressive presentation about the preparations of the Beijing events for the benefit of the members.

A note on the theme of the Assembly/Coop Forum “**Cooperatives-The Sector of Global Importance**” was circulated at the meeting and the members were requested to send their suggestions to ICA-AP as soon as possible.

Mr. Phanuwat said that the members from CLT may be allowed to attend the joint opening ceremony on 3rd September without paying the registration fee.

ICA Expo 2010, Bangalore (India), 8-10 December

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December 2010 in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy.

The first ICA Expo was held in Oct 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal and the event attracted nearly 8,000 visitors. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair promoted the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

Dr. Saxena made a brief presentation on the preparations for the ICA Expo 2010. He said that 11 organizations had already confirmed their participation and another 12 organizations were in dialogue with the organizers.

Dr. Choi said that ICA Expo 2010 was very important for networking and requested the members to confirm their participation as soon as possible.

UN Declaration on 2012 International Year of Cooperatives

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the members that the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution - "Cooperatives and social development" - in which it proclaimed the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) to be celebrated in 2012. A Press Release issued by the United Nations and the ICA declaring 2012 International Year of Cooperatives was circulated at the meeting for the benefit of members. Dr. Choi requested the members to take necessary initiatives on this matter as early as possible.

50th Anniversary of ICA-AP (1960-2010)

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the year 2010 marks completion of 50 years of ICA-AP and there was every reason to celebrate the history and glory of ICA-AP that had been serving the cooperative members in the biggest and most vibrant region of the world. There would not be a better way to unravel the contributions made by the ICA-AP during last 50 years in this region than releasing a Book containing salient features of ICA's evolution to present form. It was proposed to start 50th anniversary celebrations at the 9th Regional Assembly in Beijing. The culmination of anniversary celebrations would be at the 2nd ICA Expo in Bangalore (India) in December 2010.

He further said that it was his keen desire to capture this historic occasion as a launching pad for spreading awareness about the relevance and significance of cooperatives in general and UN Year of Cooperatives-2012 in particular.

Agenda Item 10: Other Business Matters Arising

1. Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta presented the Terminal Report on ICA's Cooperative Reconstruction Program for Cyclone Affected Cooperatives in Myanmar. He informed the meeting that the total collection was US\$ 85,790 that was disbursed through Central Cooperative Society (CCA) to identified nine most marginalized primary cooperatives. In addition, two major interventions - the Conference on Cooperative Development in Myanmar and Lessons Learned Workshop were also made jointly by ICA-AP and CCS.
2. On behalf of Japanese Joint Committee (JJC), Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan) offered to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Japan in the last quarter of 2012 for 5 days.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that last year ICA-AP had approached Japan to host the Regional Assembly in 2010 and at that time they wanted more time to take a final decision. The members accepted the invitation and agreed to put up this issue to the Regional Assembly in Beijing for its approval.

3. The ACFSMC made a presentation on the proposed *International Cooperative Promotion Center of China*. The Center would be operational from 2nd half of next year. They hoped to get the cooperation of all members on this matter.

Agenda Item 11: Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board in Beijing (China) in the forenoon of 1st September 2010 in conjunction with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) of Korea for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE-3
Rules of ICA-Asia and Pacific

Annexure-3

RULES OF ICA-ASIA AND PACIFIC

(Existing Rules are approved by ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Hanoi on 5th December 2008)

EXISTING RULES	CHANGES PROPOSED
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 1: Mission Statement</p> <p>The International Cooperative Alliance - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) shall strive to promote and strengthen the Cooperative Movement in the Asia-Pacific region in the spirit of ICA Cooperative Identity Statement (ICIS).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 2: Objects</p> <p>ICA-AP is a regional representative of cooperative organizations of all kinds that has the following objects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To promote the cooperative movement in Asia-Pacific region and facilitate its global integration;2. To promote and protect cooperative values and principles;3. To facilitate the development of economic and other mutually beneficial relations among its member organizations; and4. To promote sustainable human development and gender equity to further the economic and social progress of people, thereby contributing to peace and security in the region. <p>The ICA-AP shall not affiliate itself to any political or religious organization and shall maintain independence in all its activities.</p>	<p>The International Co-operative Alliance - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) is the ICA region that serves members of the International Co-operative Alliance in the Asia and Pacific region.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article-1: Mission Statement</p> <p>The ICA-AP shall implement the ICA Mission as stated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance at the regional level.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 2: Objects</p> <p>The ICA-AP will promote the Objects of the International Co-operative Alliance as stated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance at the regional level.</p>

<p>Article 3: Structure</p> <p>The ICA-AP is organized at the regional, sectoral and thematic levels and comprises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a central office in New Delhi, India • a sub-office in Singapore <p>The ICA-AP is open to all cooperative organizations in Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p>Regional Assembly is the supreme body of ICA-AP and all the decisions are monitored and supervised by the elected Regional Board.</p> <p>The Regional Director through a team of technical staff implements the plans and actions approved by the Regional Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 4: Membership</p> <p>The decision to admit to membership of the ICA lies with the ICA Global Board. Organizations are eligible for two types of membership: (a) Members (full members with voting rights); and (b) Associate Members (without voting rights). Members of ICA from Asia-Pacific region automatically become members of ICA-AP.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 5: Rights of Member Organizations</p> <p>Subject to fulfillment of financial obligations to ICA, Members and Associate Members have the right to: (a) receive from iCA-AP all appropriate services, information and assist-ance; and (b) participate in any global/ regional sectoral organization or thematic committee of ICA in accordance with its Constitution.</p> <p>Members also have the right to: (a) take part in formulating ICA global/regional policies and work programs of ICA</p>	<p>Article 3: Structure</p> <p>The ICA-AP is structured at the regional, sectoral and thematic levels and comprises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a regional office in New Delhi, India • a sub-regional office in Singapore <p>The ICA-AP serves all ICA members in Asia and Pacific region.</p> <p>The Regional Assembly is the highest authority of ICA-AP and all the decisions are monitored and supervised by the elected Regional Board.</p> <p>The Regional Director through a team of technical staff implements the plans and actions approved by the Regional Assembly.</p> <p>Deleted</p> <p>Deleted</p>
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<p>authorities; and (b) appoint representatives to the ICA General and Regional Assemblies and to nominate candidates for election to the Global/Regional Board.</p>	
<p>Article 6: Obligations of Member Organizations</p>	<p>Deleted</p>
<p>Members and Associate Members have the following obligations:</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To observe the aims and policy of ICA and ICA-AP and to conform in its activity to the ICA Cooperative Identity Statement; 2. To take all such actions as may be recommended by the Authorities of ICA-AP in support of its policy decisions; 3. To supply ICA and ICA-AP with their membership data, annual report and a complimentary copy of all its relevant publications, as well as regularly inform ICA and ICA-AP on significant national cooperative developments, changes in its rules and bylaws, and all actions of the public authorities which affect the cooperative moment; and 4. To pay annual subscription to ICA in accordance with ICA Rules. 	
<p>Article 7: Regional Authorities</p>	<p>Article 4: Regional Authorities</p>
<p>The regional authorities of ICA-AP are: Regional Assembly, Regional Board and Regional Director.</p>	<p>The regional authorities of ICA-AP are: Regional Assembly, Regional Board and Regional Director.</p>
<p>Article 8: Regional Assembly</p>	<p>Article 5: Regional Assembly</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There shall be a Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific region, consisting of representatives appointed by the ICA member organizations in the region; 2. Regional Assembly, being the highest authority of ICA-AP, deals with the development of cooperatives in the region and 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There shall be a Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific region, consisting of representatives appointed by the ICA members in the region; 2. The Regional Assembly, being the highest authority within the ICA-

<p>formulates policies on major issues beneficial and relevant to the ICA and the cooperative movements in the region;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, meet every second year. Extra ordinary meetings of the Regional Assembly may be convened on the decision of the Regional Board or at the request of one-fifth of members; and 4. All questions on which the Regional Assembly votes are decided by a majority of the votes cast, unless specified otherwise. Voting procedures for election shall be in accordance with the ICA Voting Rules 	<p>AP, is stipulated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance with the following added provisions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Regional Assembly further deals with the development of co-operatives in the region and formulates policies on major issues beneficial and relevant to the ICA-AP and the co-operative movements in the region; 3. The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, meet every second year. Extra ordinary meetings of the Regional Assembly may be convened on the decision of the Regional Board or at the request of one-fifth of members; 4. All questions on which the Regional Assembly votes are decided by a majority of the votes cast, unless specified otherwise. Voting procedures for election shall be in accordance with the ICA Bye-Laws.
<p>Article 9: Powers of Regional Assembly</p> <p>The powers of the Regional Assembly shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the decisions of the General Assembly in the region; 2. Approve the ICA Regional Strategic Plan; 3. Elect a maximum of eleven (11) Members to the Regional Board from among the candidates proposed by the member organizations in the Region; 4. The term of office-bearers of the Regional Board is four years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsoring member organization, the sponsoring organization may nominate a replacement for the remaining term and the decision on 	<p>Article 6: Powers of Regional Assembly</p> <p>The powers of the Regional Assembly are stipulated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance with the following additional provisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The President of the region shall, as a rule, be the Chairperson of the Regional Assembly and the Regional Board; 2. The Regional Assembly shall elect two Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall preferably be a woman. They shall also be the Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Assembly; 3. The Regional Assembly shall establish Sectoral and Thematic Committees at the regional level and approve their Constitutions.

the replacement rests with the Regional Board;

5. Draw up business procedures and representation rules for the ICA-AP, subject to approval by the General Assembly; and
6. Establish Sectoral Organizations and Thematic Committees and approve their Constitutions.

Article 10: Regional Board

1. There shall be a Regional Board consisting of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and eight Members elected by the Regional Assembly. Not more than one person from one country can be elected to the Regional Board;
2. Elect a person as **President** of the region who shall also serve as global ICA Vice-President, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. The President of the region shall, as a rule, be the **Chairperson** of the Regional Assembly and the Regional Board. The person to be eligible for election as President of the region must have served on one or more ICA governing bodies for at least two years;
3. Elect two Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall preferably be a woman. They shall also be Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Assembly;
4. A Youth Representative shall be co-opted in the Regional Board. The Asia Pacific members of the ICA Board who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at the Regional Board;
5. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Board whose organization has ceased affiliation with the ICA;
6. A quorum of the Board shall be

Article 7: Regional Board

1. There shall be a Regional Board of **11** persons consisting of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and eight Members elected by the Regional Assembly. Not more than one person from one country can be elected to the Regional Board;
2. The term of office-bearers of the Regional Board is **4** years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsor, the sponsor may nominate a replacement for the remaining term and the decision on the replacement rests with the Regional Board;
3. A Youth Representative shall be co-opted in the Regional Board. The Asia and Pacific members of the ICA Board who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at the Regional Board;
4. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Board whose has ceased affiliation with the ICA;
5. A quorum of the Board shall be constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a two-third majority of members present and voting;

<p>constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a two-third majority of members present and voting;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote; 8. Formulate rules for the election of regional board members and office bearers; 9. To manage the affairs of ICA-AP between the meetings of the Regional Assembly; 10. The Board shall meet at least once a year. The meetings shall be convened by the President or at the request of one-third of the members; and 11. The Regional Director of ICA-AP shall be the Secretary of the Regional Board. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote; 7. The Board shall meet at least once a year. The meetings shall be convened by the President or at the request of one-third of the members; 8. The Regional Director of ICA-AP shall be the Secretary of the Regional Board.
<p>Article 11: Powers of Regional Board</p>	<p>Article 8: Powers of Regional Board</p>
<p>The powers of the Regional Board shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work within the ICA Strategic Plan and decisions laid down by the Regional Assembly; 2. To convene the meeting of the Regional Assembly; 3. To reinforce member organizations' active participation in ICA activities in the region; 4. To promote sustainable cooperative development in the region; 5. To build relations between other bodies of the ICA; 6. To enhance the image of ICA and the cooperative movements within the region; 7. To establish committees and working groups where appropriate; 	<p>The powers of the Regional Board are stipulated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance.</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. To provide recommendations on membership issues from the region to the ICA Board; 9. To be responsible for appointment of the Regional Director In conjunction with the ICA Director-General; and 10. To approve the annual work plan/ budget prepared by the Regional Director before submitting to the Director-General for integration into the global work plan/budget. 	
<p>Article 12: Regional Director</p>	<p>Article 9: Regional Director</p>
<p>The Regional Director shall be responsible for:</p>	<p>The Regional Director is the Chief Executive of the Asia and Pacific region. His/Her responsibilities are stipulated in the Rules of the International Co-operative Alliance.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion and protection of cooperative values and principles at the regional level; 2. Implementation of ICA Strategic Plan within the region; 3. Representation on request of member organizations on policy concerns to governmental bodies and the public; 4. Organization of the Regional Assembly and support elected bodies; 5. Recruitment of staff at ICA-AP; 6. Carrying out any other activities as may be requested by the Director-General or Regional Board; and 7. Submitting annual work program and budget, as approved by the Regional Board, to the Director-General for inclusion in the overall global budget of the ICA. 	
<p>Article 13: Sectoral Organisations</p>	<p>Article 10: Sectoral and Thematic Committees</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Regional Assembly may establish or dissolve Sectoral Organisations and Thematic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Regional Assembly may establish or dissolve Sectoral and

<p>Committees;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Regional Sectoral Organizations may be established in areas of economic and social activity of cooperatives as considered desirable; 3. Regional Thematic Committees may be established based on requirements of the region; and 4. The sectoral organizations and thematic committees will draw up rules for approval by the Regional Assembly. They will work within the Regional Strategic Plan and will submit annual work plans/ budgets to the Regional Director. 	<p>Thematic Committees;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Regional Sectoral Committees may be established in areas of economic and social activity of co-operatives as considered desirable; 3. Regional Thematic Committees may be established based on requirements of the region; 4. The sectoral and thematic committees will draw up rules for approval by the Regional Assembly. They will work within the Regional Strategic Plan and will submit annual work plans/ budgets to the Regional Director.
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 14: Official Language</p> <p>The official language of the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board is English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article 11: Official Language</p> <p>The official language of the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board is English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters</p>
<p>Article 15: Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delegates or their sponsoring organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board; 2. Participation in the Regional Assembly and other related meetings will be subject to payment of Registration Fee as prescribed by the Regional Board; 3. In line with ICA tradition, Regional Assembly shall be hosted by the member organisations in the region who may take care of logistic and other related costs as mutually agreed upon; & 4. The budget and financial resources for implementing the work plan of ICA-AP 	<p>Article 12: Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delegates or their sponsoring organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly/Regional Board; 2. Participation in the Regional Assembly and other related meetings will be subject to payment of Registration Fee as prescribed by the Regional Board; 3. In line with ICA tradition, Regional Assembly shall be hosted by the member organisations in the region who may take care of logistic and other related costs as mutually

<p>shall be derived from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-distribution of membership subscription to the region; • Funds provided through agreements with development agencies including governmental organizations; • Special contributions and income from other sources. <p style="text-align: center;">Article 16: Others</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to these Rules and any subsequent alterations shall be subject to the approval by the Regional Assembly. 2. For all other matters, which are not covered by these Rules, ICA Rules shall apply. 	<p>agreed upon;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 13: Others</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to these Rules and any subsequent alterations shall be subject to the approval by the Regional Assembly; 2. For all other matters, which are not covered by these Rules, ICA Statutes shall apply.
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30th April 2010

ANNEXURE-4

Report of Important Activities carried out in 2009
and Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010.

Annexure-4

Report of Important Activities Carried out in 2009

1. **Dr. Hosseini Nia**, Deputy Minister of Cooperatives, Islamic Republic of Iran along with 20 officials of most successful cooperatives from Iran visited ICA-AP in January 2009 to have meeting with the Regional Director. The main objective of the visit was to understand the collaboration between Government and Cooperative Movement for the development of cooperatives.
2. **Mr. Ivano Barberini**, President of ICA visited India from 9th to 12th February 2009 in response to the invitations extended by Hon'ble Captain Kanwal Jeet Singh, Cooperative Minister of Punjab, Government of Punjab to inaugurate the National Conference on **Revival of Rural Cooperative Credit in India** in Chandigarh on 9th February and Mr. G.H. Amin, President of NCUI to deliver Vaikunth Bhai Mehta Memorial Lecture in New Delhi on 12th February. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICA and the Punjab Government to establish an International Centre for Promotion and Development of Cooperatives in Punjab. Mr. Barberini also delivered the 15th Vaikunthbhai Mehta Memorial Lecture on **Role of Cooperatives in Economic Recession** at NCUI auditorium on 12th February 2009 which was organized by NCUI.
3. The 3rd Training Course on **Enhancement of Farmers' Income and Poverty Reduction through Cooperatives** was held in India/ Iran/Japan from 8th January to 18th April in collaboration with IFFCO in India, ICC in Iran and JA ZENCHU/IDACA in Japan. Twelve participants from 9 countries attended the Training Course. The focus of the Course was on strengthening of farm guidance method, joint collection, shipment, safety and improvement in quality of farm products aimed at increasing farmers' income as a new development for the training course.
4. A Conference on Consumer Cooperative Profile Raising was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) from 17th to 19th March in collaboration with Consumer Cooperative Societies Federation of Sri Lanka (COOPFED). Around 50 participants from Sri Lanka attended the Conference.
5. A joint workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives was held in Vietnam on 8-9 April in collaboration with Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). 45 leaders from 15 cooperatives of Thua Thien Hue Province attended the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to improve the knowledge and skills on business of consumer cooperatives especially in the context of current global economic recession.
6. The Regional Director visited the following organizations in Japan from 20-23 April to hold discussions on various activities: Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA); Japanese Consumers Cooperative Union (JCCU); and National Federation of University Cooperative Associations (NFUCA). He also participated in the inaugural ceremony of the new building of JA-ZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives).
7. With the support of ICA-AP a joint international workshop for cooperative rural financial services in Asia-Pacific region was organized by ACFSMC and Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (NISPED) of Israel in Shandong Province of China from 20th to 24th April. About 30 participants including three international participants from Israel, Mongolia, Nepal and Vietnam attended the workshop.
8. The Regional Director attended the 42nd Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB) held in Bali (Indonesia) from 2nd to 5th May 2009.
9. ICA-AP supported the organization of a national seminar on Finalization of Cooperative Decree to provide legal framework for cooperatives in Laos. The seminar was organized from 18th to

20th May in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAFF) of Laos. Nearly 50 participants attended the seminar.

10. The Ministry of Social Affairs in Saudi Arabia organized The Cooperative Societies Forum in Riyadh from 24th to 26th May with the objective of promoting the scope and potential of cooperatives in the biggest country in the GCC sub-region. ICA was invited to the Forum to add a global perspective to the deliberations at the Forum. It was attended by more than 150 delegates from Saudi Arabia and other countries of the GCC sub-region like UAE, Kuwait, Yemen, Bahrain and Oman.

11. The meeting of ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Tokyo (Japan) on 1st June followed by field visits on 2nd June. The meeting reviewed the work plan for 2009 and membership issues. The members presented the latest status of cooperative development in their respective countries. A presentation on International Accounting Standards was also made for the benefit of the members. The next meeting of the Regional Board will be held in Geneva on 17th November in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

12. The Regional Director, Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, visited Kazakhstan from 9-12 June. The purpose of his visit was to hold discussions with Union of Consumer Societies on strengthening the role of ICA-AP for cooperative development in Central Asia.

13. An ICA Conference on Cooperative Development was organized in Myanmar from 16th to 18th June in collaboration with the Central Cooperative Society (CCS). The objective of the conference was to garner policy support from the Government of Myanmar for promoting cooperatives as an alternative of significance. More than 70 participants attended the conference.

14. The Regional Director also visited Mongolia from 23-27 June. He held detailed discussions with the President and senior officers of National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Cooperatives (NAMAC). As a result of his visit, NAMAC has applied for membership of ICA.

15. A workshop on Management Capacity Building of Women for Cooperative Development was held in Malaysia from 29th June to 3rd July in collaboration with ANGKASA. 50 participants (including 4 persons from China, Philippines and Vietnam), both men and women cooperative leaders and trainers attended the workshop.

16. A conference on Enhanced Role of Cooperatives in Recovery from the Economic Crisis was organized by ICA-AP in collaboration with Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) in Bangkok from 2nd to 4th July. The objective was creating a shared vision on the scope and role of cooperatives in the global economic crisis so as to devise a common strategy to REPOSITION cooperatives as preferred form of enterprises and Global Alternative of Significance. 75 participants from Cooperatives and Governments of 16 countries in the Asia-Pacific region attended the conference.

17. A national workshop on Development of University/Campus Cooperatives was organized by NFUCA in Thailand from 11th to 13th July in collaboration with Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT). The workshop was attended by more than 70 participants from Thailand. The 1st meeting of the University/Campus Cooperative Committee was also held in Thailand and that was attended by 15 members from seven countries.

18. The 1st Training Course of 2009 on Capacity Building for Marketing was held in Japan from 28th July to 22nd August in collaboration with JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. 18 participants attended the training course. The training course was designed to give participants the skills to help organize the marketing activities of primary cooperatives in their own countries.

19. The ICA-AP in collaboration with the JA-ZENCHU and IDACA held the 4th Training Course on "Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women" from 20th August to 25th September in Vietnam and Japan. Twelve women participants from six countries attended the Training Course.

The main objectives of the Training Course were (a) to learn methods of enterprise development by rural women through case studies; (b) to study management methods of micro-enterprises by rural women; and (c) to learn methods of encouraging women to be involved in rural communities' development.

20. The 9th Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives was held in Singapore from 24th to 26th August. The workshop was hosted by the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) and supported by NTUC FairPrice. 17 managers of consumer cooperatives from four countries (Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) participated in the three-day workshop.

21. A Workshop on Enhancing Role of Women in Cooperative Business was held in the Philippines from 8th to 10th September in collaboration with NATCCO. 15 participants from five countries attended the workshop.

22. A joint workshop on Enhanced Cooperative Role in Rural Development was held by ICA-AP in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 21st to 25th September in collaboration with the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF). 11 participants from five countries (India, Iran, Mongolia, Philippines and Vietnam) attended the workshop.

23. The Summit of Asian Economic Cooperative Organization was held by All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) in Nanning from 20th to 21st October in collaboration with ICA-AP. 9 cooperative leaders from other Asian countries attended the Summit together with Chinese cooperative leaders.

24. The special meeting of ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Beijing (China) on 12th October followed by field visits on 13th October. The meeting discussed the following: election of global board members from Asia-Pacific region; work plan for 2010; 2010 regional assembly; and appointment of new regional director. The selection committee, comprising with ICA DG, Mr. Jain Macdonald, having interviewed the six short-listed candidates, selected Dr. Chan Ho CHOI as new Regional Director. The members presented the latest status of cooperative development in their respective countries. It was decided that the next meeting of the Regional Board will be held in Geneva on 18th November in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

25. A Seminar of ASEAN Agricultural Industrialization Management was held by All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) from 18th to 22nd October in Guilin (China).

26. A seminar on "Cooperatives a Better Business Model: Emerging Opportunities" was held at FMDI, Gurgaon (India) from 23rd to 24th October in collaboration with Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO). 45 participants from 4 countries attended the seminar.

27. As the third stage of China-Israel Cooperative Training Course, Chinese Cooperative Movement sent a 12-member delegation of primary cooperative leaders for a study visit to Israel cooperatives from 24th October to 3rd November. The key-note speech was delivered by Mr. J.N.L. Srivastava, Ex. Secretary, Agriculture, Government of India. He dwelled upon the values that cooperatives adhere to in terms of developing human capital that remains one of the biggest challenges before societies at large.

28. The 1st ICA-SNCF Business Seminar for Cooperative Leaders was held by ICA-AP in Singapore from 23rd to 24th October in collaboration with Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF). 18 cooperative leaders from eight countries attended the seminar. The main objective of this seminar was to provide cooperative leaders, especially from ASEAN countries, with an insight of competitive cooperative business that will catapult their careers even on this global economic crisis and forge and foster camaraderie and integration with the different cooperatives within the region.

29. The 2nd Training Course of 2009 on Capacity Building for Marketing was held in Japan from 2nd to 27th November in collaboration with JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. 23 participants from 9 countries attended the training course. The training course was designed to give participants the skills to help organize the marketing activities of primary cooperatives in their own countries.

30. The 43rd meeting of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperatives was held on 9th December at Pune (India). 28 participants from Japan, India, Korea, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting. The meeting was hosted by the National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF) of India. In addition to routine agenda, a special report on Consumer Cooperatives in Korea was presented by iCOOP Korea.

31. The Deputy Regional visited Bangladesh from 21st to 24th December to meet the newly elected board members of Bangladesh Jatiya Samabaya Union (BJSU) and also to meet the high ranking officials of the government dealing with cooperatives in Bangladesh. The background of the visit was a long silence from the BJSU and their non-participation in many of ICA's important events. They also had not paid their subscription for two years consecutively.

32. ICA-AP organized a training program on "Capacity Building of Women Cooperative Leaders for Entrepreneurship Development" for the women cooperative leaders and extension staff of Ministry of Agriculture, Laos. The training was held from 21-25 December in Vientiane city.

33. ICA-AP along with NCUI and NCCT implemented a project on HIV/AIDS to holistically address and sustain the burden of HIV/AIDS. The 1st phase had three critical components - sensitization workshops, training of trainers, and awareness campaigns for the coop leaders. Out of which sensitization workshops were carried out in seven targeted states in India covering 400 cooperative leaders and decision-makers. This initiative of ICA proved to be a serious attempt to provide a platform to the cooperative leaders and policy makers to discuss openly on the facts about the disease and make policy decisions to implement all effective means of prevention.

Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010

4th Training Course on Enhancement of Farmer' Income and Poverty Reduction through Cooperatives, India, India, Japan, 7th January-17th April

This training course was the 4th year program by the financial support of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan, and with the institutional supports and cooperation of the JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. During the 100 days of training, 12 participants from 10 countries, namely China, India, Iran, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam undertook their training course in the 4 institutions/organizations namely FMDI/IFFCO(13days) and IRMA of India (30 days), CURACI of Iran (8days), IDACA of JA-ZENCHU (45 days). As an integral part of the course, participants had to submit their country reports and project proposals for their own use of developments. Therefore it was a comprehensive, integrated and very practical training course for the selected participants, as they evaluated by the participants themselves. A follow up study has been discussed with IDACA and MAFF of Japan so that two parties of cooperative program can assess the effects and things to improve for further development.

Exploratory Mission to Iran, 15-18 February

A delegation consisting ICA-DG Mr. Iain Macdonald, Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director and Mr. Rajiv Mehta visited Iran from 15th to 18th February by their invitation. The purpose of the visit was to understand the vision of Islamic Republic of Iran on cooperative and their strategy to increase the share of coops in the GDP. Meetings with Honorable Minister and Dy. Ministers were held on the premise of ICA's technical support to Ministry of Cooperatives in realizing full potential of cooperatives in Iran. The Ministry of Cooperatives sought ICA's support in setting up an international center for cooperative development in Teheran. The Minister of Cooperatives was also proposed to hold the 9th Minister's Conference in Iran together with their proposing 'International Coop Trade Exhibition' in the year of 2011.

Exploratory Mission to Thailand, 15-16 March

The Regional Director visited Thailand from 15th to 16th March to be acquainted himself to the cooperative movement of Thailand; to sensitize the 2012 UN International Year of Cooperatives and ICA EXPO in December; and to hold discussions with the Chairman and Executive Director of CLT on the regional participation of CLT in the various activities of ICA-AP, especially on the sectoral representations. He also visited CLT's Training Center where he found that there is a great need to make a network among training centers in the Region to share their curriculums, facilities, trainers and visitors.

Exploratory Mission to the Philippines, 26-27 March

The Regional Director also visited the Philippines from 26th to 27th March in order to be acquainted himself on the current status; to sensitize the 2012 UN International Year of Cooperatives and ICA EXPO in December; and to hold discussions with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO) regarding their alternative ICA-AP Board membership. He also met the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of VICTO National in Cebu when they already applied for the ICA membership.

ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting, Seoul Korea, 19th April

As seen in the Meeting Minutes important items discussed were: Plan and Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010; ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009; ICA-AP Membership Situation; Discussion on Rules of the ICA-Asia and Pacific; Discussion on setting up of a new Committee Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization (APHCO) and its Constitution; Discussion on Important Events in the Year 2010 (ICA-AP Regional Assembly, Beijing, September, ICA Expo 2010, Bangalore (India), 8-10 December, UN Declaration on 2012 International Year of Cooperatives, 50th Anniversary of ICA-AP (1960-2010)); and Other Business Matters.

Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumers Coops, Singapore, 28-29th April

The 10th regional workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives was held from 28th to 29th April in Singapore. It was hosted by the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) and supported by NTUC FairPrice. 23 managers of consumer coops from seven countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, attended the workshop. Four important areas of retail business, i.e. store management; merchandising; store comparison and staff training were covered by the resource persons. The participants also visited 3 super markets of NTUC FairPrice and a competitor. They learnt about practical techniques for operating stores such as merchandise assortment, display, pricing and store comparison by using a check list.

Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Women in Coop Business, Iran, 25-27 May

This workshop was held in Tehran (Iran) from 25th to 27th May. The program was organized by ICA-AP and hosted jointly by Central Organization for Rural Cooperatives (CORC) and Central Union of Rural and Agricultural Cooperatives of Iran (CURACI). Men and women cooperative leaders from six countries, namely, China, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India, attended the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to provide a common meeting ground to cooperative women leaders/persons responsible for gender and women development in coops for sharing information and experience about success stories and best practices of their coops and most importantly help women to establish a network for mutual cooperation and business interest across the A-P region.

Special Workshop of Campus/University Coop Committee, Indonesia, 21-25 June

A workshop on University/Campus Cooperatives was held in Yogyakarta (Indonesia) from 21st to 25th June. The main theme of the workshop was "Campus Coops: Responding to Emerging Challenges of Higher Education". Around 100 participants including students from Japan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, and Indonesia attended the workshop. The 2nd meeting of University/Campus Cooperative Committee was held in Yogyakarta. 15 members of the Committee attended the meeting. Professor Kokichi Shoji was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 26th July to 20th August

This training project is being implemented by ICA in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Government of Japan; JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. Two training courses are held every year since 2006 in which 40 participants dealing with agriculture and farmers' organizations from ASEAN countries are trained. The participants learn about marketing methods for farm products and methods of rural development. The objective of the project is to train human resources for organizing farmers and strengthening marketing activities of cooperatives/farmers' organizations. The 1st Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing was held in Japan from 26th July to 20th August. 18 participants from 9 countries attended the training course.

4th VCA Congress

The Regional Director participated in the 4th National Representative Congress of the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) held in Hanoi on 13th August and made a presentation at the Congress. The representatives from cooperatives of all sectors - provincial and municipal cooperative alliances, agencies and mass organizations of Vietnam attended the Congress.

Planned Activities

Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives, Korea, 30-31 August

ICA-AP in collaboration with iCOOP Korea is organizing a 2-day regional workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives in Asia in Seoul from 30th to 31st August. The workshop is expected to strengthen the network of consumer cooperatives in Asia through discussion/dialogue. Around 50 participants from 10 countries in the region are expected to attend the workshop. Field visits to consumer coop stores in Seoul would also be organized on 31st August.

Meeting of ICA-AP Sectoral and Thematic Committees, China, 1-2 September

The meetings of the following ICA-AP Sectoral and Thematic Committees would be held in Beijing (China) on 1st and 2nd September in conjunction with ICA-AP Regional Assembly.

1. ICAO/ICA-AP Agriculture Committee joint seminar on "Climate Change, Food Security and Sustainability of Agriculture.
2. Joint seminar of ICBA and RCBA (Regional Coop Banking Association) on Financial Inclusion through Coop Banking-Variety Forms & Comparative Advantages & RCBA Meeting.
3. Meeting of ICA-AP Youth Committee
4. Meeting of ICA Regional Women's Committee
5. ICA-AP Research Conference on Innovation and Expansion - The Opportunity for Cooperatives to Grow.
6. Meeting of ICA-AP Committee on HRD
7. Meeting of ICA-AP Consumer Committee
8. Meeting of ICA-AP Fishery Committee
9. Meeting of Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO)
10. Preparatory meeting on setting up Coop Tourism Committee.

ICA-AP Women's/Youth Forum, China, 2nd September

The 6th ICA Regional Women's Forum and 5th Regional Cooperative Youth Conference would be jointly held on 2nd September in Beijing. The theme of the Conference is "Cooperatives: The Sector for Empowerment of Women and Youth". Resource persons from UNDP/FAO based in China and the Chairperson of the Gender Equality Committee are expected to address the Forum.

Cooperative-Government Dialogue, China, 3rd September

The Dialogue is held every alternate year. The main objective of the Dialogue is to sensitize the governments to the need of realizing full potential of cooperatives in building national economy. To validate the recommendations of last Ministers' Conference held in 2007 in Malaysia and to draw strategies to incorporate the recommendations in the development plans of the governments and the cooperatives, an interactive Dialogue between the policy-makers and the cooperative officials will be held on the 3rd September. The theme of the Dialogue is "Socio-economic Development and Cooperatives". The year 2012 will put spotlight on the functioning of cooperatives world over and the Dialogue will certainly help various governments and cooperative movements in the region to prepare well for the grand occasion.

6th ICA-AP Cooperative Forum, China, 4th September

The 6th Asia-Pacific Coop Forum would be held on 4th September a day before the Regional Assembly. The Forum will have presentations by eminent cooperative experts and leaders on the theme "Cooperatives - The Sector of Global Importance". The sub-themes that would underpin the objective of the main theme are (a) Visibility of Cooperatives and Year 2012; (b) Cooperatives - A Responsible Civil Society; (c) Corporate Governance in Cooperatives; (d) Level Playing Field for Cooperatives; and (e) Cooperatives in Social Development. The deliberations at the Forum will help delegates have a deeper insight into the most relevant and crucial contextual issues important to cooperatives and enable them deliberate effectively during the course of Regional Assembly. Around 300 participants are expected to attend the Forum.

9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly, China, 5th September

The 9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly would be held at the Beijing International Convention Centre (BICC) in Beijing, China on 5th September under the auspices of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC). Deliberations at the Regional Assembly will be based on the theme "Sustainable Innovations - Opportunities for Cooperatives to Grow". The Regional Assembly this time will have a special significance because of the Cooperative-Government Dialogue slated for 3rd September immediately after the joint inauguration of the Asia-Pacific Coop Forum and the Regional Assembly. This will afford an opportunity to ICA-AP to show case the strength of its membership base and the vibrancy of ICA in the region to the representatives of the governments and

make a case for the ICA as the networking forum for exchange of information, knowledge and business interests.

5th Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women, Japan and Vietnam, 12th September-16th October

The ICA-AP in collaboration with the JA-ZENCHU and IDACA would be holding the 5th Training Course on "Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women" from 12th September to 16th October in Japan and Vietnam. Part-I of the program would be held in Japan from 12th September to 7th October (27 days) and Part-II (field study visits) in Vietnam from 8th to 16th October (8 days). Twelve women participants from six countries, namely, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have been selected to attend the Training Course. The main objectives of the Training Course are (a) to learn methods of enterprise development by rural women through case studies; (b) to study management methods of micro-enterprises by rural women; and (c) to learn methods of encouraging women to be involved in rural communities' development. This is the only training course ICA-AP is offering exclusively for women. The financial assistance for this program is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries [MAFF], Government of Japan.

Coop Forum, Saudi Arabia, 3-5 October

Propelled by ICA-AP's interventions in the GCC countries, namely, UAE and Kuwait, the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will hold special Coop Forum of GCC countries from 3th to 5th October in Jeddah. The purpose of the Forum is to develop synergy among coops in the GCC sub-region of Asia and seek policy support of the GCC Secretariat in developing coop initiatives. ICA-AP has been asked to extend technical support. The ministry of social affairs has directed the National Cooperative Council of Saudi Arabia to initiate a dialogue on obtaining membership of ICA.

2nd Business Seminar for Cooperative Leaders, Singapore, 20-22 October

ICA-AP in collaboration with the Singapore National Cooperative Federation Limited (SNCF) is organizing a 3-day business seminar for cooperative leaders in Singapore from 20th to 22nd October. The main objective of this seminar is to offer cooperative leaders, especially those from ASEAN countries, a depth of understanding what social media is really all about and how it is changing the way we do business and offer fresh insight how to use social media to promote their products and services without having to spend too much time on it. 25 participants from the region are expected to attend the seminar.

Study Visit to Agricultural Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea, 25-30 October

A study visits program to agricultural cooperatives in the Republic of Korea would be held from 25th to 30th October in collaboration with the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of Korea (NACF). The main objectives of the program are to familiarize the participants from the region to the well developed agricultural cooperative system (agriculture marketing, banking) and role of cooperatives in Korean economy. Around 15 participants from the region are expected to attend the program.

Training of Trainers for Leadership Development of Women in Coops, Myanmar, October

Men and women cooperative leaders and trainers are being trained in this program on various skills of gender mainstreaming in cooperatives with an objective to create a pool of trainers/leaders who are gender-sensitized. These skilled human resources are expected to further spread awareness on gender sensitization and train women on various skills of cooperative management in order to enhance their participation at all levels of cooperatives.

Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives, Miyagi, 1-17 October and Kobe, 29 October-14 November

The training programs for managers of consumer cooperatives have been implemented since 2001 in collaboration with the Japanese Consumers' Cooperative Union (JCCU). This year, 4 managers (2-India, 1-Philippines, 1-Singapore) for Miyagi and 3 managers (2-Vietnam and 1-Singapore) for Kobe training programs are expected to attend. The entire costs of the training programs are covered by the Japanese Consumer Cooperatives.

Training Courses on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 3-28 November

The 2nd Training Course of 2010 on Capacity Building for Marketing would be held in Japan from 3rd to 28th November in collaboration with MAFF, JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. 22 participants from 10 countries are expected to attend the training course. The objective of the training course is to train human resources for organizing farmers and strengthening marketing activities of cooperatives/farmers' organizations.

ICA Conference on Cooperative Development, Pakistan, November

This Conference would be held in Karachi in November in collaboration with Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union Limited. ICA-AP will provide comprehensive technical input on the above issues. However, the host organization is expected to make all the local arrangements related to the conference e.g. conference venue, conference menu, audiovisual support, secretarial and support services. It is also expected of the host organization to take care of the international and local travel and other local costs of the resource persons. The conference is proposed to deliberate on the success stories of the developed co-operatives, the policy framework governing regulation of cooperatives in the countries with strong cooperative movement and policy framework of the host country to promote and develop cooperatives. The conference will help host movement to draw a suggestive framework for sustainable growth of the cooperatives through a set of recommendations for the consideration of the government and the co-operative institutions.

ICA Expo 2010, Bangalore, (India), 8-10 December

ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy. The first ICA Expo was held in October 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal and the event attracted nearly 8,000 visitors. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair promoted the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

Conference on Strategic Initiatives for Socio-Economic Development through Cooperatives, Bangalore (India), 8th December.

The global trade fair of cooperatives in December 2010 in Bangalore organized by ICA will bring huge opportunity for cooperatives to leverage on cooperative advantages in building trade partnership with cooperatives and using the network of cooperatives in expanding trade outreach of cooperatives across the globe. A conference is proposed to be organized in conjunction with the ICA Expo 2010 to find sustainable trade networking solutions for cooperatives instrumental in socio-economic development.

Sub-Regional Workshop on Development of Consumer Coops, India, 13-15 December

A sub-regional workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives would be held in Mumbai (India) from 13-15 December in collaboration with the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF). 25 participants are expected to attend the workshop. The main objective of the workshop is to strengthen the network of consumer cooperatives through discussion/dialogue. Around 20-25 participants from the SAARC countries are expected to attend the workshop.

ANNEXURE-5

Financial Report of ICA-AP for 2009 and 2010

Annexure-5

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ICA-AP FOR 2009

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-Dec.
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Total Subscription Re-distribution	288,575	263,553
Administrative Contribution	66,000	65,798
Other Income (meeting revenue)	0	-
TOTAL	354,575	329,351
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Personnel Expenses	206,000	192,097
Travel Expenses	47,000	54,200
Premises & General Office Expenses	21,000	19,032
IT and Telecommunication	10,000	14,158
External Services (including audit fee)	18,000	30,006
Meeting Expenses	40,575	12,431
Other Expenses (contingency)	12,000	6,097
TOTAL	354,575	328,021
SURPLUS	0	1,330

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SBO FOR 2009

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-Dec.
INCOME:		
SNCF, Singapore	23,077	23,077
TOTAL	23,077	23,077
EXPENSES:		
Premises and General Office Expenses	11,000	8,197
Seminar/Workshop Expenses	12,077	14,880
TOTAL	23,077	23,077

Contribution Received from Partners/Members in 2009

Name of Partner/Member	Amount (CHF)
MAFF, Government of Japan	876,379
JCCU, Japan	84,000
ACFSMC, China	44,000
IFFCO, India	50,000
NACF, Republic of Korea	30,000
SNCF, Singapore	24,000

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ICA-AP FOR 2010

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-June
INCOME:		
Total Subscription Re-distribution	275,625	136,817
Administrative Contribution	63,495	33,512
Other Income (meeting revenue)	35,778	-
TOTAL	374,898	170,329

<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Personnel Expenses	218,333	105,922
Travel Expenses	53,778	30,553
Premises & General Office Expenses	21,022	7,670
IT and Telecommunication	14,000	3,492
External Services (including audit fee)	12,733	888
Meeting Expenses	39,384	695
Other Expenses (contingency)	13,600	-
TOTAL	372,850	149,220
SURPLUS	2,048	21,109

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SBO FOR 2010

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-June
<u>INCOME:</u>		
SNCF, Singapore	22,727	22,727
TOTAL	22,727	22,727
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Premises and General Office Expenses	11,000	6,485
2nd Business Seminar for Coop Leaders	11,727	-
TOTAL	22,727	6,485

ANNEXURE-6
ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011

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ICA-AP WORK PLAN FOR 2011

S.#	Activity Details	Time Frame	Venue	S.O	K.R.A
01	5th Training Course on Enhancement of Farmers' Income and Poverty Reduction through Coops.	8th January to 19th April	India-Malaysia-Japan	Development	3.01
02	Two Training Courses on Capacity Building for Marketing.	July/August & November	Japan	Development	3.01
03	Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women.	September	Japan	Development	3.01
04	Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives (Miyagi & Kobe).	Sept.-November	Japan	Development	3.01
05	11th Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives.	July/August	Singapore	Development	3.01
06	Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives.	Oct-December	Philippines	Development	3.01
07	Study on Consumer Cooperatives in Asia	January-June	Selected countries	Development	3.01
08	Study on Cooperative Trade among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific region.	January-June	Selected countries	Development	3.01
09	Study on Technical Cooperation among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific region.	July-December	Selected countries	Development	3.01
10	Study on Communication Strategy for Cooperatives.	July-December	Selected countries	Development	3.01

11	Conference on Strategic Business Alliances among Cooperatives.	April/ May	To be decided	Development	3.01
12	Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Women in Cooperative Business.		To be decided	Development/ Influence	3.01 2.01
13	Training for Management Capacity Building of Women Cooperatives.		To be decided	Development/ Influence	3.01 2.01
14	Two ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings		To be decided	Governance	4.02
15	Meetings of ICA-AP Sectoral and Thematic Committees.	April-December	To be decided	Governance	4.02
16	Study Visit to Agricultural Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea.	September	Korea	Influence	2.01
17	Publication of Quarterly Newsletter (ASPACON) & Annual Report and Information Services to members	Jan-December	ICA-AP	Influence/ Membership	2.02 1.01
18	3rd ICA-SNCF Business Seminar for Cooperative Leaders.	October	Singapore	Development	3.02 3.03
19	9th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Legislation and Policy.			Governance/ Influence	4.02 2.03
20	Interventions on UN Cooperative year Strategy in 2012	Jan.- December	Selected countries	Influence	2.02
21	ICA Conferences on Cooperative Development in Selected Countries.	April-December	Brunei/Kyrgyzstan/ Kazakhstan/ Mongolia/Saudi Arabia/Philippines	Development/ Influence	3.01/3.02 2.01/2.03

ANNEXURE-7

Rules of APHCO (Asia-Pacific Health
Cooperative Organisation)

Annexure-6
ICA-AP WORK PLAN FOR 2011

S.#	Activity Details	Time Frame	Venue	S.O	K.R.A
01	5th Training Course on Enhancement of Farmers' Income and Poverty Reduction through Coops.	8th January to 19th April	India-Malaysia-Japan	Development	3.01
02	Two Training Courses on Capacity Building for Marketing.	July/ August & November	Japan	Development	3.01
03	Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women.	September	Japan	Development	3.01
04	Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives (Miyagi & Kobe).	Sept.-November	Japan	Development	3.01
05	11th Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives.	July/ August	Singapore	Development	3.01
06	Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives.	Oct-December	Philippines	Development	3.01
07	Study on Consumer Cooperatives in Asia	January-June	Selected countries	Development	3.01
08	Study on Cooperative Trade among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific region.	January-June	Selected countries	Development	3.01
09	Study on Technical Cooperation among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific region.	July-December	Selected countries	Development	3.01
10	Study on Communication Strategy for Cooperatives.	July-December	Selected countries	Development	3.01

11	Conference on Strategic Business Alliances among Cooperatives.	April/May	To be decided	Development	3.01
12	Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Women in Cooperative Business.		To be decided	Development/ Influence	3.01 2.01
13	Training for Management Capacity Building of Women Cooperatives.		To be decided	Development/ Influence	3.01 2.01
14	Two ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings		To be decided	Governance	4.02
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THE ASIA-PACIFIC HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION (APHCO)

RULES

8. 26. 1997 enacted

9. 5. 2010 amended

1. Name and Status

This body shall be called the Asia-Pacific Health Co-operative Organization (APHCO). It has the status of a representative organization of health co-operatives in the Asia-Pacific region.

2. Role and Structure

The APHCO is a voluntary association of consumer (user) - owned health co-operatives which seek to provide high-quality and cost-effective health care, of producer (provider) - owned health co-operatives which are based on ethical working conditions, conditions and of the integrated health co-operative organizations.

3. Objectives

- 1) To promote the development of health co-operatives in the Asia-Pacific region
- 2) To provide a forum for the discussion to its member organizations and work for mutual exchange and solidarity among them
- 3) To provide information about member organizations, health and medical care, and activities of the APHCO to its member organizations and other affiliated organizations
- 4) To collaborate with other organizations within the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), including the International Health Co-operative Organization (IHCO).

4. Membership

- 1) Membership shall be open to co-operative organizations which have, as their main objectives, the provision of health services to their members or the provision of related services to self-employment for health professionals or the integration of consumers' and producers' health co-operatives in a first or higher degree co-operative structure.
- 2) Educational and research institutions which promote activities of health co-operatives or health services are also eligible for membership.
- 3) Associate membership status is available for co-operatives whose main operations are not health services but related services.
- 4) Members and associate members shall normally be national or regional organizations, except in countries where these structures do not exist.

5. General Meeting

- 1) The APHCO shall convene a General Meeting (GM) of members every two years. Extraordinary GMs may be convened upon decision of the APHCO Board, and be called at the request of two-third of the APHCO's affiliated organizations.
- 2) A quorum for the GM is formed by a majority of delegates. The agenda shall be circulated at least six weeks before the meeting.
- 3) The GM shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and four other Board members.
- 4) Based on the Board subscription formula, each full member organization shall be entitled to one, two or three delegates with one, two or three voting rights with a maximum three delegates with three voting rights.
- 5) In order to maintain an appropriate equilibrium among or within members' countries, the total number of votes per country shall be established five. And three votes for organizations

on a regional or local level.

- 6) Associate members may attend the GM without voting rights.
- 7) Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- 8) The GM shall approve the reports on the APHCO's activities, finance, work programme and budget.

6. Board

- 1) The Board shall consist of a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons, and three other Board members.
- 2) A Meeting of the Board shall be called at least once per year by the Chairperson.
- 3) The Board shall approve the admission of new members.
- 4) The Board shall decide upon a subscription formula.
- 5) The Board shall provide the GM with reports on the APHCO's activities and finance, work programme and budget, and shall seek to implement any resolutions passed by the GM.

7. Board Members

- 1) The APHCO shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and other Board members for a two-year term. Re-election shall be permitted.
- 2) The Chairperson is the chief representative of the APHCO and shall provide organizational leadership of the APHCO. The Chairperson shall preside over the General Meeting and Board of the APHCO.
- 3) The Vice-Chairperson shall assist and support the Chairperson in every possible way. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 4) The Board members shall participate in the management of the APHCO. Vacancies shall be filled through election by the Board for the remainder of the original term of office.

8. Secretariat

- 1) A Secretary shall be appointed at the Board. The Secretary shall conduct organizational affairs according to the decisions of the Board, and shall provide the Board with the reports on the APHCO's activities and the state of finance.
- 2) The Secretariat shall be located where the Board decides.

9. Finance

- 1) The APHCO shall be financed by the subscription payments of its members and associate members, based on a subscription formula decided by the Board. A share of expenses and a contribution may be sought for special activities.
- 2) The financial year shall be the calendar year.
- 3) Expenses incurred through attendance at meetings shall be borne by the member organizations.
- 4) Funds to cover the expenses of the Secretariat shall be included in the biennial budget, which is presented by the Board for approval of the GM.

10. Dissolution

- 1) The APHCO may be dissolved by a three-quarters majority of votes at the GM.
- 2) The Board shall be in charge of financial issues after the APHCO's dissolution.

11. Implementation and Amendments

The Rules shall come into effect upon their approval at the founding meeting of the members of the APHCO. They may be amended by a two-thirds majority of votes at the GM.



the 9th Meeting of ICA-Asia & Pacific Regional Assembly & Related Events

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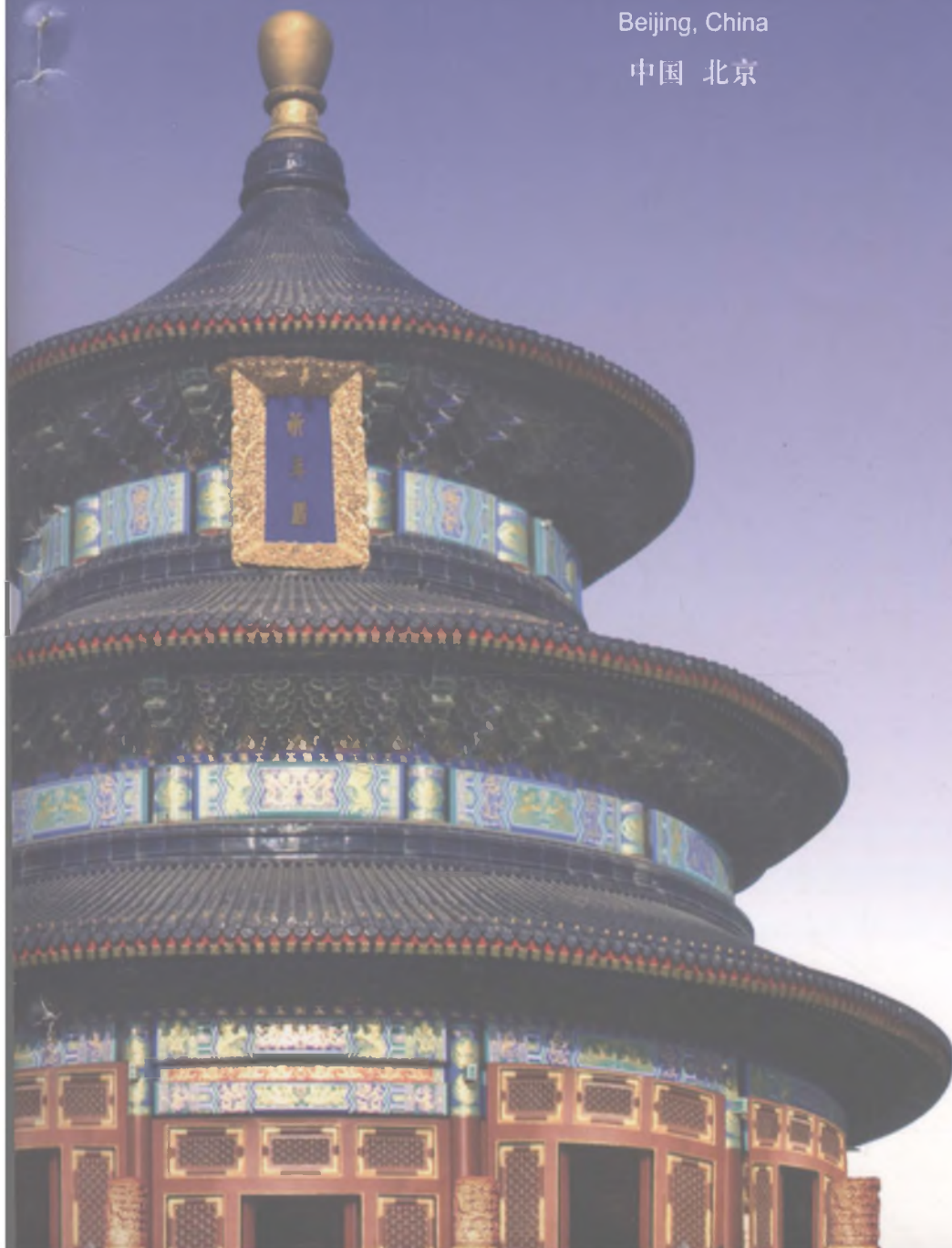
September 1-5, 2010

General Information Manual

会议信息手册

Beijing, China

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Welcome



In this beautiful season of autumn, the 9th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Related Events will be held in Beijing. On behalf of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC), I would like to extend my cordial welcome to all guests and participants!

Since their birth, cooperatives have accomplished great achievements in promoting economic development, improving living standard, and retaining social harmony. Nowadays, cooperatives have become an indispensable economic force in agriculture, credit, health, insurance and other fields and around 3 billion people benefit from cooperatives directly or indirectly worldwide. In order to honor cooperatives for their contribution to social and economic development, UN General Assembly adopted the resolution in December 2009, making 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives.

As the largest cooperative organization in China, aiming to serve agricultural production, develop rural economy and increase farmers' income, ACFSMC has established four major operational networks for agricultural input, farm produce, consumer goods as well as renewable resources in the rural areas nation-wide. At present, there are about 680,000 business outlets, 50,000 specialized farmer cooperatives and 210,000 rural comprehensive service centers, coupled with 2,600 leading enterprises of agricultural industrialization under Chinese Supply & Marketing Cooperatives (SMCs), which are striving to be a major force driving the burgeoning of farmer's specialized cooperatives, dominating the modern circulation in rural areas, and propping the social service system for agriculture.

Since 2008, the spread of financial crisis has brought unprecedented challenges to the global economy. Upholding unique values and principles, cooperatives demonstrated unique advantages and vitalities in reducing economic risks, retaining social employment and maintaining growth of economy. Chinese SMCs were also severely hit by the crisis. Nevertheless, by virtue of the sustainable development and unremitting efforts of members and staffs, the gross sales was over 1,230 billion yuan in 2009 with an annual growth of 14.75% and the realized profit of over 13 billion yuan, calling an end to the most difficult period of development.

This Regional Assembly is themed on "Sustainable Innovation--the Opportunities for Cooperatives to Grow". It is of particular importance to convene this assembly under the current complex and volatile situation, and discuss possible ways for cooperatives to deal with changes, achieve sustainable innovations, and accelerate growth while boosting global recovery. It is a great honor for ACFSMC to host this event and we will make due efforts to bring it into a success.

Finally, I wish the assembly a complete success and all delegates a pleasant stay.

Li Chengyu
President

All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives



Schedule of the 9th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Related Events

Date	Time	Activities	Venue
Sept 1 (Wed)	09:00~12:30	Regional Board Meeting	307
	09:00~12:30	Regional Youth Committee Meeting	310
	09:00~16:00	ICBA/RCBA Joint Seminar	305B
	09:00~18:00	ICAO/ RAC Meeting	305C
	10:30~12:30	ICA Global Legislation Working Group	301
	14:00~16:00	ICA Global Audit & Risk Committee	302
	14:00~16:00	ICA Global Governance Committee	305A
	14:00~16:00	ICA Global Membership Committee	310
	13:00~16:00	ICA Global HR Committee	311C
	14:00~17:00	Regional Women's Committee	303
	16:00~17:00	RCBA Meeting	305B
	16:30~18:30	International Year Co-operatives Committee	311C
	19:00~21:00	ICA Global IAS Working Group	311C
Sept 2 (Thu)	09:00~12:30	Regional HRD Committee	305C
	09:00~12:30	Regional Consumer Committee	305A
	09:00~12:30	ICFO Meeting	310
	09:00~18:30	Regional Research Conference	305B
	09:00~17:30	ICA Global Board Meeting	307
	09:00~17:00	Regional Women's/Youth Forum	303
	10:00~17:00	China Cooperative Agri-Product Exhibition	Level 2
	14:00~17:00	APHCO Seminar/Meeting	301
	14:00~16:00	ICAO Committee Meeting	305A
	14:00~17:00	Regional Fishery Committee	310
18:30~19:30	Preparatory Meeting for Regional Tourism Committee	305B	

Sept 3 (Fri)	9:00~10:25	Joint Opening Ceremony	Meeting Hall 1
	11:00~18:30	Government-Cooperative Dialogue	Meeting Hall 1
	10:00~17:00	China Cooperative Agri-Product Exhibition	Exhibit Hall 1 & Level 2
	14:00~17:00	International Summit on China Cold Zone Black Glebe Economy	Meeting Hall 3
	19:00~20:30	Welcome Dinner By ACFSMC	Meeting Hall 2
Sept 4 (Sat)	09:00~17:00	Coop Forum	Meeting Hall 2
	10:00~17:00	China Cooperative Agri-Product Exhibition	Exhibit Hall 1 & Level 2
Sept 5 (Sun)	09:00~16:00	Regional Assembly	Meeting Hall 2
	10:00~17:00	China Cooperative Agri-Product Exhibition	Exhibit Hall 1 & Level 2
	19:00~20:30	Farewell Reception by ICA-AP	Lijiang Hall of Continental Hotel

Note: All the events listed are held in Beijing International Convention Center (BICC), except the Farewell Reception, which will be held in Lijiang Hall on the 2nd floor of Grand Continental Hotel.



List of Major Guests

H.E. Mr. Hui Liangyu	Vice Premier The People's Republic of China
Hon. Mr. Li Chengyu	President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Hon. Mr. Ding Xuedong	Deputy Secretary General State Council of the People's Republic of China
Hon. Mr. Zhou Shengtao	Vice Chairman of Ethnic Affairs Committee National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Former Executive Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Zhang Xiaojian	Deputy Minister Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security The People's Republic of China
Mr. Chen Xiaohua	Deputy Minister Ministry of Agriculture The People's Republic of China
Mr. Jiang Zengwei	Deputy Minister Ministry of Commerce The People's Republic of China
Mr. Huang Shouhong	Deputy Minister Research Office of the State Council The People's Republic of China
Mr. Li Chunsheng	Vice President for Asia and Pacific International Cooperative Alliance Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Gu Guoxin	Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives

Mr. Zhao Xianren	Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Tong Baojun	President of Supervisory Board All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Dai Gongxing	Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Yu Peishun	Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Lv Weifeng	Vice Governor Heilongjiang Province of the People's Republic of China
Mr. Liu Huanxiang	Former President of Supervisory Board All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Zhang Xiangmao	Vice President of Supervisory Board All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Ms. Zhuge Caihua	Vice President of Supervisory Board All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Ms. Wang Ruzhen	Chairperson China Society of Cooperative Economics Former Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Mr. Mu Li	Chairman China SMC Economy Institution Former Vice President All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives
Dame Pauline Green	President International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
Mr. Stanley Muchiri	Chairman Cooperative Bank of Kenya ICA-Vice President for Africa



Mr. Ramón Imperial Zúñiga	President Caja Popular Mexicana ICA-Vice President for America
Mr. Felice Scalvini	President European Confederation of Workers' and Social cooperatives ICA-Vice President for Europe
Mr. Jean-Louis Bancel	Chairman International Cooperative Banking Association ICA Board Member
Ms. Kathy Bardswick	President & CEO The Co-operators Group Limited of Canada ICA Board Member
Mr. Jean-Claude Dettilleux	Vice-President Credit Cooperatif of France ICA Board Member
Dr. Won-Byung Choi	Chairman of Board National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of Korea ICA Board Member
Ms. Hajah Armi Zainuddin	Vice President National Co-Operative Organisation Of Malaysia (Angkasa) ICA Board Member
Mr. Paul Hazen	President and CEO National Cooperative Business Association ICA Board Member
Mr. Lennart Hjalmarson	CEO Swedish Cooperative Centre ICA Board Member
Mr. Evgeny Kuznetsov	President the Central Union of Consumer Societies of Russia ICA Board Member
Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar	Chairman of Board Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. ICA Board Member



Mr. Mamoru Moteki	President Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan ICA Board Member
Mr. Janusz Paszkowski	President National Auditing Union of Workers' Cooperatives of Poland ICA Board Member
Ms. Anne Santamäki	Director of International Relations SOK Corporation of Finland ICA Board Member
Ms. Lourdes Ortellado Sienra	Director PANAL, Compañía de Seguros-Propiedad Cooperativa of Paraguay ICA Board Member
Mr. Petar Stefanov	President the Central Co-operative Union of Bulgaria ICA Board Member
Mr. Seah Kian Peng	Board Member Singapore National Co-operative Federation Ltd ICA Board Member
Mr. Americo Utumi	International Adviser Organizatio das Cooperativas do Estado de St. Paulo of Brazil Former Vice President Organização das Cooperativas Brasileiras ICA Board Member
Mr. Len Wardle	Chairperson the Cooperative Group of UK ICA Board Member
Mr. Charles Gould	Director General International Cooperative Alliance
Mr. Chandra Singh Yadav	President National Cooperative Union of India ICA-AP Vice President
Ms. Hitomi Tanaka	Board Member Japanese Consumer Cooperative Union ICA-AP Vice President



Mr. Bandu Ranawaka	Chairman National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Mr. Adi Sasono	Chairman National Cooperative Council of Indonesia ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Mr. Mohd Ali Baharum	Deputy President National Co-Operative Organisation Of Malaysia ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Mr. Godofredo E. Lising	Vice President National Confederation of Cooperatives of Philippines ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Mr. Chan Tee Seng	Chairman of Board Singapore National Co-operative Federation Ltd ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut	Chariman Cooperative League of Thailand ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan	President Vietnamese Cooperative Alliance ICA-AP Regional Board Member
Dr. Chan Ho Choi	Director ICA-AP Regional Office

Note: For a complete list of participants, please refer to the List of Participants at the end of Manual.



Registration & Contacts

Registration Desk Opening Hours

Delegates are required to register with the ICA-AP in order to pick up badges and other meeting documents. You are also required to wear badges in all activities, particularly cooperative forum, regional assembly, and welcome and farewell receptions.

The registration desk is located in the lobby of Grand Continental Hotel. It will be open for registration from August 31 to September 5 during the following time.

- Tuesday 31 August 8:30-20:00
- Wednesday 1 September 8:30-20:00
- Thursday 2 September 8:30-20:00
- Friday 3 September 8:30-20:00
- Saturday 4 September 8:30-20:00

Contacts of Regional Office and ACFSMC Staff

For any concern about the Regional Assembly, please feel free to contact with staffs of Regional Office and ACFSMC:

ICA-AP Regional Office

	Room	Mobile
Dr. Chan Ho Choi	0831	91-9810738008
Mr. Rajiv Mehta	0831	91-9818250020
Mr. Kandamattil Sethu	0831	

Hotel: Grand Continental Hotel

ACFSMC Staff

	Room	Mobile
Mr. Zhang Wangshu	0402	86-13901018646
Mr. Xu Mingfeng	0402	86-13810539066
Ms. Tian Lihua	0402	96-13693088533
Mr. Lupeng	0402	86-13601072482
Mr. Li Shun	0402	86-13671157599

Hotel: Grand Continental Hotel

1390-1018-646



Opening Ceremony

Time: 9:00AM-10:25 AM, September 3, 2010

Venue: Meeting Hall 1 of Beijing International Convention Center

Dress Code: Formal

Programme

- 08:40-9:00 Entry to the Meeting Hall 1
- 09:30-9:35 Introduction of Guests by Mr. LI Chunsheng, ICA-AP President
- 09:35-9:45 Address by H.E. Mr. Hui Liangyu, Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China
- 09:45-09:55 Address by Dame Pauline Green, ICA President
- 09:55-10:05 Welcome by Hon. Mr. Li Chengyu, President of ACFSMC
- 10:05-10:10 Vote of thanks by Dr. Chan Ho Choi, ICA-AP Regional Director
- 10:10 End of Ceremony
- 10:30-11:00 Visit to China Cooperative Agri-Product Exhibition

Attention:

1. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ARRIVE EARLY AND ENTER THE MEETING HALL 1 NO LATE THAN 9:10. TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPENING CEREMONY, ANYONE WHO FAILS TO ARRIVE ON TIME CANNOT BE ALLOWED IN.

2. Seating is designated for representatives of each county. Please look for instruction or consulted with volunteers for your seat.

Simultaneous Interpretation Arrangement

Simultaneous Interpretation Service will be provided for the Joint Opening Ceremony and Cooperative-Government Dialogue on September 3. Please acquire your headset from the facility room located outside the Meeting Hall 1 of BICC, which will be open from 14:00 September 2 to 18:00 September 3. DEPOSIT OF 200 RMB IS REQUIRED FOR EACH HEADSET, WHICH CAN BE REDEEMED UPON RETURN OF THE HEADSET. You may exchange Chinese RMB at the front desk of the hotel or the China Merchants Bank in BICC with your passport.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ACQUIRE THE HEADSET ON SEPTEMBER 2 TO AVOID LONG QUEUING ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 3.

Drink & Food

Tea Breaks

From September 1 to September 5, tea break will be available during 10:30-11:00 in the morning and 15:15-15:45 in the afternoon at the public areas outside meeting rooms.

Breakfast, Lunches & Dinner

Breakfast is included in the room package. To show hospitalities and solidarities to our guests, ACFSMC will provide buffet lunch & supper for all registered representatives/observers during 12:00-14:00 and 18:00-20:00 respectively at the Ball Room of Grand Continental Hotel, from September 1 to 5, except during the welcome and farewell receptions on the evening of September 3 and 5. Please make sure to take the coupons with you, which will be issued together with representative/observer badges.

Accompanying persons of representatives may enjoy food at any of the restaurants nearby on a self-financed basis. Following are just a few:

Forest Spring Japanese Restaurant(森之泉)



Address: Ground Floor of Grand Continental Hotel

Lunch Time: 11:30-14:30

Dinner Time: 17:30-21:30

Tel: 86-10-84970102

86-10-84985588-72103/72161

Continental Chinese Food Garden(五洲食府)



Address: Ground Floor of Grand Continental Hotel

Lunch Time: 11:30-14:30

Dinner Time: 17:30-21:30

Tel: 86-10-84970102

86-10-84985588-72103



Brazilian Churrascos(巴西烤肉)



Address: First Floor of Crowne Plaza Hotel
Beijing Parkview Wuzhou

Lunch Time: 11:30-14:30

Dinner Time: 17:30-21:30

Tel: 010-84982288-6178

Welcome Dinner

Time: 19:00-20:30

Date: September 3, 2010

Venue: Meeting Hall 2 of Beijing International Convention Center.

Host: ACFSMC

Dress Code: Formal

It will be a fabulous Chinese dinner with music performance. Invitation Card is requested for entry. Please dress formally and be punctual.

Farewell Reception

ICA-AP would like to host a farewell dinner for participants of Regional Assembly and Related Events.

Time: 19:00-20:30

Date: September 5, 2010

Venue: Lijiang Hall on the 2nd Floor of Grand Continental Hotel

Dress Code: Informal

Transportation & Tourism

Airport and Local Transportation

Hotel shuttle bus will be provided by ACFSMC from 30 August to 6 September. Volunteers dispatched by the host will be waiting for you at Pick-Up Desk with the sign at the exit of the airport terminals and usher you to the shuttle bus. For logistical reasons, we cannot arrange airport transportation for anyone who failed to confirm flight information before or on August 10.

Emergency contact for airport transportation: Mr. Xu Mingfeng 86-13810539066

For any other transportation need, participants could arrange through the hotel on a self-financed basis.

Travel Agency Contact

September is a tourism season for Beijing and other cities of China. If you have interest to tour Beijing or other places of China, we strongly recommend you book hotels or tourist packages as early as possible, either through travel agency in your countries or ones in China. You may also contact with following travel agency for inquires.

China Golden Bridge Travel Service Corporation

Ms. Wei Zan (Victoria) **Manager**

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weizancgbt@hotmail.com

Tel: 0086-10-66182012, 13901397360

Ms. Qi Jin (Sally) **Manager**

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cgbtqijin@hotmail.com

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Convention Center & Hotels

Beijing International Convention Center

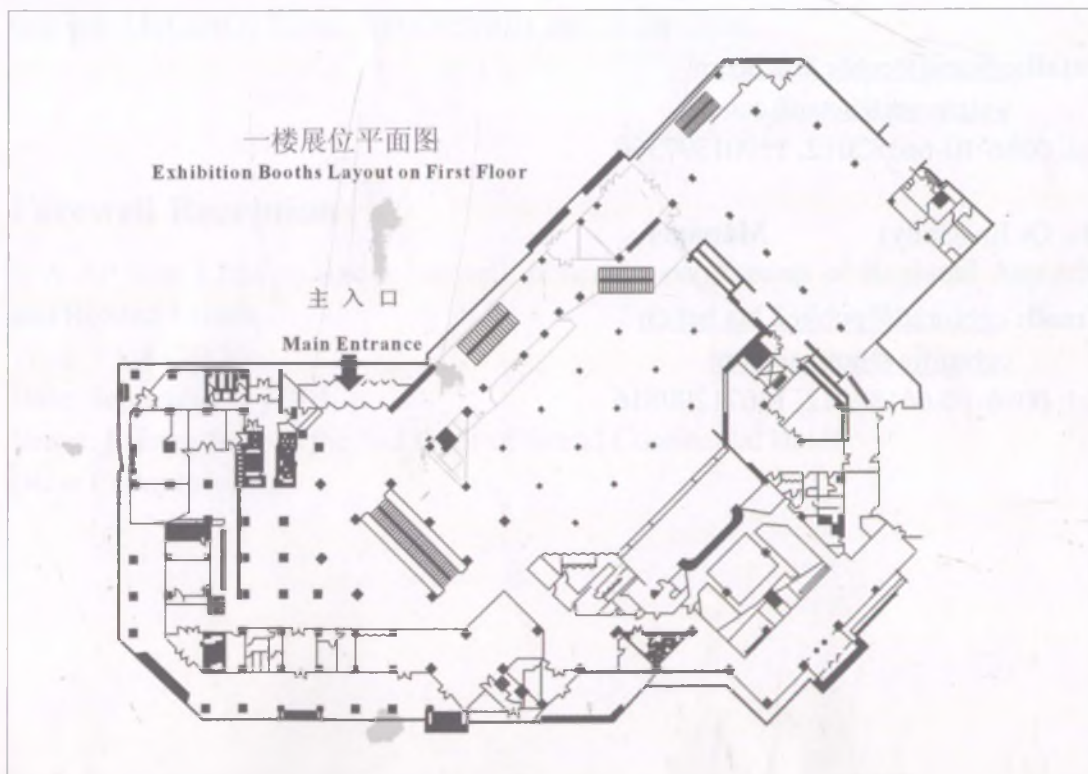


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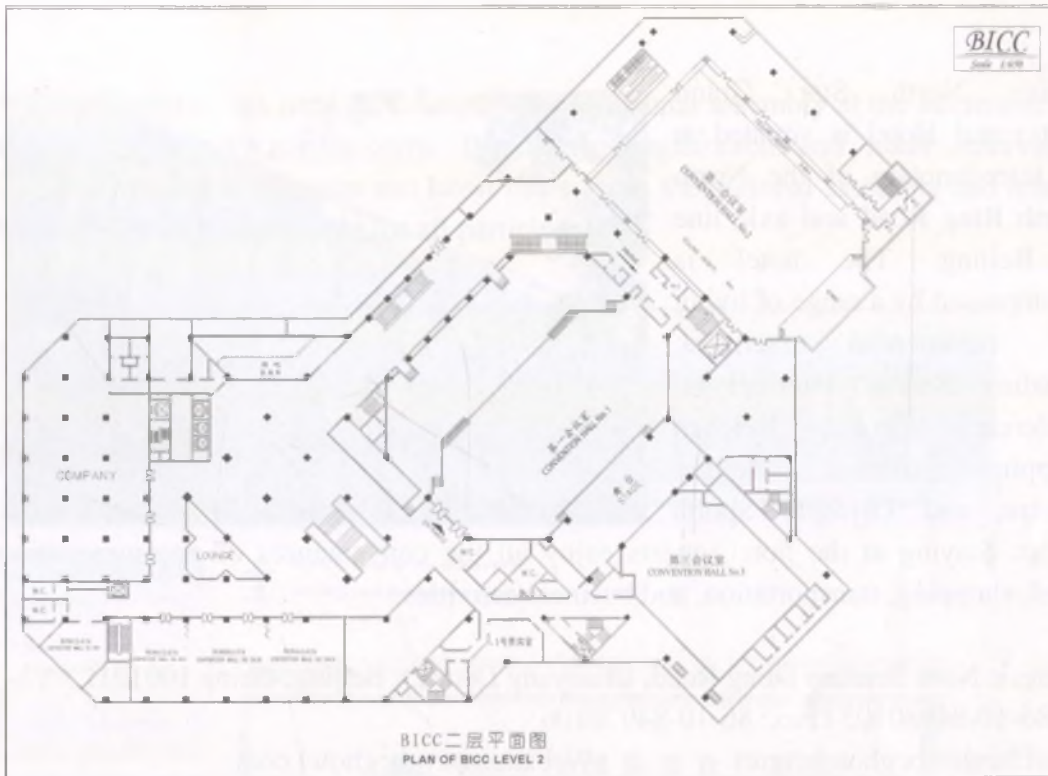
September 5, 2010. Beijing International Conference Center, located close to venue of the 2008 Summer Olympics-Beijing National Stadium (also known as the bird's nest), is a 5-star tourist service unit with 48 different conference rooms and an exhibition hall of 5,000 square meters. Among the best equipped convention centers in Beijing, BICC staffs have extensive experiences of international meetings, capable to provide complete service for needs of both organizers and participants.

Structural Map of BICC

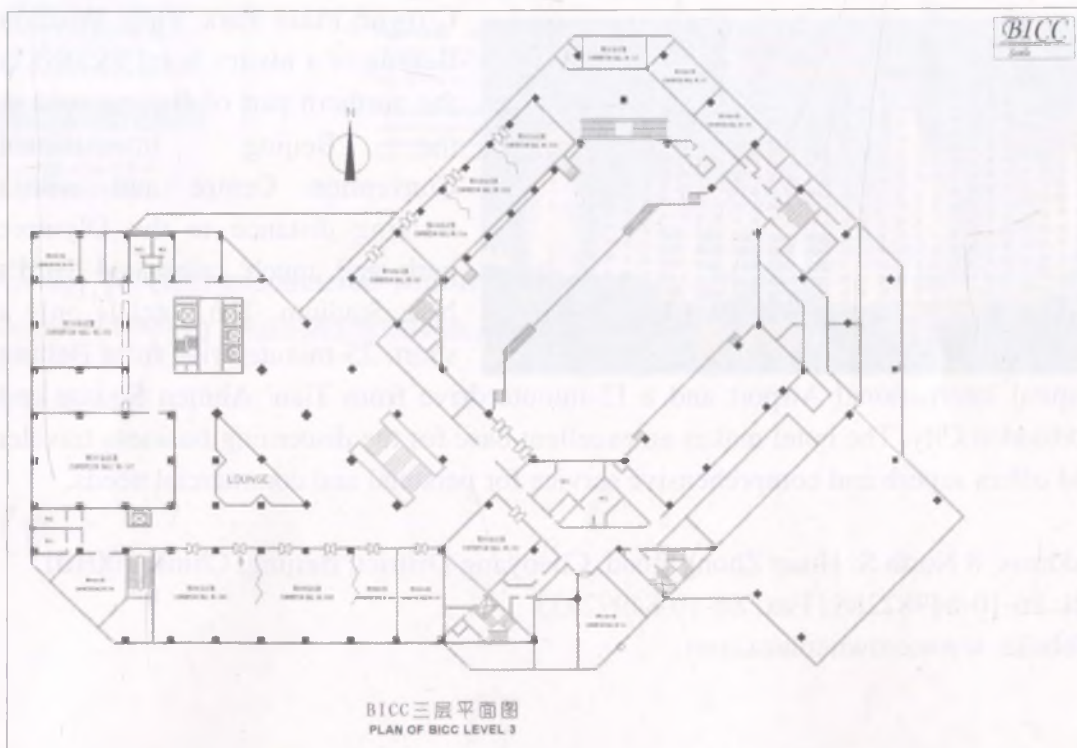
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Level 2



Level 3





Beijing North Star Grand Continental Hotel

Beijing North Star Grand Continental Hotel is situated at the inter-junction of the North Fourth Ring Road and axle line of Beijing. The hotel is encompassed by a range of living and commercial facilities, including Beijing International Conference Center, Beichen Shopping Center, Beijing Theatre, and Olympic Sports Center.



Staying at the hotel, guests enjoy all the conveniences of accommodation travel, shopping, transportation, and business activities.

Address: No.8 Beichen Dong Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China 100101,

Tel:86-10-84980105 | Fax: 86-10-84970106

Email:bcgh@bcghotel.com

Website:www.bcghotel.com

Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou



Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou Beijing is a luxury hotel located in the northern part of Beijing next to the Beijing International Convention Centre and within walking distance to the Olympic park and much celebrated Bird's Nest Stadium. The hotel is only a short, 25-minute drive from Beijing

Capital International Airport and a 15-minute drive from Tian' Anmen Square and Forbidden City. The hotel makes an excellent base for the discerning business traveler, and offers superb and comprehensive service for personal and commercial needs.

Address: 8 North Si Huan Zhong Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China, 100101

Tel: 86-10-84982288 | Fax: 86-10-84992933

Website: www.crowneplaza.com

Regional Assembly Website

A special website has been established for the regional assembly at the address at the address: <http://www.acfsmc.cn/ra>. Beside the registration and hotel reservation services, meeting documents and latest news about the regional assembly and related events will also be accessible for all participants.

Welcome to
9th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly
and Related Events
Sep 1st-5th 2010

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Bulletin Board
registered:
• 2010-05-11 Chinese Agricultural Exposition: Cold Zone Black Globe
• 2010-05-11 RA official website will be launched on 1 Jun
• 2010-03-25 RA invitation issued by ICA-AP
• 2010-03-24 MOU signed between ACFSMC & ICA
• 2010-03-21 Service contract

Downloads
• Registration Form
• Cold Zone Black Globe
• Information Brochure

ACFSMC Notice on On-Line Registration
ACFSMC Hotel Bank Account Information
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Guidance for Foreigners in Beijing

Beijing Overview



As the capital of China, Beijing is one of the world's truly imposing cities, with a 3,000-year history and a permanent population of 16 million. Covering 16,808 square kilometers in area, it is the political, cultural as well as economic center of China.

Few cities in the world besides Beijing have served as the political and cultural centre of an area as immense as China for so long. The Encyclopædia Britannica describes it as "one of the world's great cities," and declares that the city has been an integral part of China's history for centuries; there is scarcely a major building of any age in Beijing that doesn't have at least some national historical significance. Beijing is renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, and huge stone walls and gates. Its art treasures and universities have long made the city a centre of culture and art in China.

Click on <http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn/BeijingInformation/#> for more information about Beijing.

Weather

Autumn is the best season in Beijing, with the mild temperature and clear and crisp days. The temperature in early September fluctuates between 15°C and 30 °C. Click on <http://www.chinahighlights.com/beijing/weather.htm> for live weather forecasts and traveling tips.

Money

Major credit cards such as Master, Visa, JCB, American Express and Diners are acceptable in Beijing with star hotels, large restaurants and department stores. Bringing some cash is always necessary in the event that you'd like to buy souvenirs from the street vendors at the best price.

You may convert your money into Renminbi (RMB, literally "People's Currency") at the airport terminal, hotel front desk or bank branch in the city with the sign. You may need to present your passport. For your reference, one US dollar is equivalent to 6.82 RMB yuan. Click on <http://www.boc.cn/sourcedb/whpj/enindex.html> for real-time



exchange rate.

Transport

To move around the city on person errands, you are recommended to take the subway or the taxi.

Subway is the fastest way to get around and a good way to avoid frequent traffic jams. Subway trains run at regular three to five minute intervals usually from 5 am to 11pm. The flat fare is RMB 2 anywhere on the interlinked system including line 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 13 in operation, payable either with a stored-value card (Yīkātōng) or a one-use ticket. Please look into the Annexed Map for reference. The closet subway stations to BICC are Beitucheng Station of Line 10 and Huixinxijiebeikou Station of Line 5.

Taxi- Starting fare for taxi is RMB 10, and beyond 3 km the rate is RMB 2 per km. There are surcharges for long-distance and late night trips, while 5 minutes of waiting time equals 1 km of driving time. Please pay according to the meter, and tipping is a courtesy but not customary. Keep the printed receipt at the end of the trip: it includes all vehicle details, which is invaluable if you have left an item in the taxi. Please note that most taxi drivers cannot speak English.

Travel Arrangements

No sightseeing activities will be arranged by the host. However, you may order Beijing city tour on self-financed basis with the designated travel agency seated at the Registration Desk upon arrival at the BICC. For sightseeing activities to other cities, you are strongly recommended to make reservations through your own travel agency as no last-minute arrangement would be possible in the golden traveling season of September. Should you take an interest, you may find in the download area detailed tour options recommended by the designated travel agency of the events.

Safety and Security

Beijing is a pretty safe place. However, like anywhere else, it is always wise to be cautious of precious personal belongings, especially in a crowded place.

The host will make arrangements for medical facilities and facilitate medical aid required by the delegates. The cost of medical assistance will be borne by the concerned delegate.

Emergency Call

Police	110	Medical Care	120
Fire	119		

Profile of Important Tourism Cities in China

Shanghai



Shanghai one of largest cities of China, and the economic, financial, and cultural and trade center of China, with a population of over 20 millions. It is a city famous for its combination of Chinese and western culture. The Bund, the riverside area, and Frenchtown are the best places to see the remnants of its decadent history, while the Pudong new district and financial areas are the best places to

experienced vitality of Chinese economy. For more information of Shanghai, you can check on www.shanghai.gov.cn

World Expo 2010



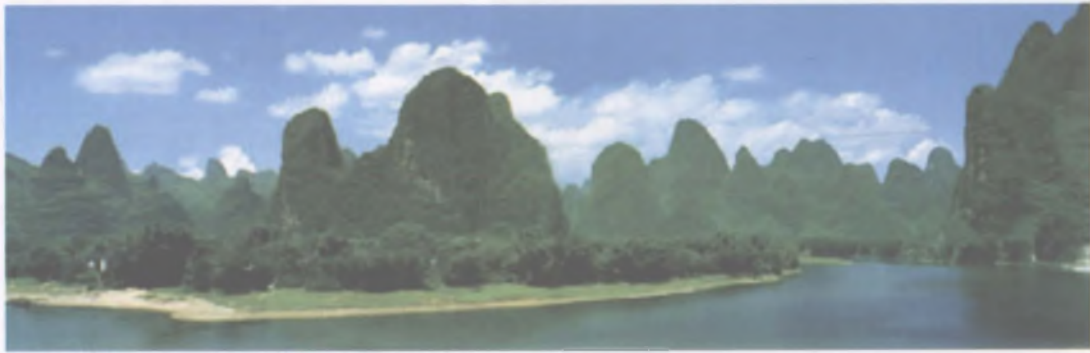
World Expo 2010 is staged in Shanghai from May 1 to October 31, 2010. It is the largest world exposition with participation of over 240 countries and International organizations who are demonstrating their unique cultures and most advanced technology by state-of-art pavilions. The Expo has already attracted over 50 million visitors from all over the world, almost all of whom found the trip extraordinary rewarding.

Please click on <http://en.expo.cn> for more information about the expo.



Guilin (桂林)

Situated in the northeastern part of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guilin has the reputation of the most fantastic natural landscapes not only in China but also abroad. Its dreamy natural scenery and unique ancient architecture from the Qin and Ming Dynasties astound visitors from home and abroad. Visiting Guilin and



discovering its natural wonders, such as its magical green pinnacles, crystal-clear water, picturesque rocks and intriguing caves, can provide a never-ending journey for every visitor. Now is the prime time to travel to Guilin and experience this charming and historic city in its entire splendor.

Guilin is not only a perfect place for living, but also an extraordinary, eco- friendly tour destination. There are quite a number of flights between Guilin and Beijing daily. Click on <http://www.guilintourist.com/> for more tourist information.

Sanya (三亚)



Located on Hainan Island, the major island on South China Sea, Sanya prides itself on

advantaged coastal location and the best dwelling environment in China, which can earn much praise from all over the world, such as “Oxygen Bar of the world” and “East Hawaii”. It simultaneously owns sunshine, sea water, sand, tropical climate, tropical forest, animal, hot spring, cavern, Pastoral and ethnic culture, by which tourists couldn’t tear themselves away from this city.

Sanya creates a legend of health and longevity. In 2003, SARS brought China a crop of misfortunes and attacked nearly all the cities, but only Sanya successfully escaped from the disaster count on its sound ecological environment.

Moreover, Sanya rears a favorable number of centenarian which regards as miracle. This city is young and very promising, while it always open arm to give the world a hug. Sanya is a leading destination for tour, vacation and leisure time partly because of gorgeous sun sheen, sea view and beach, partly because of the world-class hotels, resort and spa centers, golf courses, diving places, and some nationally renowned scenic spots here. It is also a favorite place of MICE, which means meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions. There are a number of daily flights between Beijing and Sanya. For more information on Sanya, please check on <http://www.sanyatour.com>

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- ◆ In particular, please keep touch with your contact person for attendance on the Joint Opening Ceremony on the morning of September 3 and welcome dinner on that evening.
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8th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly

Melia Hotel, Hanoi (Vietnam) : 5th December 2008

AGENDA NOTES



International Co-operative Alliance - Asia & Pacific
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AGENDA NOTES

5th December 2008 {09:00~16:00 hours}

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

Following the joint opening ceremony of Cooperative Forum and Regional Assembly on 3rd December, 8th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly will be officially opened on 5th December by Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA. Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of ICA-Asia and Pacific and also the Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly will chair.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of Agenda

Delegates would be requested to formally approve the Agenda.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7th Meeting held in Colombo on 18th August 2006

The Minutes of the 7th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 18th August 2006, as enclosed at Annexure-1 were circulated to all the delegates and member organizations. No suggestions/observations/amendments have been received. Minutes may be confirmed.

Agenda Item 04 : Perusal of Minutes of ICA-AP Standing Committee Meetings since last Regional Assembly

Since the last Regional Assembly, five meetings of the Regional Board (Standing Committee) were held. Confirmed minutes of the four meetings are enclosed at Annexure-2. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes has already been completed. Hon'ble delegates of the Regional Assembly may kindly peruse.

Agenda Item 05 : Approval of new Rules of ICA-AP

Pursuant to the new Rules of ICA approved by the Special General Assembly at Rome (Italy) on 6th June 2007, the ICA-AP has revised its Rules. The new Rules of ICA-AP, as approved by the Regional Board, are enclosed at Annexure-3. Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Rules.

Agenda Item 06 : Progress Report from Regional Director, ICA-AP

The Progress Report of ICA-AP for the year 2008 will be presented before the Regional Assembly by the Regional Director, ICA-AP.

Agenda Item 07 : Approval of ICA-AP Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2009-2012

The current Strategy and Priorities of ICA-AP would be over by the end of 2008. The ICA-AP Strategic Plan for 2009-2012 is enclosed at Annexure-4. The multi-annual budget will be distributed at the meeting. The Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget.

Agenda Item 08 : Approval of Work Plan of ICA-AP for 2009

The ICA-AP Work Plan for 2009 will be distributed at the meeting. The Regional Assembly may kindly approve it.

Agenda Item 09 : Approval of Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on Cooperative Research

The Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on Cooperative Research, as approved by the Regional Board at its meeting held on 1st December in Hanoi, is enclosed at Annexure-5. Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Constitution.

Agenda Item 10 : Approval of Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives

The Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives, as approved by the Regional Board at its meeting held on 1st December in Hanoi, is enclosed at Annexure-6. Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Constitution.

Agenda Item 11 : Re-constitution of ICA-AP Regional Board

The term of office of the current regional board members will be over by December 2008. According to new Rules of ICA-AP, the Regional Assembly shall elect a maximum of eleven members to the Regional Board for the next four years.

The ICA-AP secretariat has already written to member organizations to propose their nominee for election as member to the Regional Board. Detail of the nominations received will be placed before the Regional Assembly for re-constitution of the Regional Board.

Agenda Item 12 : Report on 5th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum

Delegates are aware that 5th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum hosted by the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) has been planned on 4th December in Hanoi. All the member organizations have been informed. We expect nearly 200 international participants in this Cooperative Forum, besides a large number of local participants.

The theme of the Forum is "COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS" and Sub-themes are the following: (a) *Coop Advantages in Ensuring Inclusive Growth of Economy*; (b) *Enhancing Management Capacity in Cooperatives*; and (c) *Business Networking to position Coops as a Preferred Brand*.

A brief report and issues arising out of the Forum will be placed before the Regional Assembly on 5th December.

Agenda Item 13 : Report of 5th Cooperative Research Conference

A brief report will be placed before the Regional Assembly by the Chairperson of the ICA Research Conference.

Agenda Item 14 : Report of 5th Regional Women's Forum

A brief report will be placed before the Regional Assembly by the Chairperson of the ICA Women's Forum.

Agenda Item 15 : Reports from ICA-AP Specialized Committees

Chairpersons of the following Specialised Committees will present their report at the time of Regional Assembly:

- (a) Agricultural Committee
- (b) Consumer Committee
- (c) HRD Committee
- (d) Regional Cooperative Banking Association
- (e) Women's Committee
- (f) Youth Committee
- (g) University/Campus Committee
- (h) Research Committee

Agenda Item 16 : Report of the 8th Ministers' Conference held in Malaysia from 12th to 15th March 2007

The 8th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy and Legislation was held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) from 12th to 15th March in collaboration with the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development (MECD) and

ANGKASA. The opening ceremony of the Conference was held in the afternoon of 12th March at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC). Around 900 people attended the inauguration. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The inaugural session was also addressed by the Hon'ble Minister of the MECD and the ICA President.

The theme of the Conference was "Fair Globalisation through Cooperatives". Around 316 participants and observers, including 10 ministers, from 21 countries and four international organizations attended the Conference.

The Conference was quite successful in terms of achieving its core objective of sensitizing the Governments to the need of realizing full potential of cooperatives in building national economy, especially in the context of globalization, demanding the legislative cum policy support for the cooperatives to play an important role in equitable distribution of the benefits accruing from the liberalized global economy.

The Conclusions and Recommendations of the Conference have been circulated to the governments and member organizations of ICA in Asia-Pacific region for taking appropriate action on the Recommendations. The Kuala Lumpur Declaration adopted by the Conference is attached at Annexure-7.

Agenda Item 17 : Any Other Business

Agenda Item 18 : Consideration of Venue and Date of next Meeting

The next meeting may be convened in the 4th quarter of 2010. The Regional Board may be authorized to fix up the date.

As regards venue, delegates/prospective host member organizations may give their proposal at the time of the meeting.

Agenda Item 19 : Closing Session

Tea break : 10:30~11:00
Lunch break : 12:30~14:00

ANNEXURE - 1

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE ICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Colombo (Sri Lanka):18th August 2006

AGENDA ITEM 01: OPENING REMARKS

A formal joint opening ceremony of the 4th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum and 7th Regional Assembly was held at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) Colombo (Sri Lanka) in the evening of 16th August 2006. The event was hosted by the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka. It was inaugurated by His Excellency Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, on behalf of H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka, who could not come due to some urgent engagements. His Excellency Najeeb Abdul Majeed, Minister for Cooperatives and Cooperative Development, Sri Lanka, welcomed the participants. Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President; Mr. Mu Li, President, ICA – Asia and Pacific; and Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, President of National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka delivered opening remarks at the ceremony. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA – Asia and Pacific and Mr. M.G. Sunil Silva, General Secretary/General Manager of NCC, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of ICA and the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka respectively. More than 800 persons attended the joint opening ceremony.

The theme of the Forum was **“Capacity Building: The Priority for Cooperative Enterprises”**.

After conclusion of the ICA Regional Cooperative Forum, the 7th Meeting of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific was held at Hotel Galadari, Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 18th August 2006. 158 participants from Canada, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Palestine, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom and Vietnam attended the meeting. In addition, special invitees from ACCU, AWCF and ICA also attended the meeting.

Mr. **Mu Li**, President, ICA – Asia and Pacific and Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly opened the meeting and welcomed all the members and invitees present. He said “I am very happy that most of the member organizations’ representatives could come to Colombo to attend the meeting. Since the last RA the Cooperative Movements in various countries of the region have been growing and made commendable achievements. At the same time, we are well aware of the economic globalization of the world economy including the cooperative sector. It is in this regard, I believe, that this RA will contribute to cooperative restructuring and development in the Asia-Pacific region which requires lot of consensus and hard working”. After his brief remarks, he requested Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA, to formally inaugurate the meeting.

Mr. **Ivano Barberini** said "I am pleased to attend this Regional Assembly. This RA culminates week-long events. I would like to thank you all for your participation in various meetings. I believe that this is an important meeting. I want to thank the Government of Sri Lanka, particularly the Minister for Cooperatives and Cooperative Development, and the host organizations for the excellent arrangements made for the Cooperative Forum and the Regional Assembly. I welcome you all to the meeting and hope you would have important discussions including discussions on regionalization issue".

**AGENDA ITEM 02: RATIFICATION OF MR. LI CHUNSHENG'S NAME
AS PRESIDENT OF ICA – ASIA AND PACIFIC**

Mr. Mu Li said that he had already informed at the SC meeting held in Wuxi on 16th May about his retirement from the ACFSMC. He would, therefore, like to recommend that **Mr. Li Chunsheng** be his successor for the remaining period of his term as President of ICA – Asia and Pacific. Mr. Li Chunsheng has served the ACFSMC in various capacities. He has been the Vice President of ACFSMC since 2000 and carries a wealth of experience in international affairs. He would, no doubt, stand up to the expectations of the ICA leadership and members in this region. Mr. Mu Li requested the RA to take a decision in this regard.

Dr. S.S. Sisodia said that at the SC meeting held in Wuxi he had proposed the name of Mr. Li Chunsheng as President of ICA – Asia and Pacific, while all the members present at the meeting had seconded his name.

The Regional Assembly ratified Mr. Li Chunsheng's name, as proposed by the Standing Committee, to be the President of ICA – Asia and Pacific for the remaining period.

Mr. Mu Li thanked all the members of the RA for their kind support, which he enjoyed very much throughout his work with the ICA. He further said that he would be missing everybody since he would not be able to continue his work with the ICA. However, he said that he would very much like to keep in touch with each other.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said "I would like to thank the RA for ratifying my name as President of ICA-AP. I want to congratulate Mr. Mu Li for his marvelous leadership and Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his team for their outstanding contribution. I think without their efforts the cooperative movements cannot be so successful. I know that it is not easy for me to follow Mr. Mu Li. There are many challenges we are facing. I think different cooperative leaders should chair the RA sessions. Therefore, I propose Mr. Seah Kian Peng from Singapore to chair Agenda Item 7 to 10 and Mr. Adi Sasono from Indonesia to chair Agenda Item 11 to 14. Agenda Item 15 and 16 will be chaired by me".

AGENDA ITEM 03 : APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked the members whether they had any comments on the Agenda. The Agenda, which was circulated at the meeting, was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM 04: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING HELD IN CHIANG MAI ON 3RD DECEMBER

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Regional Assembly held in Chiang Mai (Thailand) on 3rd December 2004 were circulated to all the delegates and member organizations and no comments/suggestions/observations/amendments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM 05: PERUSAL OF MINUTES OF ICA-AP SC MEETING SINCE LAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Since last Regional Assembly, five meetings of the Standing Committee were held. Confirmed minutes of these meetings were circulated at the meeting. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes had already been completed. The delegates of the Regional Assembly endorsed the minutes of the Standing Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 06: PROGRESS REPORT FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the financial report for 2005 and informed the house that there was a surplus of CHF 8,391 in Delhi Office and CHF 11,039 in Singapore Business Office. He further said that there would be a small surplus in 2006 also.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee also presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out up to July and planned from August to December 2006. He informed the meeting that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Government of Japan, had agreed to extend the Agricultural Management Training Course and the Rural Women Leaders Training Course for a further period of five years with slight modifications in contents and titles.

The members thanked Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his staff for conducting so many important activities. All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP and unanimously accepted the report.

At this point, Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Chairman of Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) and Member of the ICA Board and Standing Committee took over as chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 07: POST TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECTS IN INDIA, INDONESIA AND SRI LANKA

Mr. Rajiv Mehta presented a report on the post tsunami reconstruction and empowerment projects in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The highlights of the report are given below:

India: Phase-1 from August 2005 to July 2006 aimed at physical reconstruction of cooperative infrastructure of seven tsunami affected cooperatives in Tamil Nadu and Nicobar with financial support from Coop UK US\$ 153,224 and NCUI US\$ 15,292 was completed in record time. Coop UK also sanctioned Phase-2 in Nicobar for reconstruction of seven warehouses and seven consumer shops with a commitment of US\$ 101,830.

Sri Lanka: NISPED and ICA jointly agreed to support 18 months long US\$ 400,000 Coop Empowerment Program in Southern Province in Sri Lanka to help 126 tsunami hit cooperatives. The project had taken off in June 2006 after prolonged discussions with 4 project partners in Sri Lanka. Physical reconstruction was in full swing in identified 10 coops and the capacity building training programs had also started in NICD. More than 150 board members of affected coops were benefited by the training program.

Indonesia: ICA extended bridge fund of CHF 45,000 to LSP2I and DEKOPINWIL NAD to help affected coops kick start their lives. Later UK Coop extended financial support of US\$ 140,000 to two fisheries coops for reconstruction of boats and purchase of equipments. ICA had committed itself for another sum of US\$ 50,000 to support project management unit and educate members and leaders of affected coops on livelihood recovery and management.

Dr. Sisodia thanked the ICA-AP and other development partners for the timely financial support for the tsunami affected projects in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. He also expressed his hearty thanks to the President of ICA.

Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen said that the Cooperative Movements all over the world came to the rescue of the affected countries and contributed financially and that re-construction work was more important than rescue operation. He further added that there was a proposal that the ICA establishes a Cooperative Global Reconstruction Protocol to which cooperative agencies, international organizations and member organizations around the world commit themselves to work together.

Mr. Seah Kian Peng said that it was very important to learn the lessons from the disaster occurred to ensure better disaster preparedness.

AGENDA ITEM 08: PRESENTATION ON GLOBAL HRD NETWORKING

The Global HRD Network promoted and developed by NCUI/VMNICM in collaboration with ICA HRD Committee was launched on 21st June 2006 at British Columbia Institute of Cooperative Studies, Victoria (Canada). Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) made a presentation on **Global HRD Networking** at the meeting.

ICA Global HRD Committee took initiative to create a workable mechanism to enable HRD institutions and practitioners in cooperatives to establish a live network among themselves for sharing their experiences, knowledge and allied cooperative-centric information in the field of HRD. As a first step, a Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) at global level was set up. As a sequel to it,

ICA HRD Committee conceived a project to set up Global HRD Network (GHRD) to address information requirements of HRD institutions around the globe in the field of cooperatives.

GHRD Network for Cooperatives is promoted, developed and maintained by the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune (India) in collaboration with ICA HRD Committee.

Cooperative HRD institutions all over the globe can become members of the Global HRD Network. The details of each registered organization, such as, name, contact details, head of the organization, training programs offered, infrastructure available, faculty, etc. can be accessed through this portal. The portal intends to provide access to: (a) details of member institutions; (b) training programs; (c) training materials; (d) faculty resources; (e) global news and events in the field of cooperatives; and (f) a discussion forum. Organizations can register themselves by visiting <http://www.hrd.coop>.

AGENDA ITEM 09: DISCUSSION ON REGIONALISATION ISSUES

Initiating the discussion on Regionalization, Mr. Ivano Barberini said that it is a long and complicated issue. The issue started in 1992 in Tokyo and the General Assembly in Seoul. During 2000-2003 the ICA Board approved a proposal to set up a Special Task Force. It was emphasized by the Task Force that we need a global organization. Now there is new face which was promoted by the European Cooperative Movement - Enlargement of the European Union. They promoted this platform 3-4 years ago and the ICA Board approved it.

He said that Coop Europe wanted to have a separate legal entity in order to get financial support from European Union. Unless it is registered there, it will not be possible to get any financial support. Coop Europe wants to remain within the ICA global.

He informed the meeting that the ICA Board had set up a Regional Working Group (RWG) to discuss and submit a report on the regionalization issues. The Working Group had met several times and exchanged a number of papers on the agreed main subjects – legal, roles, membership and finance issues. The RWG last met on 20th April reviewed all the documents and considered recommendations to be placed before the Board. At the last Board Meeting held in Washington in May 2005, the RWG submitted its report. The ICA Board has now endorsed this report.

He said that the Coop Europe has now prepared a Statute. This Statute could not be discussed at Washington in May and the discussion was postponed to Stockholm meeting in September. He also said that ICA-AP does not require any change and it is going from strength to strength.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the Regionalization Working Group Report approved by the ICA Board and requested the RA to endorse the Report.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee also said that legal entity is not a big issue for ICA-AP. Within the current existing structure, ICA-AP is very autonomous and ICA Geneva does not interfere in this region.

Dr. S.S. Sisodia said that this is a very delicate subject and that it should be handled cautiously. He strongly pleaded that the present level of working of the ICA should be maintained.

Mr. T. Yamashita said "I would like to endorse the report of the ICA Board. My understanding is that the European community is highly organized, political and economic community. If we could set up a regional entity, we could get more financial support from the EU. It is not only a cooperative issue, but also a political issue. Many discussions were held with the cooperators from Europe".

Mr. Seah Kian Peng said that this is not a new issue. It has been discussed at the ICA Board and the SC many a times. The main need is to understand the situation of European region to tap funding from EU. The intention is not to see ICA breaking up. This has been conveyed to ICA Board and ICA.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that global ICA solidarity is more important and with this condition we should endorse the report. The subscription formula is more important and it will definitely affect our members. Those members who are not eligible for full membership can become associate members. This is a good idea.

Mr. Ivano Barberini said that this should not be considered as a regional problem, but a common problem. Hence it is important to endorse the report of Regional Working Group.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said regionalization is very important for us. This is not a new issue and it has been discussed many a times. This was also discussed at the last SC meeting in Wuxi. Regionalization should be for unity and integrity and should not be for weakening. He concluded that solidarity of the whole ICA is important and the region is a part of the global ICA. Weakening of global ICA may result in weakening the regional part of the ICA.

After discussions, the Regional Assembly unanimously endorsed the Regionalisation Working Group report. Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the RA for endorsing the RWG report.

AGENDA ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA COMMITTEE ON YOUTH COOPERATION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC

Mr. Teo Say Hong, Chairman, ICA-AP Youth Committee, presented the Constitution of the **ICA Committee on Youth Cooperation for Asia and Pacific**. The Regional Assembly unanimously approved the Constitution which was earlier approved by the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 16th May in Wuxi.

At this point, Mr. Adi Sasono, President of Dewan Koperasi Indonesia (DEKOPIN) and Member of the Standing Committee took over as chair of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM ICA-AP SPECIALISED
 COMMITTEES**

Women's Committee: The 5th meeting of ICA Regional Women's Committee was held on 15th August 2006 at Hotel Galadari, Colombo. More than 30 persons attended the meeting besides committee members. The committee discussed the activities, performance and future plans and also amended its Constitution to extend the term of the committee and terms of members and office bearers from two to four years. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Go Ming Hua, Vice Chairperson, in the absence of Madam Rahaiah Baheran, Chairperson of the Committee.

Consumer Committee: The 40th meeting of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation was held at Galadari Hotel, Colombo, on 16th August. 40 participants (members and observers) from India, Japan, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam attended the meeting. In addition to routine agenda, a special report on "The Centurial Plan – Opening New Super Markets" was presented by Mr. DSK Pathirana, General Manager of COOPFED. The meeting discussed and adopted the work plan for 2007.

Mr. Jiro Ito, Manager, International Department of JCCU was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Committee. Mr. Poh Leong Sim from Singapore and Mr. DSK Pathirana from Sri Lanka were elected as Vice Chairpersons of the Committee. It was also agreed that the term of new office bearers will be for four years from the date of election. It was also decided that the next meeting of the Committee will be held in Singapore in conjunction with ICA General Assembly.

Consumer Sub-committee on University/College Coops: The 12th meeting of the ICA Consumer Sub-committee on University/College Coops was held at Hotel Hilton, Colombo on 14th August 2006. 29 participants from 7 countries and observers attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Manabu Tanaka, Chairperson of the NFUCA. The meeting felt that the Newsletter should have the write-ups by the students to add value. They also felt that the Newsletter need not be always quarterly.

Agriculture Committee: The 37th meeting of the ICA Committee on Agriculture was held at Galadari Hotel, Colombo, on 16th August. 21 participants from India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Korea, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting. The Chair, Mr. Lyu Keun-Won opened the meeting emphasizing the importance of Asiatic variety and stressed that in the context of growing globalization it is very essential for us to exchange the information and experiences to better understand the regional and local matters concerning the challenges before us.

The members from the participating countries made brief presentations about the agricultural scenario in their countries. Dr. Jin Kook Kim, Agriculture Advisor, ICA Geneva, made an impressive presentation on the Impact of WTO

Negotiations on Cooperatives and explained in details the pros and cons of the negotiations. He suggested convening another event exclusively on the WTO regime after December 2006. It was decided to hold the next meeting in 2007 at the time of special workshop on WTO regime.

Regional Cooperative Banking Association (RCBA): The 8th meeting of RCBA was held on 14th August 2006 at Hotel Hilton, Colombo. Nearly 60 participants (members and observers) from India, Iran, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Netherlands attended the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Strategies of Cooperative Banks to Sustain in Competitive Economy" on which specific inter-active discussion was organized, preceding the formal meeting of RCBA.

Mr. Ajith Niwad Cabral, Hon'ble Governor of Central Bank of Ceylon, inaugurated the meeting and delivered a key note address on the theme of the meeting. The business session commenced with a special presentation by Dr. Sarath Delphachitra, International Cooperative Expert of Asian Development Bank. Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan from India and Dr. Sawath Saengbangpla from Thailand were unanimously elected as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the RCBA respectively for the next term.

HRD Committee: The 19th Meeting of ICA Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD) was held in the afternoon of 15th August at Galadari Hotel, Colombo. 15 participants from five countries, namely, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Vice Chairman of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman. He welcomed the presence of the members and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

In the absence of Dr. Yehudah Paz, who could not make it to Colombo, Mr. Bhagwati Prasad made a brief presentation on "Global Cooperative Learning Center". This project is being developed by Colombia Institute of Cooperative Studies and ILO Coop Branch. Presentation of country reports on initiatives on HRD was made by members from Indonesia, Singapore and Sri Lanka. Mr. Mervyn Wilson, Principal, The Cooperative College of U.K made a presentation on the Cooperative College of UK. The meeting was also informed about the details of Global HRD Networking (www.hrd.coop) developed and maintained by NCUI and VAMNICOM in collaboration with ICA Global HRD Committee.

The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Bhagwati Prasad from India and Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed from Singapore as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively. Mr. Bhagwati Prasad and Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed thanked the members for reposing their faith in them.

The meeting decided to continue the seminars on HRD Best Practices in the coming years. Mr. Yuzri Suhud, Director of LAPENKOP (Cooperative Education and Training Development Institution) offered to host the next HRD seminar and meeting in Indonesia sometime in July 2007. The meeting unanimously accepted the proposal and authorized the ICA-AP to decide about the theme and dates of the seminar in consultation with LAPENKOP. The HRD Committee

unanimously decided to extend the term of office of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to four years, as per the new rules of ICA.

Prior to the meeting, a seminar on **New Trends in Cooperative Leadership Development** was held at Galadari Hotel in the forenoon of 15th August. The opening session was attended by Mr. Sunil Silva, General Secretary/General Manager of NCC; Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director of ICA-AP; and Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of NCUI. About 50 participants attended the seminar.

3rd Youth Conference: The 3rd ICA Regional Youth Conference was held at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo, on 15th August 2006. 116 participants from ten countries (Colombia, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand) attended the Conference.

Mr. Palitha Rohana, President of COOPFED welcomed all the participants to the Conference. Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President, delivered introductory remarks and mentioned that Asia-Pacific region play a leading role in youth cooperative activities by the process of establishing the Youth Committee. H.E. Najeeb Abdul Majeed, Minister of Cooperatives and Cooperative Development of Sri Lanka inaugurated the conference and mentioned that Sri Lanka was privileged to have the memorable conference to coincide with the centenary celebrations of Sri Lankan Cooperative Movement. Mr. J.M. Gunadasa, Professor of National Institute of Cooperative Development delivered the key note address and he underlined that cooperative movement is one of the useful instruments which help the youth to find solutions to their problems/challenges.

Mr. Teo Say Hong, Youth Representative of ICA-AP, presented a background report of the youth in Asia-Pacific region. He explained that ICA-AP has a decade history since regional/youth coop seminar was held in 1996. He also explained that last year the Youth Pro-Tem Committee drew up the draft Constitution of the Youth Committee.

He also informed the meeting that the Regional Assembly has now approved the Constitution of the ICA-AP Youth Committee.

Tourism International Cooperative Association (TICA): At the initiative of TICA Coordinator, a special meeting of the ICA-AP member organizations was convened at Hotel Hilton, Colombo, on 14th August 2006. 15 organizations from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated at the meeting. The following was the purpose of the meeting: (a) Role of TICA global in mobilization tourism agenda through cooperatives; (b) Sensitize the Asia-Pacific coop organizations on the scope of tourism cooperatives in the region; (c) Brainstorming on the modalities to convene committee on tourism in Asia-Pacific region; and (d) Identification of stakeholders in promoting the agenda of tourism through coop global network. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajiv Mehta and presided over by Mr. H.L. Tissera, Commissioner of Cooperative Development, Government of Sri Lanka. The next meeting is proposed to be held in Colombo during 2007.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF 4TH ASIAN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 4th Asian Cooperative Research Conference was held at Hotel Galadari, Colombo, on 15th and 16th August 2006. More than 25 researchers from 10 countries and a number of observers participated at the Conference. The themes of the Conference were: (a) Role of Cooperative Leadership in Preservation of Cooperative Identity; and (b) Natural Disaster Preparedness and Rehabilitation Initiatives through Cooperatives.

Majority of the presenters were academicians with considerable research experience to their credit. Their papers reflected in-depth analysis of researched data and case studies. They brought out very important findings and revealed facts and figures for future planning.

This time also the Consumer Cooperative Institute of Japan (CCIJ) extended scholarships to encourage the participation of youth/female researchers. It is proposed to hold the next Conference in Hanoi (Vietnam) during 2008 in conjunction with the next ICA Regional Assembly. There is also a proposal to set up an ICA Research Committee for Asia and Pacific and efforts to this end is being made.

AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT OF 4TH ICA REGIONAL COOP FORUM

The 4th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum was held at Hotel Galadari, Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 17th August 2006, preceded by a joint inauguration of the Forum and the 7th ICA Regional Assembly in the evening of 16th August at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall by His Excellency Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. The Forum was hosted by the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka. The Forum was marked by an overwhelming participation of more than 158 delegates and observers from Canada, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Palestine, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom and Vietnam. In addition, special invitees from ACCU, AWCF and ICA also attended the Forum.

The theme of the Forum was "CAPACITY BUILDING: THE PRIORITY FOR COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES" with the following three sub-themes: (a) Cooperative Values and Good Governance; (b) The Cooperative Way of Management; and (c) Strengthening HRD and Networking.

Eminent cooperative researchers and practitioners constituted the Forum. The key note speech at the Forum was delivered by Mr. Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary to the President of Sri Lanka.

The Forum proceedings and presentations were summarized by Dr. Robby Tulus, former ICA Regional Director, who presented a report on the Forum to the Regional Assembly.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORTS ON PREPARATION OF FORTHCOMING
IMPORTANT ICA EVENTS**

Mr. Rajiv Mehta made a brief presentation on the **International Cooperative Trade Fair** and the **Symposium on Trade Networking among Cooperatives** to be held in Iran from 27th to 29th October 2006 in collaboration with the Iran Chamber of Cooperatives. The objective of the Trade Fair would be to facilitate the match-making of buyers and sellers to trade cooperatively produced products from Iran in the global market, especially in the Asia-Pacific region and establish institutional alliance through the network of ICA. The Trade Fair would also feature a Symposium on the ways and means for effective trade networking among cooperatives so as to understand the importance and reckoning scope of cooperatives in the global trade.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that a **Regional Conference on Gender Integration in Cooperatives** would be held in Tagaytay City (Philippines) from 5th to 9th November 2006 in collaboration with Asian Women in Cooperative Development (AWCF) and the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO). The theme of the Conference would be **Empowerment and Development of Women in Cooperatives** with sub-themes on "Poverty Alleviation through Women's Participation in Coops", "Women's Participation at all levels in Coops" and "Practical Action Plan to increase the participation of Women in Coops". He requested the members to send maximum number of participants to this Conference.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the next ICA-AP **Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy and Legislation** would be held in Malaysia from **12th to 15th March** 2007 in collaboration with ANGKASA and the Government of Malaysia. The draft Agenda points for the Ministers' Conference would be: (a) Cooperative Policy and Legislation; (b) Effective Participatory Governance; (c) Institutional Capacity Building; (d) Protection to Vulnerable Sections of the Society; and (e) Resource Mobilization. He requested the members to reserve these dates and initiate necessary consultations to ensure effective participation for meaningful outcome and greater success of the Conference.

Mr. Zulkifli Mohammad, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) informed the Regional Assembly that the next **ICA General Assembly** will be held at Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore, from 13th to 19th October 2007. A video-film about the ICA General Assembly was also shown at the meeting for the benefit of members. The ICA and SNCF signed a Memorandum of Understanding during the Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 15: OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS ARISING

No other business matters arising out of the meeting was raised under this Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 16: CONSIDERATION OF VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that, as decided at the last RA meeting in Chiang Mai, the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) wanted to host the next Regional Assembly and Coop Forum in Vietnam during 2008. The meeting accepted the offer of VCA and decided to host the next meeting in Vietnam in 2008. The date and venue would be decided in consultation with the secretariat. In this regard a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the ICA-AP and VCA in Colombo on 18th August 2006. The meeting thanked the VCA for agreeing to host the ICA events in 2008 in Vietnam.

The Central Organization for Rural Cooperatives of Iran (CORC) expressed its willingness to host the Regional Assembly and the Coop Forum in 2010 in Iran.

AGENDA ITEM 17: CLOSING SESSION

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members for coming and attending the meeting. He appreciated the excellent arrangements made by the host organizations in Sri Lanka for the meetings in Colombo.

Mr. Ivano Barberini thanked the ICA-AP region and the Regional Office for undertaking good initiatives and said that it was mutually a good experience.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that a total of 12 different meetings were held in Colombo from 14th to 19th August and he thanked the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka for making excellent arrangements and the kind hospitality.

The meeting proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his able staff for carrying out the ICA-AP's work with success. The meeting also thanked Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President for coming and spending his valuable time.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

28th November 2006

Minutes of the ICA-AP Standing Committee Meeting

Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia): 11th March 2007

The meeting of ICA-AP Standing Committee was held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) on 11th March 2007 from 14:00 to 17:30 hours. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice President and Chairman of Standing Committee. The following members, observers and ICA Officers were present:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China - Chairperson
2. Mr. Adi Sasono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Member
3. Ms. Junko Ito, JCCU, Japan - Vice Chairperson
4. Dr. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia-on behalf of Prof. Ungku Aziz
5. Mr. D.P. Baskota, NCF, Nepal - Member
6. Mr. Guillermo P Cua, NATCCO, Philippines - Member
7. Mr. Seah Kian Peng, SNCF, Singapore - Member
8. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
9. Mr. Teo Say Hong, SNCF, Singapore - Youth Representative
10. Ms. Tian Lihua, ACFSMC, China - Interpreter
11. Mr. Li Shun, ACFSMC, China - Interpreter
12. Mr. Yuzri Suhud, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
13. Mr. Jiro Ito, JCCU, Japan - Observer
14. Mr. Isaac Yaw Asiedu, JCCU, Japan - Observer
15. Ms. Sharine Khoo, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Observer
16. Mr. M.G. Sunil Silva, NCC, Sri Lanka - Observer
17. Mr. Ivano Barberini, President, ICA, Geneva - Special Invitee
18. Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen, Development Director, ICA, Geneva
19. Mr. Garry Cronan, Director of Communications, ICA Geneva
20. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Secretary
21. Mr. Rajiv Mehta, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Observer
22. Mr. B.D. Sharma, ICA-DT, New Delhi - Observer
23. Mr. A.K. Taneja, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Observer
24. Ms. Savitri Singh, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Observer
25. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Recording
26. Mr. Tsubasa Nakamura, ICA-AP SBO, Singapore - Observer

Agenda Item No. 1 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice President and Chairman of the ICA-AP Standing Committee thanked the members for accepting the invitation and coming to attend the SC meeting in Kuala Lumpur. He specially thanked Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA, for his presence.

He informed the meeting that members from India, Israel and Korea have regretted their inability to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Colombo on 16th August 2006

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the SC meeting held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 16th August 2006 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions have been received. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Regional Director's Report

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out in 2006. He especially informed the meeting that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Government of Japan, has agreed to extend the Agricultural Management Training Course and the Rural Women Leaders Training Course for another five years with slight modifications in contents and titles. He also informed the meeting that the MAFF has agreed to finance two training courses on "Capacity Building for Marketing" from this year onwards for a period of five years.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting a variety of important activities in 2006. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee thanked the SC members and the member organizations for their kind support.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee also presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the year 2006. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 9,964 in Delhi office for the year 2006.

The ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for the year 2007 was presented by Mr. Shil Kwan Lee. He informed the house that ICA-AP was expecting a surplus of CHF 14,322 for 2007 also.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee mentioned that the total membership of ICA-AP as on 31st December 2006 was 57 organisations from 22 countries. He further said that if any Standing Committee Member had got information about potential members, it should be brought to the notice of ICA-AP.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities. All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP and unanimously accepted the report.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Post Tsunami Interventions by ICA-AP in India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka

Mr. Rajiv Mehta presented a report on the post tsunami interventions by ICA-AP in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The highlights of the report are given below:

India: Phase-1 from August 2005 to July 2006 aimed at physical reconstruction of cooperative infrastructure of seven tsunami affected cooperatives in Tamil Nadu and Nicobar with financial support from Coop UK US\$ 153,224 and NCUI US\$ 15,292 was completed in record time. Coop UK has sanctioned Phase-2 in Nicobar for reconstruction of seven warehouses and seven consumer shops with a commitment of US\$ 101,830.

Sri Lanka: NISPED and ICA jointly agreed to support 18 months long US\$ 400,000 Coop Empowerment Program in Southern Province in Sri Lanka to help 126 tsunami hit cooperatives. The project had taken off in June 2006 after prolonged discussions with 4 project partners in Sri Lanka. Physical reconstruction was in full swing in identified 10 coops and the capacity building training programs had also gained. More than 150 board members of affected coops were already benefited by the training program.

Indonesia: ICA extended bridge fund of CHF 45,000 to LSP21 and DEKOPINWIL NAD to help affected coops kick start their lives. Later UK Coop extended financial support of US\$ 140,000 to two fisheries coops for reconstruction of boats and purchase of equipments. ICA later committed itself for another sum of US\$ 50,000 to support project management unit and educate affected coops on livelihood recovery and management and US\$ 93,000 to upscale required interventions.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the ICA-AP and other development partners for the timely financial support for the tsunami affected projects in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. He also expressed his hearty thanks to the President of ICA. He further said that it was very important to learn the lessons from the disaster occurred to ensure better disaster preparedness.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Discussion on ICA Global Strategy Document

Mr. Ivano Barberini said that ICA is reviewing its strategy. The strategy was discussed in Stockholm in September and Trento in last December by the ICA Board. In coming May ICA will have another meeting in Mexico to discuss and finalise the ICA Global Strategy Document. This is a framework for vision, mission and strategy which will be followed by all regions. It is important that all regions could have a common framework. This is the intention of this Global Strategy Document.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that we had a series of meetings on this subject. One week back we had a telephonic discussion. He requested the members to give their comments/suggestions on the strategy document. He said that this ICA Global Strategy Document will be approved by the ICA General Assembly in Singapore in October 2007. He further said that we still have to work out the membership structure and subscription formula.

Mr. Seah Kian Peng said that we should not talk too much about the Action Plan since it is a broad guideline only. We are now talking about the Vision, Mission, Strategic Objectives and Key Result Areas. After the Strategic Plan is approved by the General Assembly in Singapore, all regions would be requested to prepare their Action Plan.

Mr. Jan Eirik Imbsen said that Vision and Mission are suggested by the ICA Board. He said that the meeting should now discuss only about Strategic Objectives and Key Result Areas.

After the above explanations, the latest ICA Global Strategy Document received from ICA Geneva was discussed at the SC meeting. The members made the following observations:

- **Mission:**
The value-based economic business model is not sufficiently reflected in the objectives.
- **Strategic Objectives:**
Only one objective refers to external factors while the remaining four refer to internal factors.
- **Strategic Objective-2.0:**
It should also influence governments.
- **Strategic Objective-3.0:**
Delete "... and fund the implementation of ICA strategy". It is not necessary. Proposed new wording – **Build strong financial capacity of ICA**. Comment: The ICA should mobilize members to sustain the ICA.
- **Strategic Objective-4.0:**
Comment: Put governance at the forefront.
Add another KRA (4.4) about good governance (or expand 4.1 to include it).
- **Change KRA-5.4 to:**
Develop ICA as the employer of choice.
Add a new KRA about women and youth.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee requested the SC members to send their written comments, if any, to ICA-AP as soon as possible so that they could be sent to ICA Geneva for its consideration.

Agenda Item No. 7 : Preparations for 8th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Legislation and Policy

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that all arrangements with regard to 8th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Legislation and Policy were made in collaboration with the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development (MECD) and ANGKASA. The opening ceremony of the Conference would be held in the afternoon of 12th March at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC) Around 900 people were expected to attend the inauguration. The Conference would be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The theme of the Conference was "**Fair Globalisation through Cooperatives**". Around 375 participants including 10 ministers from 22 countries would be attending the Conference.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting about the decision of the Government of Malaysia not to approve the application of the members of the Israeli delegation to come to Malaysia to take part in the Conference. We had in fact left no stone unturned in ensuring the participation of all relevant cooperative figures, from Israel, in this important Conference. Indeed, we were assured by the dealing officers of the Ministries involved in the preparations for the Conference that Israeli delegation would be able to participate in the Conference on the same basis as all other delegations.

In this regard Mr. Ivano Barberini said "I am really sorry that our Israeli friends are unable to attend the Conference. It is true that the situation in the Middle East area is going through a difficult phase. However, especially for this reason, Israeli and Palestinian cooperators are committed now, more than ever, to building the peace process through "person to person" relations and through development projects in Palestine, cooperating with each other with the support of EU and cooperative organizations from other countries. The ICA is the largest NGO in the world and represents cooperatives from every culture and creed throughout the world since 1895. We are committed to peace and social justice and through our values and principles our membership is open to all. Our Israeli Movement is well known for its support for the peace process and the two-state solution with Israeli and Palestine living by side in peace. ICA will continue to request that all ICA members could have access to countries where we organize our Conferences. It is basic requirement of our movement".

At the conclusion, all the members agreed that ICA should try their best to solve such a political situation through meaningful dialogue and continued efforts since our capacity was limited to host such extremely important events on stand alone basis.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Other Business Matters Arising

No other business matters arising out of the meeting was raised under this Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 9 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The meeting unanimously agreed to hold the next SC meeting on 16th October 2007 in Singapore in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee thanked ANGKASA for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

12th April 2007

ANNEXURE - 2

Minutes of the ICA-AP Standing Committee Meeting

Singapore: 16th October 2007

The meeting of ICA-AP Standing Committee was held at Raffles City Convention Centre (RCCC) on 16th October 2007 from 14:00 to 17:30 hours. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice President and Chairman of Standing Committee. The following members, observers and ICA Officers were present:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India - Member
3. Mr. Adi Sasono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Member
4. Dr. Yehudah Paz, NISPED, Israel - Member
5. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
6. Mr. Hi-Hyung Jo, NACF, Korea - Alternate Member
7. Dr. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Alternate Member
8. Mr. D.P. Baskota, NCF, Nepal – Member
9. Mr. Guillermo P Cua, NATCCO, Philippines - Member
10. Mr. Seah Kian Peng, SNCF, Singapore - Member
11. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
12. Mr. Teo Say Hong, SNCF, Singapore – Youth Representative
13. Mr. Li Shun, ACFSMC, China – Interpreter
14. Mr. Benny A. Kusbini, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
15. Mr. Aip Syarifuddin, DEKOPIN, Indonesia- Observer
16. Mr. Yuzri Suhud, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
17. Ms. Irbar Masri, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
18. Mr. Jiro Ito, JCCU, Japan – Observer
19. Mr. M.G. Sunil Silva, NCC, Sri Lanka – Observer
20. Mr. Ivano Barberini, President, ICA Geneva – Special Invitee
21. Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA Geneva – Special Invitee
22. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Secretary
23. Mr. Rajiv Mehta, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Observer
24. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Recording

Agenda Item No. 1 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice President and Chairman of the ICA-AP Standing Committee thanked the members for accepting the invitation and coming to attend the SC meeting in Singapore. He specially thanked Mr. Ivano Barberini and Mr. Iain Macdonald, President and Director General of ICA respectively, for their presence.

He extended a warm welcome to Ms. Hitomi Tanaka from JCCU, Japan (replacement of Ms. Junko Ito) and Mr. G.H. Amin, President of NCUI, India (replacement of Dr. S.S. Sisodia).

He informed the meeting about the sad demise of Mr. M.V. **Madane** and Dr. S.S. **Sisodia** after the last SC meeting in Malaysia and condoled their passing away. While Mr. Madane had long served ICA-AP and was closely associated with the ICA-AP, Dr. Sisodia was a member of ICA Board and Standing Committee for many years. A two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to them.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on 11th March 2007

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the SC meeting held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) on 11th March 2007 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions have been received. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Regional Director's Report

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out during January to September 2007 and planned activities for the period October to December 2007. He also presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the period January to June 2007. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 22,811 in Delhi office for the period January-June 2007.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee mentioned that the total membership of ICA-AP as of today was 58 organizations from 22 countries. Recently the Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union of Pakistan has become the member of the ICA.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities. All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP. The report was accepted unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Discussion on ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for 2008

The draft ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for the year 2008 was presented by Mr. Shil Kwan Lee. He informed the house that the membership

redistribution formula would be finalized by the ICA Board only in December and accordingly there would be some slight changes in the Budget.

Mr. Seah suggested that ICA-AP should send the documents in advance so that the members could get more time to go through the documents that in turn would help in having more effective discussions.

Mr. Adi Sasono and Dr. Paz welcomed the idea of expansion of activities in new countries. Dr. Paz said that earlier Fiji was a member of ICA, but their financial position was very tight. He also said that some activities might also be held in Central Asia.

Dr. Paz said that no regional activity should be held in any country where all members are not welcome. There was a problem some time back and this should be kept in mind in future.

Mr. Teo said that expansion was good, but it should not upset the current members. There should be cross-regional interaction rather than sub-regional interaction.

Mr. Jo said that it was good that ICA would be preparing a profile of member organizations. He said that some research activities should also be included in the work plan.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that membership situation and financial situation of ICA was getting better and better. He thanked Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his staff for this. He suggested that ICA-AP should revise the Work Plan based on the suggestions made by the members.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Progress on Restructuring Working Group Report

Mr. Ivano Barberini informed the meeting that the ICA Board had set up a Restructuring Working Group (RWG) to discuss and submit a report on the regionalization issues. The RWG had met several times and exchanged a number of papers on the agreed main subjects – legal, roles, membership and finance issues. The ICA Board has now endorsed the report. He said that this ICA Global Strategy Document would be approved by the ICA General Assembly in Singapore in October 2007. He further said that we ought to work out the membership structure and subscription formula.

Mr. Iain Macdonald presented the important points of the RWG report at the meeting. He said that after the GA, there would be consultations with the members at regional level and at the special General Assembly in June next year to finalise the membership subscription formula. The new ICA subscription formula would be applicable from January 2009 onwards. The year 2008 would be a transition period.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that the main concern of our region was the subscription formula which was at present based on business turnover and

the proposal of the RWG was based on total membership. So the subscription formula ought to be worked out very carefully.

After the above explanations, the latest ICA Global Strategy Document received from ICA Geneva was discussed at the SC meeting. The members made the following observations:

There was a common concern among the members about the method to calculate membership subscription. The members felt that the basis of individual membership to calculate the membership subscription was not suitable in the Asian context owing to high population in most of the countries.

Further the cross membership/duplication of individual members among various member organizations of ICA from one country pose a serious problem in working out a clear subscription amount and hence likely to create confusions and frustrations among ICA member organizations. In most of the Asian countries the problem of working out a clear subscription amount would be rather impossible due to lack of authentic data on the membership affiliated to a particular sector/organization.

Therefore, the members agreed to urge upon the ICA Board to make the subscription formula linked with the economic development stage of the primary affiliates of the ICA member organization.

Mr. Li Chunsheng suggested that the views expressed by the members should be carefully considered by the ICA.

Agenda Item No. 7 : Preparations for 8th Meeting of ICA Regional Assembly and Coop Forum

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that pursuant to the last RA, the 8th Meeting of ICA Regional Assembly and Cooperative Forum would be held in Hanoi (Vietnam) from **1st to 6th December 2008**. All the events in Hanoi would be organized by the ICA-AP in collaboration with the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). The theme of the Cooperative Forum would be "**The Coop Advantage in the Economy of Asia and Pacific**". He requested the members to keep these dates in mind while preparing their travel schedule.

A brochure on Vietnam was distributed at the meeting by the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) and they requested the members to attend all the events in Hanoi.

The meeting thanked the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) for agreeing to organize the 8th ICA Regional Assembly and other events in Hanoi from 1st to 6th December 2008.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Other Business Matters Arising

Mr. Rajiv Mehta presented the **KL Declaration** of 8th Ministers Conference on Cooperative Legislation and Policy held in Malaysia in March 2007. He further said that the report of the 8th Ministers Conference would be ready soon.

Agenda Item No. 9 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The meeting unanimously agreed to hold the next SC meeting in June 2008 in Rome (Italy) in conjunction with the ICA Special General Assembly, unless there was no specific need. However, consultations with members will be done through e-mail.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee thanked the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

7th January 2008

Minutes of the ICA-AP Standing Committee Meeting Manila (Philippines): 27th March 2008

The meeting of ICA-AP Standing Committee (Regional Board) was held at Manila Hotel on 27th March 2008 from 09:30 to 17:00 hours. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice President and Chairman of Standing Committee. The following members, observers and ICA Officers were present:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India - Member
3. Mr. Adi Sasono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Member
4. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
5. Mr. Chan Ho Choi, NACF, Korea - Alternate Member
6. Dr. Wan Ali Tuanku Madhi, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Alternate Member
7. Mr. Guillermo P Cua, NATCCO, Philippines - Member
8. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
9. Mr. Teo Say Hong, SNCF, Singapore – Youth Representative
10. Mr. S.K. Jakhar, IFFCO, India – ICA Board Member
11. Dr. Gopal N. Saxena, IFFCO, India - Observer
12. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
13. Mr. Rong Chengfa, ACFSMC, China – Observer
14. Mr. Yuzri Suhud, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
15. Mr. Irsyad Muchtar, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
16. Mr. Insanial Burhamzah, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
17. Mr. Jiro Ito, JCCU, Japan – Observer
18. Mr. Wilfredo A. Dimamay, NATCCO, Philippines - Observer
19. Mr. Tan Kin Lian, Singapore – Resource Person
20. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Secretary
21. Mr. Rajiv Mehta, ICA-AP, New Delhi – Observer
22. Mr. Yoshi Nakamura, ICA-SBO, Singapore - Observer
23. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Recording

Agenda Item No. 1 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice President and Chairman of the ICA-AP Standing Committee thanked the members for accepting the invitation and coming to attend the SC meeting in Manila. He said that this meeting was very important since it would be discussing the new Subscription Formula. He informed the meeting that members from Israel, Nepal and Singapore have regretted their inability to attend the meeting.

Mr. Guillermo P. Cua welcomed all the Standing Committee members on behalf of NATCCO and the Cooperative Movement of the Philippines. He specially thanked Mr. Li Chunsheng and Mr. Shil Kwan Lee for holding the Standing Committee meeting in Manila. He wished the participants a very comfortable and enjoyable stay in the Philippines.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Li Chunsheng invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Singapore on 16th October 2007

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the SC meeting held in Singapore on 16th October 2007 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions have been received. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Introduction of “Cooperative Movement of the Philippines”

Ms. Lecira V. Juarez, Chairperson of Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) made a powerpoint presentation on “Cooperative Movement of the Philippines”. The Standing Committee thanked her for making the excellent presentation.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Regional Director’s Report

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the period January to December 2007. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 1,771 in Delhi office for the year 2007.

He presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out during October to March 2008 and planned activities for the period April to December 2008. He also presented the budget of ICA-AP for the year 2008. He informed the house that ICA-AP was expecting a surplus of CHF 5,416 for 2008 also.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka said that in the Work Plan 3 training programs for managers of consumer cooperatives to be held in Japan (Miyagi/Kobe/Japan) were to be included.

Mr. Adi Sasono said that on 12th July the cooperative day celebration would be held in Jakarta and some program could be held in Indonesia in conjunction with cooperative day celebration.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee mentioned that the total membership of ICA-AP as of today was 57 organizations from 21 countries. Recently the Dubai Building Cooperative Society-UAE, Sharjah Cooperative Society-UAE, and Fiji Cooperative Union Limited-Fiji have applied for membership of the ICA.

The members thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities. All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP. The report was accepted unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Discussion on new ICA Membership Subscription Formula

A letter received from ICA President addressed to Mr. Li Chunsheng and the documents prepared by the ICA-AP regarding the membership subscription were circulated at the meeting. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee explained to the meeting in detail the proposed subscription formula and the amount each organization has to be paid. He said that the main concern of our region was the subscription formula which was at present based on business turnover and the proposal of the Restructuring Working Group (RWG) was based on total membership. So the subscription formula ought to be worked out very carefully. He further said that the new ICA Subscription Formula would be applicable from January 2009 onwards. The year 2008 would be a transition period.

There was a common concern among the members about the method to calculate membership subscription. The members felt that the basis of individual membership to calculate the membership subscription was not suitable in the Asian context owing to high population in most of the countries.

Further the cross membership/duplication of individual members among various member organizations of ICA from one country pose a serious problem in working out a clear subscription amount and hence likely to create confusions and frustrations among ICA member organizations. In most of the Asian countries the problem of working out a clear subscription amount would be rather impossible due to lack of authentic data on the membership affiliated to a particular sector/organization.

The Standing Committee discussed various aspects of the new Membership Subscription Formula and in view of an affordable solution, unequivocally agreed to the following suggestions:

1. Financial capacity of cooperatives ought to be the determinant factor to calculate the subscription amount. Hence, the following indicators could be applied on working out the new subscription formula:
 - a. *per capita income of the country (not WBCII);*
 - b. *turn over of the cooperative; and*
 - c. *staff strength of the cooperative.*
2. The transition period to embrace new pattern should be minimum five years.

3. The membership number in a cooperative is a relative indicator, since many of the cooperatives do not have the exact number of the active user members because there are pressing political and communal reasons to continue with inactive members. Moreover, high number of members in a cooperative may not necessarily reflect financial health of a cooperative. Hence, the membership based criterion could be arguable in terms of its authenticity and not desirable in working out the membership subscription.
4. In the context of above, the proposed criteria of deciding membership subscription is not acceptable to many of the members of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region and there is a serious threat to ICA membership structure if corrective measures are not taken on time.

The Standing Committee unanimously decided to send the attached **Recommendation** to ICA Board for its serious consideration.

Mr. Li Chunsheng said that the views expressed by the members would be conveyed to the ICA Board Members.

Agenda Item No. 7 : Presentation on “Developing Neighbourhood Coops to Serve Members”

Mr. Tan Kin Lian, Former Chief Executive of NTUC Income, Singapore, made a special presentation on “Developing Neighbourhood Cooperatives to Serve Members” at the meeting. The Standing Committee thanked him for making the excellent presentation which was very useful and informative.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Discussion on “Strategy and Priorities of ICA-AP”

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the current Strategy and Priorities of ICA-AP” would be over by end of 2008 and we have to prepare our new Strategy and Priorities for the year 2009-2012.

Mr. Rajiv Mehta, Development Director of ICA-AP, presented the Strategic Plan of ICA Geneva for the year 2009-2012 which is as follows:

Strategic Objectives are defined by the Board who also determines the global budget for its achievement.

Key Result Areas are those actions that will lead to the achievement of strategic objective.

Each KRA will have an **outcome** which is what KRAs should produce (effect).

Each outcome will have one of more **indicators** to measure if the KRA has been achieved.

Outcomes and indicators from various ICA components will be compiled and summarized by DG for presentation to ICA global board to report on progress in achieving the strategic objectives of the organization as a whole.

Strategic Initiatives are determined by each part of the ICA but must be linked to the common ICA KRAs.

Activities are undertaken within a strategic initiative. These are essentially the list of activities currently found in the work plan which are determined by each part of the ICA.

Strategic Objectives

1. Consolidate and increase membership
2. As a knowledge-based organization, increase global influence in promoting the growth of cooperative enterprise as a preferred value-based business model.
3. Build Financing Sustainability
4. Improve efficiency, effectiveness and “good governance” of ICA
5. Build a competent and committed people base

Key Result Areas

- 1.1 *Retain existing members*
- 1.2 *Add new members*
- 1.3 *Support the creation and consolidation of new national cooperative organizations in countries where they do not exist and when there is a demand.*
- 1.4 *Improve compliance of Cooperative Identify Statement among members.*
- 1.5 *Increase member participation*
- 1.6 *Improve the value of services to members.*

- 2.1 *Target the most relevant strategic issues for cooperatives.*
- 2.2 *Consolidate and build strategic alliances/networks.*
- 2.3 *Build recognition of the value-based cooperative economic business model with the Cooperative Identify Statement as reference.*
- 2.4 *Build the credibility of the ICA as the centre of excellence for knowledge, expertise and coordinated action about cooperatives.*
- 2.5 *To maintain and further develop effective communications systems.*

- 3.1 *Increase income from membership fees by increasing membership.*
- 3.2 *Seek significant funding from alternative sources.*

3.3 *Find more cost effective ways of accomplishing the work through alliances with educational institutions and members for in kind services.*

4.1 *Maximize effectiveness and good governance of new structure.*

4.2 *Improve productivity*

4.3 *Improve knowledge management within ICA*

4.4 *Develop and maintain a relevant and cost effective member service delivery.*

5.1 *Build skills appropriate to roles and responsibilities*

5.2 *Create a positive culture and team spirit*

5.3 *Develop high quality leadership throughout the ICA*

5.4 *Develop ICA as an employer of choice*

5.5 *Develop succession planning*

5.6 *Promote motivation of staff.*

Mr. Adi Sasono suggested that Business Networking could be one of the Key Result Areas.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that it was only the initial stage of the preparation and the improved draft would be presented at the next Standing Committee meeting. He requested the members to send their suggestions to ICA-AP as soon as possible.

Agenda Item No. 9 : Discussion on setting up of new Committees

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that last year the Youth Committee was set up. We have now received the two proposals for setting up separate Committees for (a) Cooperative Research and (b) University/Campus Cooperatives. He further said that ICA-AP do not provide any financial assistance to the Committees.

Mr. Jiro Ito, Chairman of Consumer Committee, said that last year the Consumer Committee had approved the proposal of setting up of a separate committee for the University/Campus Cooperatives.

Mr. Teo Tsay Hong, Chairman of Youth Committee, said that personally University/Campus Committee was important to him and it helped a lot in setting up the Youth Committee.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that we should encourage if they want to set up separate committees.

After discussions, the SC in principle agreed for the setting up of separate committees for Cooperative Research and University/Campus Cooperatives.

However, due to time constraints their Constitutions could not be discussed and that would be approved at the next Standing Committee meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10 : Preparations for 8th Meeting of ICA Regional Assembly and Coop Forum

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that pursuant to the last RA, the 8th Meeting of ICA Regional Assembly and Cooperative Forum would be held in Hanoi (Vietnam) from **1st to 6th December 2008**. All the events in Hanoi would be organized by the ICA-AP in collaboration with the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). The theme of the Cooperative Forum would be **"The Coop Advantage in the Economy of Asia and Pacific"**. He requested the members to keep these dates in mind while preparing their travel schedule.

He further said that majority of the meetings would be held in Melia Hotel and the President of Vietnam was expected to inaugurate the joint opening of 8th Regional Assembly and the Cooperative Forum on 3rd December. Further progress would be reported at the next Standing Committee Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Other Business Matters Arising

The meeting was informed that at present we have five members to the ICA Board from China, India, Japan, Korea and Singapore. Recently the Chairman of National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) has been changed and the present incumbent was Mr. Won-Byung Choi and he was interested to be a member of the ICA Board. NACF has already written to ICA Geneva on this subject and solicited the support of the Standing Committee.

Dr. Gopal N. Saxena said that all the delegates from Asia-Pacific region should support the candidature of Mr. Won-Byung Choi.

Agenda Item No. 9 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The meeting unanimously agreed to hold the next SC meeting in June 2008 in Rome (Italy) in conjunction with the ICA Special General Assembly, if necessary. However, consultations with members would be done through e-mail.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee thanked Mr. Guillermo P. Cua and the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO) for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Informal Meeting of the ICA AP Standing Committee in Rome on 4 June 2008

A special informal meeting of the members of ICA Standing Committee was held in Rome on 4 June 2008 a day before the ICA Special General Assembly in Rome. All the members except from Nepal and Philippines attended the meeting.

Mr Li Chungsheng, President, ICA Asia Pacific in his opening remarks appreciated the role of Mr Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director ICA AP for pushing the agenda of Revised ICA Subscription Formula in the larger interest of the ICA Asia Pacific members. He also praised the leadership of Mr Surinder Kumar Jakhar, Chairman, IFFCO at the ICA Board meeting in Washington in convincing ICA President about the concerns expressed by the members of ICA Asia Pacific Standing Committee meeting held in Manila.

Mr Lee presented the salient features of improved subscription formula and also explained the positive aspects of the formula. Referring to the number of primary members as the basis of new subscription formula, he elucidated the criteria and accordingly answered questions from India, Sri Lanka and Korea. Responding to 300% increase in the subscription amount of DEKOPIN, Indonesia, Mr Lee advised the President of DEKOPIN Mr Adi Sasono to motivate sector specific national federations in Indonesia to apply for the membership of ICA to make a trade-off.

Mr Iain Macdonald, Director General of ICA also attended the meeting and addressed the members of the ICA Asia Pacific Standing Committee. He said that the new system might take 2 to 3 years to be properly understood but in long run would definitely increase the membership base of ICA and eventually makes cooperatives appreciate about the merits of active user members in the development of cooperatives.

Mr Lee informed the members about the change in nomenclature of Standing Committee to Regional Board. The proposal would be placed before Regional Assembly in Vietnam and thereafter the ICA Asia Pacific Standing Committee would be known as ICA Asia Pacific Regional Board.

Before concluding the meeting, Mr Li Chungsheng informed the house about earthquake in eastern part of China that left 69,000 dead, 18,000 missing and more than 400,000 injured. The loss to the cooperatives in China was more than 300 m USD. As per the available information, there were 37 employees who died and more than 400 members who got injured due to earthquake. The exact number would only be known later as many areas had become inaccessible after the earthquake. He asked Mr Lee to inform about the loss of human capital and natural resources in Myanmar due to cyclonic winds. Mr Lee circulated the copies of the appeal issued by ICA to help the victims of natural disasters in China and Myanmar.

The members observed a silence of two minutes to mourn the death of cooperative fraternity in China and Myanmar.

Finally, Mr Lee proposed Hanoi as the next venue for the ICA Standing Committee that got approved by Mr Jakhar.

The meeting concluded with appreciation for the host and thanks to the Chair.

Prepared by: Rajiv I.D. Mehta.

RULES OF ICA-ASIA AND PACIFIC

(Based on the Rules approved by ICA General Assembly in Rome on 6th June 2008)

Existing Rules	Proposed Rules
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 1: Mission Statement</p> <p>The International Cooperative Alliance Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (also known as International Cooperative Alliance - Asia and Pacific) shall strive to promote and strengthen the Cooperative Movement in the region.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 2: Objects</p> <p>The International Cooperative Alliance in Asia-Pacific, in compliance with Article 2 of the ICA Rules, shall have the following objects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote the Cooperative Movement in Asia-Pacific region; 2. To promote and protect Cooperative Values and Principles; 3. To facilitate the development of economic and other mutually beneficial relations between its member organisations; 4. To promote sustainable human development and to further the economic and social progress of people, thereby contributing to peace and security in Asia-Pacific region; and 5. To promote equality between men and women in all decision-making and activities within the Cooperative Movement. <p>ICA-Asia and Pacific shall not affiliate itself to any political or religious organisation and shall maintain independence in all its activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article-1: Mission Statement</p> <p>The International Cooperative Alliance - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) shall strive to promote and strengthen the Cooperative Movement in the Asia-Pacific region in the spirit of ICA Cooperative Identity Statement (ICIS).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 2: Objects</p> <p>ICA-AP is a regional representative of cooperative organizations of all kinds that has the following objects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote the cooperative movement in Asia-Pacific region and facilitate its global integration; 2. To promote and protect cooperative values and principles; 3. To facilitate the development of economic and other mutually beneficial relations among its member organizations; and 4. To promote sustainable human development and gender equity to further the economic and social progress of people, thereby contributing to peace and security in the region. <p>The ICA-AP shall not affiliate itself to any political or religious organization and shall maintain independence in all its activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 3: Structure</p> <p>The ICA-AP is organized at the regional, sectoral and thematic levels and comprises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a central office in New Delhi, India • a sub-office in Singapore

ANNEXURE - 3

The ICA-AP is open to all cooperative organizations in Asia-Pacific region.

Regional Assembly is the supreme body of ICA-AP and all the decisions are monitored and supervised by the elected Regional Board.

The Regional Director through a team of technical staff implements the plans and actions approved by the Regional Assembly.

Article 4: Membership

The decision to admit to membership of the ICA lies with the ICA Global Board. Organizations are eligible for two types of membership: (a) Members (full members with voting rights); and (b) Associate Members (without voting rights). Members of ICA from Asia-Pacific region automatically become members of ICA-AP.

Article 5: Rights of Member Organizations

Subject to fulfillment of financial obligations to ICA, Members and Associate Members have the right to: (a) receive from ICA-AP all appropriate services, information and assistance; and (b) participate in any global/ regional sectoral organization or thematic committee of ICA in accordance with its Constitution.

Members also have the right to: (a) take part in formulating ICA global/regional policies and work programs of ICA authorities; and (b) appoint representatives to the ICA General and Regional Assemblies and to nominate candidates for election to the Global/Regional Board.

Article 6: Obligations of Member Organizations

Members and Associate Members have the following obligations:

1. To observe the aims and policy of ICA and ICA-AP and to conform in its activity to the ICA Cooperative Identity Statement;
2. To take all such actions as may be recommended by the Authorities of ICA-AP in support of its policy decisions;

Article 3: Regional Assembly

1. Under Article 16 of the ICA Rules, there shall be a Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific region, consisting of representatives appointed by the ICA member organisations in the region.
2. The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, take place every second year, alternating with ICA General Assembly, if not decided otherwise by it.
3. The total number of voting representatives from any country shall not exceed the maximum number of member organisations from any country in the region.
4. Member organisations in the region shall be entitled to additional votes based on multiple of ICA Geneva membership subscription or as otherwise approved by the Regional Assembly.
5. Member organisations from the region shall have the right to send non-voting Observers from their own organizations to the Regional Assembly upon payment of registration fee.
6. Non-members of ICA such as international organizations, parastatal organizations and other institutions concerned with the promotion of cooperatives can be invited to the Regional Assembly as Observers upon

3. To supply ICA and ICA-AP with their membership data, annual report and a complimentary copy of all its relevant publications, as well as regularly inform ICA and ICA-AP on significant national cooperative developments, changes in its rules and bylaws, and all actions of the public authorities which affect the cooperative moment; and
4. To pay annual subscription to ICA in accordance with ICA Rules.

Article 7: Regional Authorities

The regional authorities of ICA-AP are: Regional Assembly, Regional Board and Regional Director.

Article 8: Regional Assembly

1. There shall be a Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific region, consisting of representatives appointed by the ICA member organizations in the region;
2. Regional Assembly, being the highest authority of ICA-AP, deals with the development of cooperatives in the region and formulates policies on major issues beneficial and relevant to the ICA and the cooperative movements in the region;
3. The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, meet every second year. Extra ordinary meetings of the Regional Assembly may be convened on the decision of the Regional Board or at the request of one-fifth of members; and
4. All questions on which the Regional Assembly votes are decided by a majority of the votes cast, unless specified otherwise. Voting procedures for election shall be in accordance with the ICA Voting Rules.

payment of registration fee unless the existing members from the same country oppose.

7. The functions of the Regional Assembly shall be:
- a. Draw up their own business procedures and representation rules, subject to approval by the ICA General Assembly;
 - b. Establish the priorities for the ICA-AP work programme in the region;
 - c. Implement the decisions of the ICA General Assembly in the region;
 - d. Submit reports, proposals, and resolutions for the consideration of the General Assembly;
 - e. Elect a person as President of the region who shall also serve as global **ICA Vice-President**, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. The President of the region shall, as a rule, be the **Chairperson** of the **Regional Assembly** and the **Standing Committee**. The person to be eligible for election as President of the region must have served on one or more ICA governing bodies for at least two years;
 - f. Elect two Vice Presidents, one of whom shall preferably be a woman. The two Vice Presidents shall be the Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Assembly and the Standing Committee;
 - g. Elect a maximum of eight Members to the Standing Committee, in addition to President and two Vice Presidents, from among the candidates proposed by member organisations in the Region;
 - h. The term of office of President, Vice Presidents and Members of the Standing Committee shall be **FOUR** years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsoring member organization, the sponsoring organization may nominate a replacement and the decision on the replacement rests

Article 9: Powers of Regional Assembly

The powers of the Regional Assembly shall be:

1. Implement the decisions of the General Assembly in the region;
2. Approve the ICA Regional Strategic Plan;
3. Elect a maximum of eleven (11) Members to the Regional Board from among the candidates proposed by the member organizations in the Region;
4. The term of office-bearers of the Regional Board is **four** years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsoring member organization, the sponsoring organization may nominate a replacement for the remaining term and the decision on the replacement rests with the Regional Board;
5. Draw up business procedures and representation rules for the ICA-AP, subject to approval by the General Assembly; and
6. Establish Sectoral Organizations and Thematic Committees and approve their Constitutions.

with the Standing Committee; and

- i. Establish Regional Specialized Committees and Thematic Committees and approve their Constitutions.

Article 4: Standing Committee

1. Under Article 20 of the ICA Rules, there shall be a Standing Committee (Regional Elected Body) consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents and eight Members elected by the Regional Assembly. No more than one person from one member country can be elected to the Standing Committee.
2. The Asia-Pacific members of the ICA Board, who are not members of the Standing Committee, shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Standing Committee.
3. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Standing Committee whose organisation has ceased affiliation with the ICA.
4. A quorum of the Standing Committee shall be constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a two-third majority of all Committee members present and voting. Each member of the Committee is entitled to one vote.
5. The Regional Director of ICA-AP shall be the Secretary of the Standing Committee.
6. The functions of the Standing Committee shall be:
 - a. To work within the policy guidelines and decisions laid down by the Regional Assembly;
 - b. To manage the affairs of ICA at regional level between the meetings of the Regional Assembly;
 - c. To prepare the Agenda and organise the meeting of the Regional Assembly;
 - d. To reinforce member organisations'

Article 10: Regional Board

1. There shall be a Regional Board consisting of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and eight Members elected by the Regional Assembly. Not more than one person from one country can be elected to the Regional Board;
2. Elect a person as **President** of the region who shall also serve as global ICA Vice-President, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. The President of the region shall, as a rule, be the **Chairperson** of the Regional Assembly and the Regional Board. The person to be eligible for election as President of the region must have served on one or more ICA governing bodies for at least two years;
3. Elect two Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall preferably be a woman. They shall also be Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Assembly;
4. The Asia Pacific members of the ICA Board and a youth representative, who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Regional Board;
5. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Board whose organization has ceased affiliation with the ICA;
6. A quorum of the Board shall be constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a two-third majority of members present and voting;
7. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote;
8. Formulate rules for the election of regional board members and office bearers;
9. To manage the affairs of ICA-AP between the meetings of the Regional Assembly; and
10. The Board shall meet at least once a year. The meetings shall be convened by the President or at the request of

active participation in ICA activities in the region;

- e. To promote sustainable cooperative development in the region;
- f. To strengthen and expand Sectoral Organizations and Thematic Committees in the region and ensure their cooperation with their global equivalent;
- g. To enhance the image of ICA and the Cooperative Movement in the region;
- h. To provide recommendations on membership applications from its region to the ICA Board; and
- i. To ensure regional finance and budgeting is strictly monitored and within the general guidelines of ICA;
- j. To approve and monitor the annual budget and work plan prepared by the Regional Director before submitting to the Director-General and ICA Board for final approval.

Article 5: Meetings

1. The Regional Assembly shall be convened by the Standing Committee. The ordinary Regional Assembly takes place every second year, alternating with the ICA General Assembly. The time and venue of the next Regional Assembly shall normally be decided by the previous Regional Assembly or by the decision of the Standing Committee.
2. If necessary, the Standing Committee may convene a special Regional Assembly either on its own decision or at the request of at least **one-third** of the ICA member organisations in the Region.
3. The Standing Committee meeting shall be convened by the President of the region at least once in a year.
4. The Regional Director shall be responsible for preparation and circulation of meeting documentation, and for practical arrangements of the

one-third of the members; and

11. The Regional Director of ICA-AP shall be the Secretary of the Regional Board.

Article 11: Powers of Regional Board

The powers of the Regional Board shall be:

1. To work within the ICA Strategic Plan and decisions laid down by the Regional Assembly;
2. To convene the meeting of the Regional Assembly;
3. To reinforce member organizations' active participation in ICA activities in the region;
4. To promote sustainable cooperative development in the region;
5. To build relations between other bodies of the ICA;
6. To enhance the image of ICA and the cooperative movements within the region;
7. To establish committees and working groups where appropriate;
8. To provide recommendations on membership issues from the region to the ICA Board;
9. To be responsible for appointment of the Regional Director in conjunction with the ICA Director-General; and
10. To approve the annual work plan/budget prepared by the Regional Director before submitting to the Director-General for integration into the global work plan/budget.

Article 12: Regional Director

The Regional Director shall be responsible for:

1. Promotion and protection of cooperative values and principles at the regional level;
2. Implementation of ICA Strategic Plan within the region;

Regional Assembly/Standing Committee.

5. The official language of the Regional Assembly/Standing Committee shall be English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters.

Article 6: Finance

1. The delegates or their sponsoring organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly/Standing Committee.
2. Participation in the Regional Assembly and other related meetings will be subject to payment of Registration Fee as prescribed by the Standing Committee.
3. In line with ICA tradition, Regional Assembly shall be hosted by the member organisations in the region who

3. Representation on request of member organizations on policy concerns to governmental bodies and the public;
4. Organization of the Regional Assembly and support elected bodies;
5. Recruitment of staff at ICA-AP;
6. Carrying out any other activities as may be requested by the Director-General or Regional Board; and
7. Submitting annual work program and budget, as approved by the Regional Board, to the Director-General for inclusion in the overall global budget of the ICA.

Article 13: Sectoral Organisations

1. The Regional Assembly may establish or dissolve Sectoral Organisations and Thematic Committees;
2. Regional Sectoral Organizations may be established in areas of economic and social activity of cooperatives as considered desirable;
3. Regional Thematic Committees may be established based on requirements of the region; and
4. The sectoral organizations and thematic committees will draw up rules for approval by the Regional Assembly. They will work within the Regional Strategic Plan and will submit annual work plans/ budgets to the Regional Director.

Article 14: Official Language

The official language of the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board is English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters

Article 15: Finance

1. The delegates or their sponsoring organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly/Regional Board;

may take care of logistic and other related costs as mutually agreed upon.

4. The budget and financial resources for implementing the work plan of ICA-Asia and Pacific shall be derived from the following sources:
 - a. Re-distribution of membership subscription to the region;
 - b. Funds provided through agreements with development agencies including governmental organisations;
 - c. Special contributions; and
 - d. Income from other sources as agreed by the Regional Assembly on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Article 7: Others

1. These Rules and any subsequent amendments shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Assembly.
2. For all other matters, which are not covered by these Rules, ICA Rules (September 2003) shall apply.

2. Participation in the Regional Assembly and other related meetings will be subject to payment of Registration Fee as prescribed by the Regional Board;

3. In line with ICA tradition, Regional Assembly shall be hosted by the member organisations in the region who may take care of logistic and other related costs as mutually agreed upon;

4. The budget and financial resources for implementing the work plan of ICA-AP shall be derived from the following sources:

- Re-distribution of membership subscription to the region;
- Funds provided through agreements with development agencies including governmental organizations;
- Special contributions and income from other sources.

Article 16: Others

1. Amendments to these Rules and any subsequent alterations shall be subject to the approval by the Regional Assembly.
2. For all other matters, which are not covered by these Rules, ICA Rules shall apply.

17th October 2008

STRATEGIC PLAN OF ICA-AP FOR 2009-2012

Strategic Objective 1- MEMBERSHIP: Consolidate and Increase Membership

Strategic Objectives	Key Result Areas	Strategic Initiatives
MEMBERSHIP: Consolidate and Increase Membership.	Retain existing members	Undertake member oriented actions Respond efficiently to members' requests
	Add new members	Membership drive strategy Strategic presence of ICA
INFLUENCE: Increase Global Influence to Promote Coops as a Specific Values Based Business Model.	Improve ICA's effectiveness as a lobbyist and advocate for the cooperative business model and values.	Relationship with Government Coordination with MOs Market effectiveness of coop business models
	Maintain and further develop effective communications.	Website Annual reports Periodicals/ journals/ media
	Build the credibility of the ICA as the centre of excellence for knowledge, expertise and coordinated action about cooperatives.	On-line database Advice on policy/ legislation on coops Cooperative research Archives/ library

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Strategic Objectives	Key Result Areas	Strategic Initiatives
DEVELOPMENT: Develop Strong Cooperative Enterprises for Social and Economic Progress.	Improve capacity building.	Knowledge management system Training and HRD networking
	Strengthen inter-cooperation	Networking of business interests Exchange/ exposure missions
	Consolidate and build strategic alliances/networks.	Trade forum/ Coop forum/ Coop-Govt. forum System preferences for cooperatives
GOVERNANCE: Strengthen ICA's Sustainability Through Financial Capacity, Good Governance and a Committed People Base.	Seek significant funding from alternative sources.	Sales of services Foster partnership Development cooperation
	Maximise effectiveness and good governance of all ICA.	Improve governance regime Membership policy
	Build skills appropriate to roles and responsibilities.	Human Resource policy
	Strengthen the organizational development of ICA.	Effective organizational structure & policy Restructuring initiatives Statutory obligations

Constitution of the ICA Asia Pacific Committee

on Co-operative Research

Preamble

This Committee is a Thematic Committee of the International Co-operative Alliance and shall function in accordance with the aims and objectives of the ICA and the policies and decisions of the ICA Regional Assembly.

Article 1: Name

The name of the Committee shall be "The ICA Asia Pacific Committee on Co-operative Research". It will be referred to as the Research Committee.

Article 2: Aim and Objective

To promote and support the initiation and furtherance of research activities within co-operatives and research organizations at regional, national and local levels, so as to enhance their social and economic effectiveness.

Article 3: Functions

The functions of the Research Committee shall be:

- a. to promote the systematic dissemination of information on the significance of research for co-operatives and co-operative organizations and to promote research activities wherever relevant;
- b. to help further the development of appropriate research frameworks within the regions of the ICA;
- c. to ensure the inclusion of research related activities as an integral element on the agendas of ICA Regional Assemblies;
- d. to facilitate effective interaction among the ICA global research framework, including the organization of joint conferences;
- e. to establish effective network relationships among all relevant bodies within and outside of ICA engaged in co-operative research;
- f. to facilitate through such network relationships the exchange of experience, research papers, information and other relevant elements among institutions and bodies concerned with co-operative research;
- g. to initiate contact and interaction with relevant non-ICA frameworks concerned with co-operative research including those drawn from the academic world, from the world of international organizations and civil society, communities, etc.;
- h. to develop effective working relationships with other ICA thematic committees, particularly with the committees concerned with HRD;

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- i. to carry out any other activities relevant and/or conducive to the promotion and furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Research Committee.

Article 4: Membership

- a. The members of the Research Committee shall be persons responsible for and actively involved in co-operative research;
- b. In general, representatives from ICA members may be invited to participate in Research Committee meetings and/or activities;
- c. The ICA Regional Director, or nominees designated by him or her, shall be invited to attend meetings of the Research Committee;
- d. Chairpersons and Secretaries of global and other regional research committees shall be invited to attend meetings of the Research Committee;
- e. The secretariat shall keep a register of members;
- f. There will be no annual membership fee. However, participation in activities may carry a fee to be determined from time to time.

Article 5: Office

The office of the Research Committee shall be that of the ICA regional office in Delhi unless a decision is taken by the Committee and approved by the ICA Regional assembly that it be located elsewhere.

Article 6: Officers

- a. The Research Committee shall elect a Steering Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, a Secretary and other Committee members.
- b. Steering Committee members shall serve for a period of four years. Elections shall be held at every fourth year. Retiring officers shall be eligible for reelection.
- c. Chairperson is responsible for convening and presiding over the meetings of the Research Committee and the Steering Committee.
- d. Chairperson is to serve as a liaison officer with the ICA Asia Pacific and the ICA global Research Committee.

Article 7: Meetings

- a. The Research Committee shall meet regularly biennially at the time and place of the Asian Co-operative Research Conferences and places when necessary.
- b. The Steering Committee shall communicate by email. It may meet at any times and places if and when necessary.
- c. Meetings of the Research Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson. The Secretary of the Research Committee shall inform members in good time of the date, place and agenda of the meetings and shall provide them with relevant reports, background material, etc. Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson. The Secretary shall inform Steering Committee

- members in good time of the date, place and agenda of the meetings and provide them with relevant reports, background material, etc.
- d. The language of the meetings of the Research Committee and its Steering Committee shall be English. Participants requiring interpretation in any other language may be accompanied by personal interpreters at their own expense.
 - e. The quorum of the Research Committee shall consist of members from seven countries. The quorum for a meeting of the Steering committee shall consist of four members. In the absence of the Chairperson, one of the Vice Chairpersons shall chair the meetings of the Research Committee and/or of the Steering Committee. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairpersons, members of the Research Committee shall elect a member to serve as chairperson for the meeting.

Article 8: Reporting

- a. The Research Committee shall report to each session of the Regional Assembly as to its activities, programmes, etc.
- b. Written reports shall be submitted to appropriate ICA bodies as requested and/or required.
- c. The Steering Committee shall report, verbally and in writing, to each of the meetings of the Research Committee on its activities, and in between meetings on matters of importance using various means of communication.

Article 9: Financing

- a. Participation in meetings and activities of the Research Committee and its Steering Committee shall be on a self-financing basis.
- b. As an ICA Thematic Committee, the Research Committee will seek appropriate institutional support from ICA when relevant.

Article 10: Amendments

Amendments to this document shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Research Committee present and shall become operative after they have been approved by the ICA Standing Committee.

Adopted: August 16, 2006

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY/CAMPUS CO-OPERATIVES FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

PREAMBLE

This Committee is being formed to take initiatives in the development of co-operatives in educational institutions in Asia and the Pacific Region. It shall be a Committee of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia-Pacific.

Article 1: Name

- 1.1 The name of the Committee shall be **“ICA Committee on University / Campus Co-operatives for Asia and the Pacific”**. Hereinafter, it will be referred to as the **“Committee”** and for all transactions, shortly referred to as **University/Campus Committee**.

Article 2: Area of Operation

- 2.1 The area of operations of the Committee shall be in Asia and the Pacific Region i.e. area covered by the ICA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

Article 3: Objectives

- 3.1 The main objective of the Committee shall be to promote the growth and development of co-operatives in educational institutions (university/college/high school) in pursuance with the objectives of the ICA-AP.

Specifically, it aims to undertake the following objectives:

- 3.1.1 To promote university/campus co-operatives realize a satisfactory campus life and contribute to the development of students and the educational institution.
- 3.1.2 To encourage exchanges of information of activities, knowledge and know-how and to develop businesses, services and activities of co-operatives.
- 3.1.3 To empower students, faculty members and staff to be effective and efficient co-operative leaders.
- 3.1.4 To promote the idea of university/campus co-operatives and to assist in the organization of new university/campus co-operatives.
- 3.1.5 To assist in the strengthening, reconstruction and rehabilitation of existing university/campus co-operatives.

- 3.1.6 To promote the betterment of the environment, communities and peace.
- 3.1.7 To encourage exchanges and promote linkages among university/campus co-operatives and educational institutions at all levels (i.e. local, national, regional and global).

Article 4: Activities

- 4.1 The activities of the Committee shall be as follows:
 - 4.1.1 The Committee shall have its meeting at least once a year and shall issue Newsletters either electronically or in printed form.
 - 4.1.2 The Committee shall arrange activities or programs for promoting and developing university/campus co-operatives in coordination with the ICA and other institutions;
 - 4.1.3 The Committee shall liaise with national, regional or global organizations in pursuance with its objectives.
 - 4.1.4 The activities of the Committee shall be reported to the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific.

Article 5: Membership

- 5.1 The members of the Committee shall consist of representatives from university/campus co-operative network organizations in the region:
 - a) National Apex organization of university/campus co-operatives
 - b) Secondary/regional level organizations of university/campus co-operatives in the absence of (a)
 - c) Representative approved by the Committee in the absence of (a) and (b).
- 5.2 Each member organization shall be represented by one person in the Committee.
- 5.3 The admission or resignation of the members of the Committee shall be discussed and approved in the meeting of the Committee.

Article 6: Office

- 6.1 The Office of the Committee shall be at the ICA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

Article 7: Meetings

- 7.1 The Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once every year. It shall be convened by the Secretary who shall also furnish the Committee with a report on the activities.
- 7.2 The proceedings of the meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in English. Participants requiring interpretation in another language may be accompanied by personal interpreters at their own cost.

- 7.3 The representative of the member organization present in the meeting shall be entitled to one vote.
- 7.4 Members who have not paid their annual membership dues to the Committee shall not be entitled to vote.
- 7.5 Eminent academicians/administrators of the educational institutions may be invited to the meetings of the Committee as observers or speakers. The observers shall not have any voting rights.
- 7.6 A quorum shall be at least three members.

Article 8: Officers

- 8.1 The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons, with due consideration to gender parity. The term of office shall be from the ICA Regional Assembly to the next. Retiring office bearers shall be eligible for re-election.
- 8.2 The Project Director/Officer of the ICA University/Campus Co-operative Development Project for Asia and the Pacific shall function as the Secretary of the Committee.
- 8.3 The Committee shall have Co-Secretaries to assist the Secretary, whenever necessary.
- 8.4 In the absence of the Chairperson in the meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair from among the members present to conduct the proceedings of the meeting.

Article 9: Finances

- 9.1 The funds needed to meet the expenditures of the meetings and activities of the Committee shall be derived from:
- a) The annual membership fee of US\$ 100 from each member organization.
 - b) The annual project fund of the ICA University/Campus Co-operative Development Project for Asia and the Pacific.
 - c) Other contributions.
- 9.2 The financial year of the Committee shall be one calendar year.

Article 10: Amendments

- 10.1 Any amendment to the Constitution of the Committee shall be tabled, discussed and endorsed by the Committee.
- 10.2 This amendment shall take effect upon the approval by the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific.

8th Ministers Conference on Cooperative Legislation and Policy

Kuala Lumpur Declaration

- **Noting** the multi-dimensional impact of globalization on the socio-economic lives of peoples of Asia and Pacific and their institutions particularly cooperatives;
- **Taking** note that while globalization and liberalization of national economies has resulted in enhanced economic growth and prosperity, its gains have not been equitably distributed among the people particularly the poorer and more vulnerable sections of the community;
- **Appreciating** the desire of the Cooperative Movement to participate in the developmental process in harnessing the gains of globalization aimed at poverty reduction, employment generation and equitable national development ;
- **Realizing** the importance of enabling cooperative legislation and policies for creating conducive environment for development of cooperatives;
- **Appreciating** the role of ICA to continuously facilitating the dialogue between the Cooperatives and the Governments to enhance the role of cooperatives for the economic growth and prosperity in the region.

We, the participants of the 8th Ministers Conference on "Cooperative Legislation and Policy" held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 12-15 March 2007:

Urge upon the Governments to catalyze the process of re-orienting the Cooperative Legislation and Policy to strengthen apolitical and autonomous character of cooperatives and to provide a positive level playing field to cooperatives to enable them to compete in the globalised market.

Call upon the Cooperative Movements to contribute effectively in the process of economic development, amongst others, by organizing small producers including farmers, workers and protecting consumers through self-help mode and also ensuring increased participation of women and youth in the cooperatives.

Exhort Cooperatives and Governments to strengthen management capacity, participatory governance and fair business relationship for ensuring healthy functioning of cooperative system through innovative strategies.

Calls upon Cooperatives and Governments in the region to periodically review the efficacy/effectiveness of Cooperative Legislation and Policy as well as to introduce appropriate reforms considering the dynamic changes and trends emerging in their respective national economies.

ANNEXURE - 7

**7th Meeting
of
ICA Regional Assembly
for Asia-Pacific**

Colombo (Sri Lanka): August 18, 2006

AGENDA NOTES



**International Co-operative Alliance
Asia-Pacific**

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International Co-operative Alliance - Asia and Pacific

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7TH MEETING OF ICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC
Galadari Hotel, Colombo: 18th August 2006
{09:00 ~ 16:00 hours}

AGENDA NOTES

AGENDA ITEM 01: OPENING REMARKS

Following joint opening ceremony of 4th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum and Regional Assembly on 16th August, 7th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly will be officially opened on 18th August by Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA. Mr. Mu Li, President of ICA-Asia and Pacific and Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly will chair.

**AGENDA ITEM 02: RATIFICATION OF MR. LI CHUNSHENG'S NAME
AS PRESIDENT OF ICA – ASIA AND PACIFIC**

Mr. Mu Li informed the SC members at its meeting held in Wuxi on 16th May that he has retired from ACFSMC. Therefore, he would like to recommend that **Mr. Li Chunsheng** be his successor for the remaining period of his term as President of ICA – Asia and Pacific. Mr. Li Chunsheng has served the ACFSMC in various capacities. He has been the Vice President of ACFSMC since 2000 and carries a wealth of experience in international affairs. He will no doubt stand up to the expectations of the ICA leadership and members in this region. Mr. Mu Li requested the SC members to take a decision in this regard.

At the SC meeting held in Wuxi Dr. S.S. Sisodia proposed the name of Mr. Li Chunsheng as President of ICA – Asia and Pacific, while all the members present at the meeting seconded his name. The Regional Assembly may kindly ratify his name as proposed by the Standing Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 03: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Delegates would be requested to accord formal approval of Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM 04: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH
MEETING HELD IN CHIANG MAI ON 3RD DEC.**

The Minutes of the 6th meeting held in Chiang Mai (Thailand) on 3rd December 2004, as enclosed at Annexure-1 were circulated to all the

delegates and member organizations. No suggestions/observations/ amendments have been received. Minutes may be confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM 05: PERUSAL OF MINUTES OF ICA AP STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE LAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Since the last Regional Assembly, five meetings of the Standing Committee were held. Confirmed minutes of the four meetings are enclosed at Annexure-2. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes has already been completed. Hon'ble delegates of the Regional Assembly may kindly peruse.

AGENDA ITEM 06: REPORT FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ICA-AP

A Progress Report will be presented before the Regional Assembly by the Regional Director, ICA - Asia and Pacific.

AGENDA ITEM 07: POST TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECTS IN INDIA, INDONESIA AND SRI LANKA

A progress report will be presented before the Regional Assembly on Post Tsunami Reconstruction and Empowerment Projects in India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

AGENDA ITEM 08: PRESENTATION ON GLOBAL HRD NETWORKING

The Global HRD Network promoted and developed by NCUI/VMNICM in collaboration with ICA HRD Committee was launched on 21st June 2006 at British Columbia Institute of Cooperative Studies, Victoria (Canada). Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) will make a presentation on **Global HRD Networking** at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 09: DISCUSSION ON REGIONALISATION ISSUES

The necessary papers will be circulated at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA COMMITTEE ON YOUTH COOPERATION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC

The Constitution of the ICA Committee on Youth Cooperation for Asia and Pacific, as approved by the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 16th May in Wuxi, is enclosed at Annexure-3. Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM ICA-AP SPECIALISED COMMITTEES

Chairpersons of the following Specialised Committees will present their report at the time of Regional Assembly:

- (a) Women's Committee
- (b) Consumer Committee
- (c) Agricultural Committee
- (d) Regional Cooperative Banking Association
- (e) HRD Committee
- (f) Youth Committee

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF 4TH ASIAN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The report will be placed before the Regional Assembly by the Chairperson of the ICA Research Conference.

AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT OF 4TH ICA REGIONAL COOP FORUM

Delegates are aware that 4th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum hosted by the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka has been planned on 16th and 17th August in Colombo. All the member organizations have been informed. We expect nearly 200 participants in this Cooperative Forum, besides local participants.

The theme of the Forum is "CAPACITY BUILDING: THE PRIORITY FOR COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES" and Sub-themes are the following:

- (a) Cooperative Values and Good Governance;
- (b) The Cooperative Way of Management; and
- (c) Strengthening HRD and Networking.

A report on the Forum will be placed before the Regional Assembly on 18th August.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORTS ON PREPARATION OF FORTHCOMING
IMPORTANT ICA EVENTS**

Reports will be presented at the meeting on the following important ICA activities:

- International Cooperative Trade Fair, Tehran (Iran), 24th to 30th October 2006.
- 8th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy and Legislation, Malaysia, 12th to 15th March 2007.
- ICA General Assembly, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore, 13-19 October 2007

AGENDA ITEM 15: OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS ARISING

**AGENDA ITEM 16: CONSIDERATION OF VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT
MEETING.**

The next meeting may be convened in the 4th quarter of 2008. The Standing Committee may be authorized to fix up the date.

As regards venue, delegates/prospective host member organizations may give their proposal at the time of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 17: CLOSING SESSION

25th July 2006

ANNEXURE - 1

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE ICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Chiang Mai (Thailand): 3rd December 2004

AGENDA ITEM 01: OFFICIAL OPENING

The formal joint opening ceremony of 3rd ICA Regional Cooperative Forum and 6th Regional Assembly was held at Lotus PSK Hotel, Chiang Mai (Thailand) on 1st December 2004. The meeting was hosted by the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT). His Excellency Chaturon Chaisang, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, delivered the key-note address. Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President; Mr. Mu Li, President, ICA – Asia and Pacific; and Mr. Wirat Lam-Ua-Yuth, Chairman of CLT delivered the opening remarks during the ceremony. Mr. Suwat Tantipat, Governor of Chiang Mai, welcomed the delegates. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA – Asia and Pacific proposed a vote of thanks. More than 900 persons attended the joint opening ceremony. The theme of the Forum was **“Re-Engineering Cooperatives in the Globalised Economy”**.

After conclusion of ICA Regional Cooperative Forum, the 6th Meeting of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific was held at Lotus PSK Hotel, Chiang Mai (Thailand) on 3rd December 2004. 158 participants from China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and ACCU attended the meeting. In addition, special invitees from Bhutan, Canada, Spain, ICMIF and ICA also attended the meeting. The list of participants of the meeting is attached (Annexure-1).

Mr. Mu Li, President, ICA – Asia and Pacific and Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly opened the meeting and welcomed all members and invitees. Mr. Mu Li said “I am very happy that most of the member organizations’ representatives could come to Chiang Mai to attend the meeting. This meeting assumes an added significance as it would deliberate on important issues for building consensus among cooperators of Asia regarding common action to face challenges of globalization”. After his brief remarks, he requested Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA, to formally inaugurate the meeting.

Mr. Ivano Barberini said “I would like to congratulate the organizers for the excellent arrangements made for the Cooperative Forum and the Regional Assembly. We have had some excellent initiatives in these days, with very good speakers who have come up with analysis and results coupled with useful and stimulating ideas. All regions are confronting with one common issue, i.e. globalization. However, it is important to analyse the implications of globalization in the local context. In view of this, knowledge needs to be transformed into action at local, regional and global level so as to generate a process of developmental re-enforcement. Having due regard for regional diversities, the common issue before all of us is how to fight poverty. Africa is facing graver situation. We should show our cooperative solidarity to help the poor region in their endeavour to remove poverty. Next week we will have a Board Meeting in Nairobi to express our solidarity with Africa. The main theme will be global campaign against poverty in synergy with UN organizations to enhance visibility of cooperatives in socio-economic development of the poor”. Wishing a happy New Year to all participants, the President inaugurated the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 02: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked the members whether they had any comments on the Agenda. The Agenda, which was circulated at the meeting, was unanimously approved.

At this point Mr. Mu Li requested Dr. Yehudah Paz, Chairman of International Relations, Central Union of Cooperative Societies, Israel and Member of the ICA Board and Standing Committee to chair the rest of the Session.

Dr. Yehudah Paz thanked the members for electing him as Chair to conduct the rest of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 03: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING HELD IN CEBU ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2003

The minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Regional Assembly held in Cebu (Philippines) on 21st February 2003 were circulated to all the delegates and member organizations. No suggestions/observations/amendments had been received. The Meeting unanimously confirmed the minutes with the following correction:

The designation of Dr. Mohd. Ali Bin Hj Baharum should be Deputy President of ANGKASA instead of Vice President.

AGENDA ITEM 04: PERUSAL OF MINUTES OF ICA-AP STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE LAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Since last Regional Assembly, three meetings of the Standing Committee were held. Confirmed minutes of these meetings were circulated at the meeting. Necessary follow-up action on these minutes had already been completed. The delegates of the Regional Assembly endorsed the minutes of the Standing Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 05: PROGRESS REPORT FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee made a power point presentation on the important activities carried out by ICA-AP after the last Regional Assembly meeting in Cebu. He said that we have tried to spread out the activities in most of the countries served by ICA-AP. He presented the financial projection for 2004 and informed the meeting that there would be a surplus of CHF 21,975 in ICA-AP and CHF 3,178 at Singapore Business Office.

Some members suggested that reports of this nature should be sent in advance for a meaningful meeting. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that in future he would send his report in advance to the member organizations.

The members thanked Mr. Shil Kwan Lee for the extensive and exhaustive reports. The report on Activities and the Financial Report as presented by Mr. Shil Kwan Lee were approved by the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 06: APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM/BUDGET OF ICA-AP FOR 2005

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for 2005 which was earlier approved by the Standing Committee. He said that there would be a surplus of CHF 13,480 at ICA-AP in 2005.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee thanked the development partners and member organizations for their financial support.

Mr. B. Subrahmanyam from India informed the meeting that RCBA has decided to hold a Conference on "Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation" in 2005 and wanted ICA-AP to collaborate with it. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that it was a good idea and he would hold discussions with the concerned persons and the dates and venue mentioned in the work Plan are only tentative.

Regarding Youth Seminar follow-up, Mr. Lee informed the meeting that they decided to set up a Youth Committee and it was under discussion stage.

Regarding rehabilitation of cooperatives in Afghanistan, Mr. Lee said that some preliminary action has been taken. He said that ICA-AP invited a delegation including the Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Afghanistan for the Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi in February and held discussions with them. But unfortunately, there was no response from them after that.

Mr. Leow Peng Kui from Singapore said that at least one HRD activity may be included in the 2005 Work Plan.

The Work Plan/Budget for 2005 was approved by the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 07: *AMULTI-ANNUAL BUDGET OF ICA - ASIA AND PACIFIC FOR 2005-2007*

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the Multi-Annual Budget of ICA-AP for 2005-2007. He said that ICA collected approximately CHF 600,000 from our region every year and we got back only CHF 145,000 (23%). 77% was kept with the head office. Hence re-distribution of membership subscription has been kept at the same level for all the three years.

Madam Rahaiah Baهران said that the Women's Committee has decided to collect information on the situation of women in the region in collaboration with UNIFEM. She also said that ICA Domus Trust has agreed to release some funds for this activity in 2005.

Mr. Subrahmanyam from India congratulated the ICA-AP for the Multi-Annual Budget with a sense of appreciation.

The Multi-Annual Budget for 2005-2007 as presented by Mr. Shil Kwan Lee was approved by the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 08: *APPROVAL OF PRIORITIES OF ICA-AP FOR 2005-08*

The Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the Regional Assembly had approved the existing ICA-AP Priorities for 2000-2004; and priorities for 2005-2008 need to be decided before the end of the current year. He then presented the ICA-AP Priorities for 2005-2008 which was approved by the Standing Committee on 30th November:

- a. Propagation of Cooperative Values and Principles*
- b. Cooperative Legislation and Policy Reforms*
- c. Strengthening of Cooperative Governance and Management Capabilities*

- d. *Active Participation in Poverty Alleviation*
- e. *Promotion of International Cooperative Trade*
- f. *Gender Mainstreaming and Involvement of Youth*
- g. *Improvement of Education, Information and Technology in Cooperatives.*

The Priorities of ICA-AP for 2005-2008 as presented by Mr. Shil Kwan Lee were approved by the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 09: APPROVAL OF NEW RULES OF ICA – ASIA AND PACIFIC

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the New Rules of ICA – Asia and Pacific based on the Rules approved by ICA General Assembly on 4th September 2003. He said that the Standing Committee meeting held on 30th November 2004 at Chiang Mai proposed the following changes:

Article-1: Mission Statement should read as: ***The International Cooperative Alliance Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (known as International Cooperative Alliance – Asia and Pacific) shall strive to promote and strengthen the Cooperative Movement in the region.***

Article-3 (page-2) Para-5 should read as: *Member organizations from the region shall have the right to send non-voting Observers **from their own organizations** to the Regional Assembly upon payment of registration fee.*

Para-6 should read as: *Non-members of ICA such as international organizations, parastatal organizations and other institutions concerned with the promotion of cooperatives can be invited to the RA as Observers upon payment of registration fee **unless the existing members from the same country oppose.***

Article-3 (page-2) Para-h should read as: *The term of office of President, Vice Presidents and Members of the Standing Committee shall be **FOUR** years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsoring member organization, the sponsoring organization **may nominate a replacement and the decision on the replacement rests with the Standing Committee.***

Article-4 (page-3) Para-4 should read as: *A quorum of the Standing Committee shall be constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a **two-third** majority of all Committee members present and voting. Each member of the Committee is entitled to one vote.*

With the above changes, the new rules of ICA – Asia and Pacific were unanimously approved by the Regional Assembly. A copy of the Rules is attached.

AGENDA ITEM 10 : CONSIDERATION OF TERM OF SC MEMBERS AND RECOMMENDATION OF A NAME TO ICA GA TO BE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ICA

The Chairman (Dr. Yehudah Paz) informed the meeting that the term of present ICA President – Asia and Pacific (Mr. Mu Li) would be over in 2005. Since there would be no RA in 2005 we have to approve the name at this meeting. He further said that the Standing Committee meeting held on 30th November 2004 in Chiang Mai has decided to re-nominate Mr. Mu Li for another term with the approval of the RA.

Mr. Mu Li's name was unanimously approved by the RA to be the President of ICA – Asia and Pacific and also the Chairperson of the RA.

Mr. Mu Li thanked the members for the faith reposed in him and said that he would continue to serve the region very effectively. He further said that our region was one of the most dynamic and cohesive Movement in the global ICA.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that according to the existing ICA Regional Assembly Rules, the term of office of Standing Committee is from Regional Assembly to Regional Assembly. In view of this, the term of present Standing Committee expires on the date of coming 6th meeting of Regional Assembly on 3rd December 2004. However, based on the Rules approved by ICA General Assembly held in Oslo on 4th September 2003, new Rules have been formulated. According to new Rules the term of office of Standing Committee is **4 years** so as to bring it at par with the term of Board Members of ICA global. The present Standing Committee was elected by the Regional Assembly in Cebu in February 2003.

He also said that the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 30th November in Chiang Mai had unanimously decided to recommend to the Regional Assembly to extend the term of current members for a further period of 4 years.

Mr. Subrahmanyam from India said that the members of the SC were elected in Cebu for two years only. Subsequently the rule has been changed for four years. Therefore, legally their term cannot be extended. But they can be re-elected by the RA.

After discussions, the RA unanimously re-elected the following members to the SC for another four years.

• Mr. Mu Li	ACFSMC	China	-	Chairperson
• Ms. Junko Ito	JCCU	Japan	-	Vice Chairperson
• Prof Ungku A.Aziz	ANGKASA	Malaysia	-	Vice Chairperson
• Dr. Yehudah Paz	CUCS	Israel	-	Member
• Mr. Chung Dae-Kun	NACF	Korea	-	Member
• Dr. S.S. Sisodia	NCUI	India	-	Member
• Mr. Seah Kian Peng	SNCF	Singapore	-	Member
• Ms. Evelyn B. Bautista	NATCCO	Philippines	-	Member
• Mr. D.P. Baskota	NCFN	Nepal	-	Member
• Mr. Sumarna Abdurahman	DEKOPIN	Indonesia	-	Member
• Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka	NCC	Sri Lanka	-	Member

AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM ICA-AP SPECIALISED COMMITTEES

Women's Committee: The ICA Regional Women's Committee was constituted in 1998 and the meeting of the Committee is being held regularly in conjunction with the Regional Women's Forum. The Committee has got 17 members from 13 countries. The 4th meeting was held on 29th November in Chiang Mai. Eight members from six countries attended the meeting. Ms. Rahaiah Baهران (Malaysia) and Ms. Junko Ito (Japan) were re-elected unanimously for the next term. However, Ms. Goh Ming Huey (Singapore) was elected as Vice Chairperson in place of Ms. Preema Shanti Sooriyarachchi.

The Committee reviewed the progress of the gender integration and women's development programs and felt the need of evaluation of the achievements since its inception. The members presented country reports and informed the Committee about the gender integration and women empowerment programs of their cooperatives. The committee also discussed and finalized the work plan for 2005.

Consumer Committee: The 38th meeting of the ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation was held at Chiang Mai on 30th November. 28 participants from eight countries – India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam attended the meeting. Mr. T. Fujioka, Chairperson of the Committee, welcomed the participants and thanked the host CLT for providing valuable support to organize this meeting.

In addition to routine Agenda, two special reports were presented at the meeting - (a) Current Issues and Challenges of Consumer Cooperative Movement of Thailand, and (b) Re-engineering Plan of the Consumer Cooperatives in Thailand. Reports of critical studies conducted by ICA – AP with financial support from JCCU were also presented by two Consultants from India and the Philippines. It was followed by the presentation of an Action Plan to strengthen consumer cooperatives in Asia. The critical studies and action plans were earlier deliberated at national workshops organized in four countries.

Mr. T. Fujioka, Executive Director, JCCU, was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson of the Committee. Mr. Poh Leong Sim from Singapore and Professor Ali Hassan from Malaysia were elected as Vice Chairpersons of the Committee.

Consumer Sub-committee on University/College Coops: The 10th meeting of the ICA Consumer Sub-committee on University/College Cooperatives was held at Chiang Mai on 29th November. 28 participants from Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India, Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand attended the meeting. The meeting elected Mr. Manabu Tanaka from Japan as Chairperson, while Professor Mohd. Ali Hassan from Malaysia was re-elected as Vice Chairperson.

There was also a workshop of the leaders of university/campus cooperatives in the afternoon of 29th November which reflected on the outcome of the Regional Youth Seminar in Malaysia, the setting up of a Regional Youth Committee, organizing a Pro-term Youth Committee and holding its meetings. It was expected that the Regional Youth Committee will be formalized during 2006 Regional Assembly.

Regional Cooperative Banking Association: The 6th meeting of the RCBA was held at Chiang Mai on 30th November. 14 participants from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Canada and ACCU attended the meeting. In the absence of Mr. P.A. Kiriwandiya, Chairperson, the meeting was chaired by Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, founder Chairperson of RCBA.

In addition to routine Agenda, a proposal to organize a regional seminar on "Role of cooperative Banking Sector in Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation" was discussed. Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan from India was unanimously elected as Chairperson of RCBA for the next term. It was decided not to fill-up the post of Vice Chairperson for the time being. Members appreciated the services rendered by the outgoing Chairperson, Mr. P.A. Kiriwandiya to strengthen the cooperative banking and credit sector in Asia.

HRD Committee: The 17th meeting of the ICA Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD) was held in Chiang Mai on 30th November. 18 members from seven countries, namely, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and one international organization - ACCU - attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Leow Peng Kui, Chairman of the Committee. He welcomed the presence of the members and thanked them for their presentations at the meeting. The following three presentations were made at the meeting:

1. Presentation on "Corporate Social Responsibility – Its Significance and Impact on Cooperatives" by Mr. Leow Peng Kui, Chief Executive of SNCF.
2. Presentation on "Global/Asian Coop – HRD Networking Center at VMNICM, Pune (India)" by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of NCUI. This project is in collaboration with Global ICA HRD Committee and funded by NCUI.
3. Presentation on "Global Cooperative Learning Center" by Dr. Yehudah Paz, Chairman, International Relations, CUCS, Israel. This project is in partnership with British Columbia Institute of Cooperative Studies and ILO Coop Branch.

Country Reports on HRD activities were presented by members from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The meeting decided that in future country reports should be replaced with "Presentation of Initiatives on HRD".

The meeting unanimously re-elected Mr. Leow Peng Kui from Singapore and Mr. Bhagwati Prasad from India as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively for another term. Mr. Leow Peng Kui and Mr. Bhagwati Prasad thanked the members for reposing their faith on them.

Three seminars on HRD Best Practices were held in Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka in 2002-03. The meeting decided to continue the seminars on HRD Best Practices in the coming years. The meeting also decided to recommend to ICA-AP that at least one HRD activity should be held every year. Some members indicated their willingness to host such programs. The Committee also noted the need for increased cooperation amongst HRD institutions in the region and the acceptance of training standards across national boundaries.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE 7TH COOPERATIVE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW DELHI FROM 2ND TO 5TH FEBRUARY 2004

Mr. B.D. Sharma presented a report on the 7th Ministers' conference. The 7th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference was convened by ICA-AP in New Delhi (India) from 2nd to 5th February 2004. The Conference was hosted by the Government of India and the Cooperative Movement of India. It was inaugurated by the Deputy Prime Minister of India. A total of 172 delegates including 11 cooperative ministers, government officials, cooperative leaders and chief executives of 19 countries of Asia-Pacific region and nine international organizations participated at the Conference. The theme of the Conference was "Enabling Supportive Cooperative Legislation and Policy for Sustainable Growth of Cooperatives".

The Conference, in line with its past tradition adopted a Joint Declaration known as "**New Delhi Declaration**". The Declaration was signed by ministers and other representatives on behalf of their respective governments and cooperative movements.

The Conclusions and Recommendations of the Conference have been circulated to the governments and member organizations of ICA in Asia-Pacific region for taking appropriate action to implement the Recommendations.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT AND NEW ISSUES ARISING FROM 3RD
ICA REGIONAL COOPERATIVE FORUM**

The ICA - AP successfully conducted the 3rd ICA Regional Cooperative Forum in collaboration with the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) at Lotus PSK Hotel, Chiang Mai (Thailand) on 1-2 December 2004. More than 250 delegates from Australia, Bhutan, Canada, Cambodia, China, Finland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom and Vietnam attended the Forum.

The theme of the Forum was "RE-ENGINEERING COOPERATIVES IN THE GLOBALISED ECONOMY" with the following six sub-themes:

- Cooperative Values vis-à-vis Competition;
- Fair Globalisation through Cooperatives;
- Restructuring Cooperatives;
- Governance of Cooperatives;
- Sectoral Concerns; and
- Social Cohesion through Cooperatives.

Dr. Iain MacPherson, Director, British Columbia Institute of Cooperative Studies at the University of Victoria, Canada summarised the Forum proceedings along with Dr. Robby Tulus, former ICA Regional Director.

AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORT OF 4TH REGIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM

The ICA – AP has been organizing Regional Women's Fora since 1998 in collaboration with ICA Regional Women's Committee. The three earlier fora – the first in Seoul, the 2nd in Singapore, and the 3rd in Cebu – were great successes. The 4th ICA Regional Women's Forum was held at Chiang Mai on 30th November with the participation of 80 men and women from nine countries – India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore and Switzerland. The theme of the Forum was "Women in Re-engineering of Cooperatives in the Globalised Economy".

Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA, addressed the Forum as Chief Guest. In reference to preparing women to face the challenges of globalization, he said that we should acknowledge the "power of intelligence" as fundamental resources and the need to manage the diversity through appropriate policies, strategies and behaviour. There were active discussions on the ways and means of empowering women and also for larger participation in decision-making positions in cooperatives. The key-note speech was delivered by Ms. Lucita Lazo, Regional Coordinator of UNIFEM. Ms. Rahaiah Baهران, Chairperson of the ICA Regional Women's Committee chaired the Forum. It was decided to hold the next Forum in Colombo in conjunction with the Regional Assembly during 2006.

AGENDA ITEM 15: REPORT OF 3RD ASIAN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 3rd Asian Cooperative Research Conference was held at Chiang Mai on 30th November. It was attended by 81 researchers and experts working in academic institutions and field related cooperatives in the region. The Conference was inaugurated by Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President, who stressed on the need for values, culture and professionalism to sustain cooperative growth in a competitive word economy. 21 papers were presented on the three themes kept for discussion at the Conference – (a) Widening the areas and scope of cooperative action; (b) Cooperative governance and globalization; and (c) Role and dynamics of women’s cooperatives. Out of 21 papers, 10 were presented by awardees of the fellowship given by the Consumer Cooperative Research Institute of Japan. The emphasis during the current Conference was on empirical research to identify problems and development indicators. This emphasis was aptly justified by several presentations. It was possible to put the cooperatives on the path of progress, if need-oriented policies are formulated after identifying the disadvantages. Researchers engaged in on-going research as well as those who did case studies on the basis of conference themes demonstrated the effectiveness of research to identify critical areas and to facilitate action-oriented development programs. It was decided that the next Conference would be held in Colombo in conjunction with the Regional Assembly during 2006.

AGENDA ITEM 16: CONSIDERATION OF VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Shin Kwan Lee informed the meeting that Sri Lanka would be celebrating 100 years of establishment of the Cooperative Movement in 2006. Hence, they wanted to host the next Regional Assembly and Cooperative Forum in Sri Lanka in 2006. The meeting accepted the offer of National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka and decided to host the next Regional Assembly and Coop Forum in Sri Lanka in 2006. The date and venue would be decided in consultation with the secretariat. The Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) would be hosting the Regional Assembly and the Coop Forum in 2008. The meeting thanked both Sri Lanka and Vietnam for agreeing to host ICA events in 2006 and 2008 respectively.

AGENDA ITEM 17: CLOSING SESSION

Dr. Yehudah Paz said that this RA meeting was both important and interesting because there was deep important reaffirmation of cooperative lessons, values and their translation into successful business enterprises.

The meeting thanked the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) for making excellent arrangements for the meeting in Chiang Mai.

The meeting proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his able staff for carrying out the ICA-AP’s work with success. The meeting also thanked Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President and Ms. Maria-Elena Chavez, Deputy Director General for coming and spending their valuable time with us.

The Chairperson thanked the members for coming and attending the meeting. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

SHIL KWAN LEE
Regional Director

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	SPAIN	135	Mr. Ruben Villa Benayas	President, Union de Cooperativas Madrilenas Trabajo Asociado, Madrid.
	SRI LANKA	136	Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka	President, National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (NCC), Colombo.
		137	Mr. Udaya R. Seneviratne	Director General, National Institute of Cooperative Development, Polgolla.
138		Mr. D.S.K. Pathirana	General Manager, Sri Lanka Consumer Cooperative Societies Federation Limited, Colombo.	
THAILAND	139	Mr. Wit Pratumchai	Executive Director, Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT), Bangkok.	
VIETNAM	140	Mr. Nguyen Xuan Hien	Vice President, Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), Hanoi.	
	141	Mr. Vu Van Dzung	Director, International Relations Department, Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), Hanoi.	
	142	Ms. Tran Thu Hang	Expert of International Relations Department, Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), Hanoi.	
ACCU	143	Dr. Augustine K. Lim	President, Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU), Bangkok.	
	144	Mr. Ranjith Hettiarachchi	Chief Executive Officer, Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU), Bangkok.	
ICMIF	145	Ms. Faye Lageu	Vice President, Intelligence Unit, ICMIF, Manchester.	
	146	Mr. Kazuo Shiiri	Vice President, ICMIF, Altrincham, Manchester.	

Country	S.No.	Name of participant	Designation and Name of Organization	
ICA	147	Mr. Ivano Barberini	President, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), Geneva.	
	148	Ms. Maria Elena Chavez Hertig	Deputy Director General, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), Geneva.	
ICA-AP	149	Mr. Shil Kwan Lee	Regional Director, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	150	Mr. Rajiv Mehta	Director, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	151	Mr. B.D. Sharma	Consultant, ICA Domus Trust, New Delhi.	
	152	Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan	Planning Officer, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	153	Mr. K. Kukreja	Finance Officer, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	154	Mr. P. Nair	Communication Officer, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	155	Mr. A.K. Taneja	Program Officer, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	156	Ms. Savitri Singh	Gender Advisor, ICA - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP), New Delhi.	
	ICA-SBO	157	Mr. Jiro Ito	Director (Special Programs), ICA-AP Business Office, Singapore.
		158	Mr. Sung-Chul Kim	Advisor (Agricultural Programs), ICA-AP Business Office, Singapore.

ANNEXURE - 2

**Minutes of the ICA-AP Standing Committee Meeting
New Lanark, Scotland, UK: 19th May 2005**

The following members attended the ICA AP Standing Committee (SC) Meeting that was held at Corra Linn Room, New Lanark Mill Hotel, New Lanark, Scotland, UK from 14:00 to 17:30 hours on 19th May 2005:

01. Mr Ivano Barberini, President ICA
02. Mr Mu Li, Vice President, ICA
03. Dr Yehudah Paz, Israel
04. Mr D.P. Baskota, Nepal
05. Mr Seah Kian Peng, Singapore
06. Mr Zulkifli Mohammed, Singapore (Observer)
07. Mr Si-Hyung Jo, Korea
08. Mr Chikara Sato, Japan
09. Ms Rahaiah Baheran, Malaysia
10. Mr B. Ranawaka, Sri Lanka
11. Ms Junko Ito, Japan
12. Ms Akiko Yamauchi, Japan (Observer)
13. Dr S.S. Sisodia, India
14. Mr Jan-Eirik Imbsen, Director, ICA Geneva
15. Mr Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA AP
16. Mr Rajiv I.D.Mehta, Director, ICA AP.

Agenda 1: Opening Remarks

The meeting started with the welcome remarks by Mr Mu Li. He accorded a warm welcome to all the members of the SC and extended special welcome to ICA President, Mr Barberini. He gave special thanks to the members who had specially flown in to Scotland for the SC meeting and hailed the presence of all the members that marked great solidarity among the ICA-AP members.

Mr Barberini, ICA President thanked Mr Mu Li for his warm welcome and expressed his happiness over the importance of such forums that provide better understanding of the regional situations which otherwise is difficult to visualize from Geneva.

Agenda 2: Approval of the Agenda

Mr Mu Li asked the members if they had any comments on the proposed agenda for the meeting. The members unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Standing Committee approved the minutes of last ICA-AP SC meeting with corrections at the Agenda 8. The word "oldest" at the first line of para 3 of Agenda 8 was rewritten as "**most experienced & senior most**".

Agenda 4: ICA-AP Financial Report for 2004

Mr Lee, Regional Director, presented financial report for the year 2004, ICA-AP. Mr Mu Li termed it a qualitative presentation and Mr Yehuda Paz sought more information on the capacity of ICA Domus Trust to develop projects and the staffing at Singapore Office of the ICA. Mr Lee gave the details of staff at New Delhi and Singapore and also explained the Domus Trust capacity and staffing pattern.

Mr Sisodia, President of NCUI expressed his happiness over the results of ICA-AP and reposed his confidence in the dynamic leadership of Mr Mu Li.

Ms Baheran mentioned about the need of acknowledging NCUI for deputing their staff to ICA as a mark of solidarity.

Mr Yehudah Paz advised ICA-AP to build regional reserves.

Mr Lee appreciated the suggestion and explained that the surpluses of each year had been used to reduce the deficits ICA had. He mentioned that the deficit of ICA has been reduced to 130,000 Swiss Franks from 600,000 Swiss Franks when he took over in 2002.

Mr Barberini said that the issue of surpluses and deficits would be discussed in the context of regionalization. He said that the deficit of ICA - Asia and Pacific is much smaller as compared to ICA Americas where it is touching 660,000 Swiss Franks.

The Standing Committee finally approved the financial report

Agenda 05: ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for 2005

Mr Shil Kwan Lee informed the SC that the Regional Assembly had approved the ICA-AP Work Plan and the budget for the year 2005.

Following important activities were covered by Mr Lee in his presentation:

1. 19th ICA – Japan Regional Training Course on Strengthening Management of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia was just concluded. Pursuant to the request of Japanese Government, ICA had prepared a special report on the impact of past such 18 training programs conducted since 1986. The Government of Japan has already approved the program upto 20th training course. There would be some changes in the approach and main objectives of the project after 20th program. The response of the Japanese Government was awaited and the program would be approved for another phase of 5 years.
2. APCHO recently concluded its 5th AGM and Seminar at Tellicherry in Kerala, India from 30th April to 1st May 2005.
3. Training program for the Board Members of the Consumer Coops held in Japan from 14th to 22nd May 2005.
4. Protem ICA Youth Committee would organize its meeting in Singapore in July 2005 to discuss constitution of the Committee and make necessary preparations for the presentation before the Regional Assembly in 2006.

5. 5th Regional Workshop on HIV/AIDS would be held at Bangkok on 1-2 July 2005.
6. HRD workshop would be held in Singapore on 24-25 October 2005.
7. Training of Trainers for women cooperatives would be held in Sri Lanka from 1st to 6th August 2005.
8. 5th ICA Japan Rural Women Leaders Training Course would be held in Malaysia/Japan from 25th August to 29th September 2005. Preparations would be done in early June in Malaysia.
9. National Workshop on Promotion and Development of Consumer Coops would be held in Philippines in September 2005.
10. Three training programs for the Managers of Consumers Coops would be held in November 2005 at Miyagi, Tokyo and Kanagawa in Japan.
11. Study Tour to Agricultural Coops in Korea and the Exposure & Networking Program for Women, Korea would be organized in September 2005.
12. Critical study on Consumer Coops in Thailand would be conducted in November – December 2005 because the consumer movement is very weak in Thailand.
13. In the wake of 2005 being the UN International Year of Micro Credit, the ICA would organize a workshop on Micro Finance in collaboration with ACCU, Government of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in Goa, India.
14. Cooperative Policy and Legislation Dialogue would be held in Malaysia in second half of November 2005. It would be an important gathering of cooperative leaders, practitioners and bureaucrats dealing with the cooperative policies of the governments. Formerly it was called Regional Consultation but now it would be called as legislation dialogue. Invitations would be extended to all government officers in-charge of the cooperative matters and important cooperative leaders of national stature in the Region. The dialogue would deliberate on the constraints encountered in the smooth adoption of the declaration made by 7th Cooperative Ministers Conference and would set the agenda for the next Cooperative Ministers' Conference.
15. 39th ICA Consumer Committee Meeting and 11th Meeting of Consumer Sub-Committee on University / College Coops would be held in Tokyo from 6th to 8th November 2005.
16. Conference on Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Alleviation would be held in Vietnam in December 2005.
17. ASPACON bulletins would continue to publish every quarter.
18. Collection of sex-disaggregated data in cooperatives would be collected between July and December 2005. Consultations to this effect had already begun with an India based consultant. Questionnaire would be sent to all the member organizations of ICA-AP and the findings would be discussed at the next Women's Forum meeting next year.

19. Informal workers in woodcarving and carpet sector would be organized in to cooperatives through a pilot initiative of ICA with NCF, Nepal. The identification of the project team was done and implementation would begin in early June. The delay had been on account of disturbed conditions in Nepal.
20. 1st phase of AGRITERA supported project in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam would come to an end in July 2005. Discussions were under full swing for the second phase of the project. Pilot cooperatives were identified in Cambodia and Vietnam. A workshop on cooperatives would be held in Laos in early June where the cooperative action was weak and slow.

Following remarks were made on the presentation:

Mr Sisodia, NCUI President, expressed his happiness over the presentation and information obtained about the ICA programs in the region.

Ms Junko Ito and Ms Akiko Yamauchi emphasized on the utility of ICA-Japan training program and advised Standing Committee to endorse their unequivocal opinion on the usefulness and utility of the program for the regional agriculture cooperative development. They also opined that non-official members of the Apex Cooperative Organizations might be consulted before finalizing the names of the participants for ICA-Japan Training Programs.

Ms Baهران advised that the training programs for trainers should be conducted in local language. She appreciated NACF Korea for having organized exposure programs in the region.

Mr Lee reminded all the members to expedite submission of the sex-disaggregated data and anticipated good response from all the member countries.

Dr Yehudah Paz expressed his happiness over the progress under phase 2 of the ICA - Japan Training program and appreciated the role of the organizers and donors.

He advised next Standing Committee meeting in conjunction with the Coop – Government Dialogue in Malaysia in November 2005 and also desired to have a good HRD Program in the region in 2005. He referred to institutions like JCCU & NCUI who could source great academicians, practitioners in cooperatives for the HRD seminar.

Referring to Nepal informal workers' project Dr Yehudah Paz suggested replication of the project interventions using ILO source of funding for the countries like Philippines and India. He also referred to a similar successful experience of ILO in Africa.

Finally, he admired the cohesive character of the region and advised one ICA event in West Asia to indicate that whole of Asia is one.

Mr Imbsen informed the members/participants about Syndicoop ILO meeting on 6th June 2005 and assured the members about his broaching the ILO supported activity in the Asia Pacific region. He emphasized the potential of ICA as coordinator & representative of cooperatives in leveraging external support in tremendously important cooperative development activities.

Mr Imbsen further mentioned about the ICA workshop on poverty alleviation to be held in Vietnam and termed it as part of ICA global campaign on PRSP. About the ICA Asia Pacific HRD Committee agenda, he opined NCUI to take it up with their cooperative learning centre.

Mr Seah Kian Peng from Singapore advised ICA-AP to exert more in western Asian region to kick-start membership drive of ICA. He was of opinion that an important event in western region would motivate the potential members to get into ICA mainstream. He also sought an early decision on theme of Govt – Coop Dialogue Workshop to be held in Malaysia in November 2005.

Mr Mu Li informed the house about National Cooperative Development Corporation, India joining as new Associate Member of ICA. The total number of ICA AP members stood at 54 (4 being associate members) from 21 countries.

Dr Yehudah Paz and Ms Baheran brought a special vote of thanks to all the member Organizations of ICA AP specially JCCU, NACF and NCUI for having deputed their staff to ICA AP for important activities. Ms Baheran was particularly thankful to NCUI for the gender adviser in ICA AP.

Summing up the agenda, Mr Mu Li said that professional attitude towards cooperative development policy; personnel policy & training would ensure cooperative viability in this fierce competitive market. He laid strong importance on the Government-Cooperative Dialogue as a precursor to favorable cooperative development policy. He also endorsed the idea of holding more events in western Asian region and advised the Regional Director to invite participants from Western Asian Region in all important events & activities of the Regional Office. He thanked all the member organizations of the ICA AP who contributed in co-sharing the costs of ICA AP activities.

Agenda 06: Report on ICA Domus Trust

Mr Mu Li at the very outset briefed the members about ICA Domus Trust and clarified that the agenda on ICA Domus Trust was included at the request of the ICA AP member organizations.

Mr Lee made an explicit presentation on the work plan of the ICA Domus Trust from 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006 and status of funds with the Trust. Following additional clarifications were made by Mr Lee:

1. ICA Domus Trust was registered in 1989 as non-profitable charitable trust under Indian Trust Act.
2. Liquid cash was invested in Reserve Bank of India Bonds.
3. The fixed assets (land, building, equipments & furniture) of ICA Domus Trust were valued around 1.2 million USD.

Mr Sisodia was particularly happy with the presentation since he was quite anxious about the wealth of the Trust.

Mr Mu Li assured the house about regular update on the affairs of the Trust.

Agenda 07: Report of EU Project in Gujarat

Mr Lee introduced Mr Rajiv Mehta, Director, ICA AP to the house and asked him to make a presentation on the EU supported Post Earthquake Reconstruction Project of ICA

Domus Trust for the Earthquake Affected Handicraft Artisans in Kutch, Gujarat, India. Mr Mehta made a detailed presentation and highlighted following aspects:

1. EU committed 1.19 million euros for a period expiring March 2006.
2. EU contribution approved subject to co-financing of 0.35 million euros by Council of Handicrafts Development Corporations, India in addition to 1.19 m € of EU.
3. 1.07 million euros received by ICA Domus Trust from EU and contribution of COHANDS also made available.
4. Major interventions were on product development, skill up-gradation, up-gradation of tools and appliances, community mobilization, market development and formation of primary cooperatives of artisans.
5. Project catered to needs of 7000 artisans in 64 villages in Kutch district in Gujarat.
6. More than 125 women thrift & credit SHGs and 60 artisans' SHGs were formed under the project. The cumulative thrift had crossed 600,000 rupees (more than 14,000 USD).
7. Self sustainability of the interventions was assured with the formation of primary cooperatives and ensuring stakes of the master craft artisans, designers, market providers and leaders of SHGs.

Mr Sisodia had preferred first the formation of cooperatives in the project. Mr Mehta explained the background of distrust of the artisans in cooperative mode in the pre-earthquake times due to failure of cooperatives in catering to business needs of the artisans. The cooperatives earlier had failed to guide artisans on the market trends hence had gone defunct and the project interventions were accordingly focused and prioritized to regain confidence of targeted vulnerable community in the cooperatives through self help.

Mr Barberini said about the complexities involved in EU funding and advised ICA Domus Trust to structure future development cooperation with EU on the basis of EU's priorities and understanding. He expressed his happiness on the project activities and advised dissemination of the knowledge and sharing of experiences with other regions of ICA.

Mr Mu Li advised ICA AP to introduce cooperative ideas through the case study of this project for the countries where cooperatives are yet to grow like Laos & Cambodia. He affirmed the role of cooperatives in social lives. He congratulated ICA Domus Trust for an impressive work through the project.

Agenda 08: Special Report of Tsunami in Asia

Mr Lee presented the report on damage caused by tsunami giant waves in the region and its impact & effect on cooperatives. He presented detailed information on the losses to cooperatives in India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. He also gave a brief account of the financial assistance received & committed by ICA member cooperatives.

Mr Mu Li termed it as a very good and clear report on the tsunami and affirmed that the ICA Board members had attached an equal importance to reconstruction of tsunami-affected cooperatives. He said that the responsibility of ICA AP was far greater than other regions since the disaster had occurred in the region.

Mr Yehudah Paz said that the interest of the donors and volunteers is quite high for the relief phase but the reconstruction phase is much slower and lesser important which is a sad situation but we have to accept it and do something about it.

He said that a person was deputed by Israeli cooperative movement to assess the damage in Sri Lanka and basic framework was being designed to canalize the assistance. The support would of course route through the ICA.

Mr Barberini congratulated Mr Lee for such an impressive report and expressed global solidarity for the cause.

Mr Ranawaka thanked SCC, IFFCO, NACF, JCCU, APCHO and ICA for the generous support and assured submission of report on the fund utilization.

Mr Mu Li stressed the need of efficient utilization of funds and submission of proper projects matching to the priorities of the affected communities. He preferred routing of all the grants and assistance through ICA AP.

Mr Seah Kian Peng from Singapore said that the DEKOPIN was asked to submit emergency relief and reconstruction project to Singapore Red Cross but there was no response.

Agenda 09: Review of ICA Membership Subscription Formula

Mr Lee presented a simpler and feasible formula for the ICA membership subscription.

Dr Yehudah Paz termed it an interesting exercise and serious enough to be taken home to pause and ponder over it. He advised members to go out of box and instead of repairing old formula preferred to replace old with new formula.

Mr Baskota termed it better than present system.

Ms Baهران expressed the need of simple, affordable and growing formula that could help ICA expand its membership base. She cautioned ICA to carefully adopt new formula since it wouldn't be possible to change it every now and then.

Mr Barberini said "every complex problem has complex answer" and he expressed his concerns on the definition of a business and non-business coop.

Mr Seah Kian Peng expressed his concerns on the 5% increase in fee and found it to be on higher side in the context of inflation growth.

Mr Mu Li finally advised as under:

- We needed a new formula.
- Formula would be of practical utility with simpler parameters to define and identify the coops in different categories.
- Formula would be acceptable to most of members.
- Formula would attract new members.

The members sought time to deliberate on the suggested formula and advised RD to incorporate it as agenda in the next meeting.

Agenda 10: Discussion on Next Election in Colombia

Mr Mu Li said that there were 6 seats in the Board from our region and before 13th June the nominations were to be filed. He advised all the members to exhibit solidarity since there are chances of losing 1 or 2 seats in Colombia if the Asian participation is weak.

Mr Lee assured members that he would obtain list of the candidates from Geneva after 13th June and report to Mr Mu Li. Then he would circulate it to all the members of SC for their comments. Mr Mu Li agreed that he would send five lists of candidates from our region to all ICA members to solicit their support.

Dr Yehudah Paz insisted on need of at least one woman from every region to the Board of ICA and in the event we miss a woman in the Board then we should co-opt minimum one woman from every region.

Agenda 11: Other Business matters Arising

No special business was transacted in the meeting under this Agenda.

Agenda 12: Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold next meeting of the Standing Committee in Colombia before the ICA General Assembly.

22nd July 2005

Minutes of the ICA AP Standing Committee Cartagena (Colombia): 21st September 2005

The meeting of ICA AP Standing Committee was held in Hilton Hotel, Cartagena on 21st September 2005 at 118.0000 hrs. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mu Li, ICA Vice President and Chairman Standing Committee. The following members and observers and ICA Officers were present:

1. Mr. Mu Li, China
2. Dr. Yehudah Paz, Israel
3. Mr. Bhagwati Prasad (on behalf of Dr.S.S.Sisodia) India
4. Mr. B. Ranawaka, Sri Lanka
5. Ms. Akiko Yamauchi, Japan (on behalf of Ms Junko Ito)
6. Ms. Rahaiah Baheran, Malaysia (observer)
7. Dr. Moh. Ali Baharum, Malaysia (on behalf of Dr. Ungku Aziz)
8. Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Singapore
9. Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed, Singapore (observer)
10. Mr. Teo Say Hong, Singapore (observer)
11. Mr. Li Chiran Sheng, China (observer)
12. Mr. K. Tsukada, Japan (observer)
13. Mr. Lyu Keun Won, Korea (on behalf of President, NACF)
14. Mr. Leo Peng Kui, Singapore (observer)
15. Mr. Gil Cua, Philippines.
16. Mr. Jan Eirik, Imbsen, Director, ICA, Geneva
17. Mr. B.D.Sharma, Senior Consultant, ICA Domus Trust
(on behalf of Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director ICA AP)
18. Mr. Tsubasa Nakamura, SBO, ICA AP
19. Mr. Ivanao Barberni, President of ICA (joined the meeting at its concluding stage due to his pre occupations.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Mu Li, ICA Vice President and Chairman of the ICA AP Standing Committee extended a very warm welcome to all the members and highlighted the importance of meeting to review the progress of the work plan of ICA AP during the current year and to formulate guide points for next years work plan and budget. Mr Mu Li informed that Dr. S.S. Sisodia one of the members of standing committee also fell ill during his travel to Cartagena at New York. We wish him speedy recovery. On his behalf Mr. Bhagwati Prasad Chief Executive, NCUI is participating in the meeting. Mr. Mu Li also informed the meeting about the sudden illness of Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director rendering him unable to attend the meeting and therefore, Mr. B.D.Sharma Senior Consultant had been deputed by him to represent Regional Director in this meeting. Mr. Mu Li wished Mr. Lee a very speedy recovery. All the members shared the feelings of Mr. Mu Li and wished Dr. Sisodia and Mr. Lee a very speedy recovery.

Mr. B.D.Sharma informed the Standing Committee that Mr. Lee was progressing very well and he would be in perfect health in a week's time.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Mu Li invited views and comments of members on the Agenda. Members unanimously approved the agenda.

Agenda Item No.3 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the SC held on 19th May 2005 in Scotland

The minutes were confirmed by Standing Committee.

Agenda Item No.4 : Activities carried out/planned in 2005

Mr. B.D.Sharma presented the activities of ICA AP in 2005. He observed that all the activities have been carried out according to Work Plan approved by Standing Committee and Regional Assembly. Since the last meeting of Standing Committee held in Scotland on 19th May 2005 following activities have been carried out:

1. *Preparatory steps to organize 20th ICA Japan Regional Course for strengthening Management of Agricultural Cooperatives were invited. Nominations have been invited from targeted countries approved by Japan. Pre course contacts and interviews with nominated participants were being planned to assess their suitability and brief them about outputs of the course.*
2. *Youth Committee Meeting was held in July 2005 and deliberated on the constitution of Youth Committee for Asia and the Pacific.*
3. *5th Regional Workshop on HIV/AIDS held in Bangkok in July 2005.*
4. *Training of Trainers for Women Cooperatives held in August 2005*
5. *5th ICA Japan Rural Women Leaders Training Course held in Malaysia/Japan from 25th August-29th September 2005*
6. *National Workshop on promotion and Development of Consumer Cooperatives held in Philippines in September 2005*
7. *Study tour to Agricultural Cooperatives exposure and networking for women cooperators organized in September 2005.*
8. *2nd Phase of AGRITERRA project on strengthening agricultural coops in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam commenced in July 2005.*

Activities Planned till December 2005

9. *Critical Study of Consumer Cooperatives of Thailand followed by National Workshop in October 2005.*
10. *Cooperatives Policy and Legislation Dialogue in November 2005.*

11. *Regional Workshop on Cooperatives and Micro Finance in October, 2005 in collaboration with ACCU and NABARD of India.*
12. *Three training programs for managers of consumer coops at Miyagi, Tokyo and Kanagawa Consumer Coops in Japan in November 2005*
13. *HRD Workshop in Singapore in October 2005.*
14. *39th ICA AP Consumer Committee Meeting and 11th Meeting of Consumer Sub Committee in Tokyo in November, 2005.*
15. *Conference on role of cooperatives and poverty alleviation in December, 2005*
16. *Collection of sex disaggregated data in cooperatives in progress to be completed by December, 2005*
17. *Pilot initiative of ICA-NCF Nepal to organize informal workers in wood carving and carpet weaving in progress.*
18. *Publication on recent trends in cooperatives legislation in India to completed by October, 2005*
19. *Continuance of Publication of ASPACON*

While appreciating the progress in completion of ICA AP Work Plan for the current year 2005, members offered following remarks:

Ms. Rahaiah Baهران observed that in order to make participation in cooperative policy and legislation broad based and inclusive, cooperative movement in each country of the region should be requested to nominate two representatives.

Mr. B.D.Sharma mentioned that this Dialogue is improvised version of Regional Consultation, which was held preceding to cooperative ministerial conferences. The participants of the Regional Consultation were permanent secretaries in charge of cooperatives in governments and chief executives of national cooperative organizations.

Dr. Yehduah Paz emphasized the importance of participation of cooperative leaders in such fora, since its main theme would be "cooperative policy and legislation". He suggested that ICA AP may discuss with ANGKASA to make participation more broad based.

Ms. Akiko Yamauchi appreciated the step for constitution a Protem Youth Committee for Asia Pacific. She expressed her happiness on the Role of Protem Youth Committee in preparing the Draft Constitution of Youth Committee and suggested that youth representative Mr. Teo Say Hong may be allowed to make a presentation on behalf of Protem Youth Committee to this standing Committee. Thereafter Chairman invited Mr. Teo Say Hong to make a presentation.

Mr. Teo say Hong mentioned that Protem Youth Committee had already finalized Draft Constitution of Asia Pacific Youth Committee for consideration and approval. It was encouraging to note that a youth representative had been elected to ICA Board by ICA Youth Committee at Global Level. In line with the decision of Protem Youth

Committee, Mr. Toe say Hong presented following proposal for consideration of Standing Committee:

- (i) *In line with ICA Global Board, ICA AP Standing Committee should also have one youth Representative to be nominated by Youth Committee.*
- (ii) *A fund to support youth involvement in cooperatives and youth committee for undertaking various activities may be created at the level of ICA AP which should examine ways and means and modalities for creation of such fund.*

Mr. B.D.Sharma remarked that since present budgetary structure of ICA AP did not allow creation of funds, means and sources for mobilizing this fund might have to be clearly identified.

Mr. Seah Kian Peng remarked that Standing Committee should support the proposal of youth committee for cooption one youth representative in the membership of Standing Committee.

Dr. Yehudah Paz agreed to the proposal of co-opting one youth on standing committee. However he suggested that one member of standing committee may also attend meetings of the Youth Committee. Mr. Gil Cua supported the view of Dr. Paz.

Ms Rahaiah Baهران observed that while creation of Fund for youth activities was important, its feasibility particularly in regard to resources to be tapped needs to be carefully examined. We may have to impress upon our member organizations to contribute to this fund.

Mr. Jan Erik Imbsen suggested for tapping up sources from Youth Employment Network of ILO and for establishing collaboration with International Youth Organizations.

Mr. Bhagwati Prasad observed that objectives of the Youth Committee should be specific about motivation of youth to join coops.

Summarizing the discussions, Mr. Mu Li identified following action points:

- a. *Write to national cooperative organizations to set up youth network and nominate youth to ICA Regional Assembly and ICA General Assembly.*
- b. *Circulate the Draft constitution of Youth Committee to member organizations for their comments.*
- c. *Since Standing Committee is created by Regional Assembly, the decision regarding Cooption of Youth representative to the standing committee is beyond its jurisdiction.*
- d. *ICA AP may consider activity based support keeping in view budgetary resources to provide funding support to youth committee.*

Agenda Item No 5 : Financial Report for 2005

Financial Report was presented by Mr. B.D.Sharma. Standing Committee noted the same.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Discussions on ICA AP Work Plan and Budget for 2006

As asked by the Chair, Mr. B.D.Sharma presented this agenda item. He mentioned that the issue has been placed before the standing Committee to elicit the views of its honorable members, particularly on work plan. Based on these views Work Plan for 2006 will be formulated. The Budget will be formulated on the basis of multi annual budget submitted to ICA Global.

The members made the following remarks:

Mr. Rahaiah Baheran suggested for inclusion of collection of sex disaggregated data and follow – up action thereon in the Work Plan. Mr Seah Kian Peng said that the work plan should be based on needs of the cooperative movement of the region. It may particularly focus on cooperative legislation, coops and poverty alleviation, involvement of women and youth in coops, HRD, outline of Program of Regional Assembly.

Concluding the discussions on work plan, Mr. Mu Li mentioned following action points:

- (a) *Standing Committee Members may send their suggestions within one month.*
- (b) *ICA AP office should consult the member organizations in the region.*
- (c) *Work plan should include activities relating to Middle East, West and Central Asia.*

Agenda Item No 7 : Tsunami Update

As asked by Chairman, Mr. B.D. Sharma presented update about the following project interventions initiated by ICA AP with the support of ICA member organizations:

I ICA-NCUI Project on Post Tsunami Reconstruction of Cooperative Infra Structure in India:

Funding Agency	:	Cooperatives U.K
Amount	:	153224 USD
Local Pattern	:	National Cooperative Union of India
Target Group	:	(a) severely affected cooperatives in Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu (b) 2000 members in 14 villages affiliated to a Tribal Cooperative
Objective	:	To offset the impact of disaster with faster restoration of normalcy in cooperative businesses of reconstruction of office buildings and revival of cooperative action

II ICA NISPED Israel Project on Capacity Building of Cooperatives in Sri Lanka (Project Document has been prepared the project will be operational soon)

Target Group : NCC, SANASA & COPFED

Local Partner : National Institute of Cooperative Development of Sri Lanka

In addition to the above LEGA COOP has also initiated a project in Ampara and Kalutara regions of Sri Lanka. Local partners of LEGACOOOP are two Italian NGOs through National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka

Dr. Yehudah Paz mentioned that first phase Israel funding would be for Southern Province of Sri Lanka. In next phase funding will be provided to northeastern.

Mr. Ranawaka, Chairman National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka appreciated ICA and donors to support Tsunami victim cooperatives.

Mr. Mu Li, while appreciating cooperatives U.K. and NISPED, Israel called for further support by ICA member organizations to Tsunami affected coops.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Discussion on Next Election in Colombia

Mr. Mu Li informed that there are 6 candidates from Asia. If Standing Committee agrees we may send a note to ICA members to elect at least 5 members from Asia in view of size and cooperative membership. If any one of is not elected he may be included in Standing Committee.

On Mr. Mu Li's suggestion Ms. Akiko remarked that since Standing Committee is constituted by Regional Assembly, therefore above suggestion may not be appropriate.

It was also brought to notice of Standing Committee that names of 6 candidates had already been sent from ICA AP office to ICA member organizations. In view of this, Standing Committee declined to send a note to ICA Members to elect at least 5 candidates from Asia Pacific Region.

Mr. Mu Li while concluding the discussions observed that concerned candidates should concentrate on votes to maximize the possibilities of election of all candidates from Asia.

Agenda Item No 9 : Other Business Matters Arising

No other business matters arising out of the meeting was raised except one observation by Mr. Ranawaka of Sri Lanka. He requested that people form ICA fraternity visiting Sri Lanka should communicate with National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka, the apex of Sri Lankan Cooperative Movement. This would help in effective facilitation of their visit and enable them to have correct and updated information about Sri Lanka Cooperative Affairs.

Agenda Item No. 10**Date and Place of Next Meeting**

Mr. Mu Li observed that in the next ICA Board Meeting important issues e.g. regionalisation of structure, Governance, membership, European Resolution will be deliberated. Standing Committee has to take a view on these matters to be placed before ICA Board. In view of this he suggested that next meeting of standing committee may be convened in conjunction with ICA Board Meeting Scheduled to be held in Geneva in December, 2005 to discuss these issues. The meeting may also discuss the program of next Regional Assembly scheduled to meet in Sri Lanka in 2006.

Mr. Mu Li also asked Mr. Ranawaka whether he would be in a position to finalize the dates and other details before next meeting of Standing Committee. Mr. Ranawaka mentioned that Regional Assembly may be held in August 2006 and he would be in a position to finalize dates and other details.

Standing Committee decided to hold its next meeting in Geneva in December in conjunction with ICA Board Meeting. Regional Director was asked to take appropriate action in the matter.

25th November 2005

Minutes of the ICA-AP Standing Committee Meeting Geneva (Switzerland): 5th December 2005

The meeting of ICA-AP Standing Committee was held in Ramada Park Hotel, Geneva on 5th December 2005 from 14:00 to 19:00 hours. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mu Li, ICA Vice President and Chairman of Standing Committee. The following members and observers and ICA Officers were present:

20. Mr. Mu Li, China
21. Ms. Rahaiah Baهران, Malaysia (on behalf of Royal Prof. Ungku A. Aziz)
22. Mr. Won-Sik Noh, Korea (on behalf of Mr. Chung-Dae Kun)
23. Ms. Junko Itoh, Japan
24. Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Singapore
25. Dr. Yehudah Paz, Israel
26. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, Sri Lanka
27. Mr. Jiro Ito, Japan (observer)
28. Ms. Akiko Yamauchi, Japan (observer)
29. Mr. Chikara Sato, Japan (observer)
30. Mr. H.M.S. Dias, Sri Lanka (observer)
31. Mr. Sunil Silva, Sri Lanka (observer)
32. Mr. Rong Jun, China (interpreter)
33. Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen, ICA, Geneva
34. Mr. Jin-Kook Kim, ICA, Geneva
35. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, ICA-AP, New Delhi.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Mu Li, ICA Vice President and Chairman of the ICA-AP Standing Committee extended a very warm welcome to all members attending this meeting. He said that this meeting as well as Governance Group meeting and Special Workshop are very important for future development of ICA.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Mu Li invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. Members unanimously approved the Agenda.

Agenda Item No.3 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Cartagena on 21st Sept

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the SC meeting held in Cartagena on 21st September 2005 were sent to the members. Since no comments have been received, the minutes were confirmed by the Standing Committee.

Agenda Item No.4 : Activities Carried Out in 2005 and Financial Report for 2005

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director presented the activities carried out by ICA-AP in 2005. The Chairman thanked Mr. Shil Kwan Lee for conducting a variety of activities in the year and mentioned that after the Standing Committee meeting in Cartagena in last September; ICA-AP carried out many activities and thanked the member organizations which hosted ICA activities.

Dr. Yehudah Paz appreciated the positive result of the activities and financial report for 2005 and said that all programs carried out by ICA-AP were excellent and thanked the President of ICA-AP and the Regional Director for the positive result. He requested the Regional Director to report on the progress of future ICA-Japan Training Courses which were under discussion with the Government of Japan in the next meeting.

Ms. Rahaiah Baheran expressed appreciation to ICA Domus Trust for its support to activities of Women's Committee. She thanked NACF, Korea for the support on Exposure Program of Women Leaders in Korea last October. She reported on the progress of data collection on sex dis-aggregated data of cooperatives. She wished participation of many delegates in the Women's Conference to be held in the Philippines in next May. She also mentioned that Royal Professor Unku A. Aziz wrote a letter to Mr. Mu Li regarding the recent Cooperative and Government Dialogue Meeting on Cooperative Legislation and Policy held in Kuala Lumpur, which was very successful. He extended his full support for hosting the next Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Malaysia in 2007, which was already indicated by the Minister in his inaugural address at the Dialogue Meeting. She requested for positive consideration of Standing Committee members.

All members agreed with the outstanding performance and positive financial result of ICA-AP in 2005 and accepted the report.

Agenda Item No 5 : ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for 2006

As requested by the Chair, Mr. Lee presented the ICA-AP Work Plan and Budget for 2006 and mentioned that the work plan was drafted on the basis of suggestions received from member organizations.

Dr. Yehudah Paz emphasized the importance of HRD seminar and recommended to have the seminar during next Regional Assembly Meeting in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Jiro Ito expressed that JCCU would not be able to host the On-the Job Training for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives in Japan.

Mr. Ranawaka wanted some of the activities included in the fields of insurance, housing, fishery and education. The Regional Director mentioned that global sectoral organizations such as AOA, ICFO often provide opportunities of seminars and workshops in this region.

Ms. Rahaiah Baheran stressed the importance of training opportunities for CEOs. Mr. Lee explained that ICA Head Office is now preparing data of 300 outstanding cooperatives and expect to organize a CEO Forum during General Assembly Meeting in 2007.

Mr. Seah Kian Peng asked the question that if we do not get income from the Registration Fee of Regional Assembly, do we expect deficit in 2006. Mr. Lee replied that the only way is to reduce the expenses to avoid the deficit.

Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen said that ILO is now considering having the Cyndi-coop Project either in India or Bangladesh. He further said that there will be possibility to invite cooperatives in Yemen as a new ICA member because the World Bank may work with ICA for the development of agricultural cooperatives in Yemen in the near future.

Dr. Yehudah Paz expressed the hope to have new members in Australia and New Zealand. He said that we should try to have new members also in West Asia, Central Asia and the Pacific region.

Dr. Paz mentioned that operation of Singapore Business Office was important and requested to include an Agenda at next Standing Committee Meeting to review the role of the Office and how to strengthen the Office.

The Chair asked other opinions and members approved the Work Plan and Budget for 2006.

**Agenda Item No. 6 : Discussion on ICA's Governance
Working Group Report and
Regionalization Issues**

Dr. Yehudah Paz remarked with the suggestion made by Regional Director. It was very interesting. He agreed partly but not fully. He mentioned that the basic nature of the ICA would be discussed tomorrow at the Consultative Meeting, where we Asia and Pacific should also raise our own voice. He further mentioned that regionalization is important, but global solidarity is also equally important.

Ms. Akiko Yamauchi remarked that Mr. Lee' suggestion was too specific. Mr. Seah Kian Peng emphasized the importance of the governance report and said we need more time to discuss these issues in the next meeting.

Mr. Mu Li concluded that solidarity of whole ICA is important and the region is a part of global ICA and weakening of global ICA may result in weakening the regional part of ICA. He agreed that we should have more time to discuss these issues in the next meeting.

Mr. Mu Li also mentioned that dropping our members like India and Russia from our Board is regrettable and said we need to improve our election system.

Agenda Item No 7 : Membership Subscription Formula

Members discussed the proposed formula and concluded that we may propose the suggested factors such as business, non-business cooperative, developed, developing and least developed countries when we discuss to change the subscription formula at global board meeting, and agreed to have more time on this agenda at our next meeting.

Mr. Mu Li summarized that we all agree with the formula which is very simple and easy to calculate.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Association of Youth Representative with Standing Committee

Members discussed the procedures on how to invite youth representative to the Standing Committee meeting. It was agreed to include a youth representative in the Committee as regular member pending approval by the Regional Assembly. It may take some time to change the rule. Therefore, the meeting agreed to invite the youth representative to the next Standing Committee meeting as observer and next Regional Assembly may review it.

Agenda Item No 9 : Tsunami Update and Involvement of Coops in Disaster Management in Asia-Pacific Region

The Regional Director explained recent development of projects in Tsunami affected areas.

Dr. Paz said that Israel mobilized 295,000 US dollars which would be supported for training of cooperators and micro-financing in Sri Lanka. He said that the ICA has agreed to put matching fund to this Project. He further said that the Project would be implemented through ICA-AP.

Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen said that Cooperative-UK has decided to finance 12 fishery cooperatives in Banda-Acheh.

Mr. Ranawaka expressed his appreciation for the assistance of Tsunami affected cooperatives in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Mu Li remarked that these support for Tsunami affected cooperatives by ICA member organizations was a good model of "**Cooperation Among Cooperatives**". He wished members to support the rehabilitation of earthquake affected cooperatives in Pakistan as well.

Agenda Item No. 10 : Arrangements and Dates of Next Regional Assembly Meeting

The meeting decided to prepone the events in Sri Lanka by one week - **14th to 19th August 2006**. Dr. Paz proposed to change the date of youth seminar to 15th of August to reduce the financial burden of young participants by shortening their stay for the meetings.

Mr. Ranawaka said that the member organizations in Sri Lanka will see that the events to be held in Sri Lanka from 14th to 19th August would be a grand success.

Agenda Item No. 11 : Other Business Matters Arising

No other business matters arising out of the meeting was raised under this Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 12 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

Mr. Mu Li remarked that we had last three Standing Committee meetings outside our region. This might have caused inconvenience to members who are not global ICA board members. He, therefore, proposed that the next meeting of the SC may be held in Guilin, China. The host organization (ACFSMC) would bear local costs such as board and lodging and local transport for the participants including youth representative. The meeting agreed to Mr. Mu Li's suggestion.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 19:00 hours.

30th December 2005

Minutes of the ICA-AP Standing Committee Meeting Wuxi (China): 16th May 2006

The meeting of ICA-AP Standing Committee was held in Taihu Hotel, Wuxi on 16th May 2006 from 09:30 to 17:00 hours. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mu Li, ICA Vice President and Chairman of Standing Committee. The following members, observers and ICA Officers were present:

36. Mr. Mu Li, ACFSMC, China - Chairperson
37. Ms. Junko Itoh, JCCU, Japan - Vice Chairperson
38. Dr. S.S. Sisodia, NCUI, India - Member
39. Mr. Mohd. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia - on behalf of Prof. Ungku Aziz
40. Mr. Guillermo P. Cua, NATCCO, Philippines - Member
41. Mr. Seah Kian Peng, SNCF, Singapore - Member
42. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
43. Mr. Teo Say Hong, SNCF, Singapore - Youth Representative
44. Ms. Rahaiah Baهران, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Observer
45. Mr. Jiro Ito, JCCU, Japan - Interpreter
46. Mr. Virendra S. Sisodia, India - Observer
47. Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed, SNCF, Singapore - Observer
48. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China - Observer
49. Mr. Rong Jun, ACFSMC, China - Observer
50. Ms. Tian Lihua, ACFSMC, China - Interpreter
51. Mr. Lu Peng, ACFSMC, China - Interpreter
52. Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA, Geneva
53. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP, New Delhi.
54. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Recording

Agenda Item No. 1 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Mu Li, ICA Vice President and Chairman of the ICA-AP Standing Committee thanked the members for accepting the invitation and coming to attend the SC meeting in Wuxi. He said that originally the meeting was scheduled to be held in Guilin which was famous for scenic beauty. However, it was shifted to Wuxi due to the pressure of the Wuxi Government. The members, will however, be taken to Guilin.

He informed the meeting that the members from Indonesia, Israel, Korea and Nepal have regretted their inability to attend the meeting. Mr. Seah Kian Peng who has become Member of Parliament of the Government of Singapore was congratulated by the SC. He also thanked Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General of ICA, for his presence.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Mu Li invited views and comments of the members on the Agenda. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No.3 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Geneva on 5th Dec '05

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the SC meeting held in Geneva on 5th December 2005 were circulated among the members. Mr. Jiro Ito suggested that on page 2, under Agenda 5, para 3 the word "Managers" should be substituted by "Board Members". With this minor correction, the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item No.4 : RD's Report (ICA-AP Financial Report for 2005 & Work Plan/Budget for 2006)

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, presented the ICA-AP Financial Report for 2005. The meeting noted that there was a surplus of CHF 8,391 in Delhi Office and CHF 11,039 in Singapore Business Office for the year 2005 respectively.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee then presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out up to March 2006 and the Activities Planned from April to December. He informed the meeting that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Government of Japan, has agreed to extend the Agricultural Management Training Course and the Rural Women Leaders Training Course for another five years with slight modifications in contents and titles.

Ms. Rahaiah Baheran informed that the Cooperative College of Malaysia will be conducting a month long training course in which two participants from Afghanistan could also be invited with full scholarship. She also congratulated the Regional Director for taking initiative to organize a coop trade exhibition in Iran in October.

Ms. Rahaiah Baheran expressed appreciation to ICA Domus Trust for its support to activities of Women's Committee. She reported the progress with regard to data collection on sex dis-aggregated data of cooperatives. She hoped participation of as many delegates as possible in the Women's Conference to be held in the Philippines in November.

Dr. S.S. Sisodia thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities in 2005. He also assured the Regional Director of NCUI's readiness to conduct any activities anywhere in India in 2006.

Mr. Ali Baharum wanted to know the steps ICA is taking to increase the membership. Mr. Iain Macdonald said that membership in the ICA is increasing slowly and this is an issue which affects the whole of ICA. There is no country in the world where there is no cooperative. Many issues are involved in accepting new members. However, we are satisfied with the present increase in membership. Asia-Pacific region is doing better. He also informed that the last ICA Board meeting has agreed to hold a strategic planning meeting in Stockholm on 4-5 September 2006 which would also discuss membership issue.

Mr. Mu Li welcomed the new members from Australia and New Zealand. He further said that if any Standing Committee Member has got information about potential members, it should be brought to the notice of ICA-AP.

All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP in 2005 and unanimously accepted the report.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Discussion on Regionalization Issues

Mr. Iain Macdonald informed the meeting that the ICA Board had set up a Regional Working Group (RWG) to discuss and submit a report on the regionalization issues. The Working Group had met several times and exchanged a number of papers on the agreed main subjects – legal, roles, membership and finance issues. The RWG last met on 20th April reviewed all the documents and considered recommendations to be placed before the Board. At the last Board Meeting held in Washington in May the RWG submitted its report. The ICA Board has now endorsed the report which will not become a rule until the next General Assembly to be held in Singapore in 2007. The main recommendations of the RWG were as follows:

Legal: (a) at this stage only in Europe should there be a change in legal status; (b) emphasis is made on the global authority that is ICA but that each region could have its own specific identity within this authority; and (c) a review of the ICA Rules and Standing Orders will be necessary to consider decisions taken at Regional Assemblies and to ensure there is one overall global legal framework into which all regions should fit.

Roles: (a) a very disciplined approach to be taken to prepare a successful strategic meeting in Stockholm, on 4-7 September 2006, which would also include sectoral organisations; (b) that head office, regional offices and sectoral organisations should be asked to prioritise their existing roles and functions for input to Stockholm; (c) to accept the agreed basis for roles and functions; and (d) to emphasise the role of the sectors in this exercise and to avoid competition and duplication.

Membership: (a) that there be two types of ICA members, full and associate, with regional and sectoral members being part of associate. Only those not eligible for full membership could normally be considered for associate; and (b) further consideration should be given to *National Cooperative Movement* and *Sector/Type* subscription formula options and reported back to the board.

Finance: (a) to operate a four-year multi annual planning process, with a strategic budgetary review every two years. Annual budgets would continue to operate within that process; (b) to continue with a revised solidarity system; and (c) to collect global subscriptions centrally by head office and in close association with regions and possibly sectors.

Mr. Iain Macdonald assured that the “Statutes” for transforming Coop Europe into ICA’s European Region will be ready by the end of July so that it could be discussed in the forthcoming Regional Assemblies.

Dr. S.S. Sisodia said that this subject is very delicate and that it should be handled properly. It would be appropriate if the present level of working of the ICA is maintained.

Mr. Iain Macdonald said that Coop Europe wanted to have a separate legal entity in order to get financial support from European Union. Unless it is registered there, it will not be possible to get any financial support. Coop Europe wants to remain within ICA global and it will have two logos (Coop Europe and ICA). He also said that ICA-AP does not require any change and it is going from strength to strength. However, this was not the case with Africa.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that legal entity is not a big issue for ICA-AP. Within the current existing structure, ICA-AP is very autonomous and ICA Geneva does not interfere in this region.

Mr. Mu Li concluded that solidarity of whole ICA is important and the region is a part of global ICA. Weakening of global ICA may result in weakening the regional part of the ICA. We think that the AP members should actively participate in the regionalization issues. He hoped DG will take into account the whole issues that are being discussed today.

Mr. Mu Li also said that regionalization issue should be based on: (a) final benefit to the ICA; (b) regions could get more autonomy so that they can better promote the cooperative movement; and (c) it does not harm the ICA. Therefore, we all should support this process. The regionalization issue will be closely followed and reported it to the next regional assembly in Sri Lanka.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Membership Subscription Formula

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the present subscription formula is very complicated and difficult to follow. Therefore, many organizations are paying the minimum subscription. One of the recommendations of the Regionalization Working Group (RWG), which was also approved by the ICA Board in Washington, was to refine the two models of subscription – one based on the collection of dues at the national level (National Cooperative Movement Model) and the other based on flat-fee approach based on sector/type of organization (Sector/Type).

Mr. Iain Macdonald informed the meeting that 70 per cent of the members do not follow the present subscription formula and the National Cooperative Movement Model is currently following by the Japanese Cooperative Movement. He also said that this is a scenario only and lot of work has to be done.

The members from India, Philippines, Japan and Singapore agreed to the National Cooperative Movement Model.

Mr. Mu Li said that we have got two scenarios now at our disposal. It is necessary to continue the discussions on the Models and I do not think it is time to finalize the proposal. As decided at the last meeting, the formula should be very simple and easy to calculate.

Agenda Item No. 7 : Operation of Singapore Business Office

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented a brief report on Singapore Business Office. He said that even though the office started working in July 1999, the SBO has not done any work to promote coop trade. He suggested that either Malaysia or Singapore could explore the possibility of seconding one officer to work at the SBO. Mr. Seah Kian Peng said that SNCF would seriously consider the proposal. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that he would hold discussions with SNCF in this regard.

Mr. Mu Li said that the original intention of opening SBO was to promote business between the cooperative movements in the region. In addition to activities carried out by ICA-AP, the most important thing is that we should get started some business. The SBO is really important for us.

**Agenda Item No. 8 : Review of Constitution of ICA
Committee on Youth Cooperation for
Asia-Pacific**

Mr. Teo Say Hong first thanked the members for inviting a youth representative to the SC meeting. He appealed to the SC members to send at least one youth to the next Youth Conference to be held in Colombo on 15th August 2006. He then presented the draft Constitution of ICA Committee on Youth Cooperation for Asia-Pacific. A few minor corrections were suggested by the members. With these minor corrections, the SC approved the draft Constitution and decided to submit it to the Regional Assembly for its approval.

**Agenda Item No 9 : Post Tsunami Interventions by ICA-AP
in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia**

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented a report on the post tsunami interventions in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The highlights of the report are given below:

Post Tsunami Reconstruction of Cooperatives in India: ICA-AP and NCUI with financial assistant of Coop UK are jointly implementing coop reconstruction project in tsunami hit areas in Tamil Nadu and Anadaman Nicobar states of India. The project period is for 12 months from August 2005 to July 2006 for a financial outlay of US\$ 153,224 by Coop UK and US\$ 15,292 by NCUI.

Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Coop Empowerment Project: Post tsunami cooperative empowerment project for the cooperatives in Southern Province in Sri Lanka is a combined initiative of ICA, NISPED, B'nai Brit World Centre and the American Jewish Committee. The project involves an extensive capacity building program designed to strengthen managerial and leadership capability among all the affected cooperatives in Southern Sri Lanka. The program will cover 1,550 senior managers and members of the board of directors of identified coops. The total budget of NISPED is US\$ 300,000 and ICA contribution is US\$ 100,000.

Coop Reconstructions in Indonesia: LSP21 and Dekopinwil Aceh are the lead agencies in Indonesia, coordinating and implementing coop rehabilitation activities in tsunami affected areas in Aceh. ICA has extended financial support to LSP21 in the form of bridge fund of CHF 45,000 to coops in Aceh. Besides, ICA has committed US\$ 93,000 to fund education and training programs as indicated in the Integrated Coop Rehabilitation Project prepared by Mr. Robby Tulus, special ICA Envoy in Indonesia. Further, Coop UK has agreed to fund US\$ 140,800 (US\$ 46,000 transferred) for reconstruction of coops in Aceh.

Mr. Mu Li congratulated the Regional Director and his staff for getting financial support for the tsunami affected projects in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

A 10 minutes video film on Post Earth Quake Rehabilitation Project in Gujarat (India) was shown to the SC members. This project was completed by 31st March 2006. The approval of the 2nd phase is expected by end of December.

Agenda Item No.10 : Issue of ICA Vice President from Asia-Pacific Region

Mr. Mu Li said that he had sent a letter on 27th March on this subject to all SC members and ICA President/Director General. There is some change in his present position in China. He is no longer serving as a leader of ACFSMC. He has already begun his new career in Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC). In order for ACFSMC to continue to play an active role in the ICA, as well as to make further contributions, he earnestly recommended that **Mr. Li Chunsheng** be his successor for the remaining period of his term as ICA Vice President. Mr. Li Chunsheng has served the ACFSMC in various capacities. He has been the Vice President of ACFSMC since 2000 and carries a wealth of experiences in international affairs. He will no doubt stand up to the expectations of the ICA leadership and members in this region. He requested the SC members to take a final decision in this regard.

Dr. S.S. Sisodia proposed the name of Mr. Li Chunsheng as Vice President of ICA and all members present seconded his name.

All the SC members praised the good work done by Mr. Mu Li. Mementos were presented to Mr. Mu Li by the SC members and also by ICA-AP.

Mr. Mu Li thanked all members of the SC for their kind support, which he enjoyed very much throughout his work with the ICA. He further said he would be missing everybody since he will not be able to continue his work with the ICA. However, he said that he is very much interested to keep in touch with each member.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked all members of the SC for recommending his name to be the new Vice President of ICA. He also thanked Mr. Mu Li for recommending his name as his successor. With your support, he hoped he will be able to stand up to your expectations.

Agenda Item No. 11 : Arrangements and Dates of Events to be held in Sri Lanka from 14th to 19th August 2006

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented a list of events to be held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) from 14th to 19th August 2006. He said all the preparations are going on smoothly. A "Pamphlet" with all the details of the Coop Forum/Regional Assembly was also circulated at the meeting.

Mr. Ranawaka said that the member organizations in Sri Lanka will see that the events to be held in Sri Lanka from 14th to 19th August would be a grand success.

Agenda Item No. 12 : Other Business Matters Arising

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the Government of Malaysia and ANGKASA have kindly agreed to host the next Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Malaysia in 2007. The meeting authorized the Regional Director to finalize the dates of the Conference in consultation with the Government of Malaysia and ANGKASA.

Agenda Item No. 13 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The meeting unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting of the Standing Committee in Colombo (Sri Lanka) in the forenoon of 16th August 2006 in conjunction with the Cooperative Forum and Regional Assembly.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 17:00 hours.

20th June 2006

ANNEXURE - 3

CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA COMMITTEE ON YOUTH COOPERATION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC

PREAMBLE

This Committee is being formed to take initiatives in the development of cooperatives among youth population in the Asia and Pacific Region. It shall be a Committee of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia-Pacific.

Article 1: Name

- 1.1 The name of the Committee shall be “**ICA Committee on Youth Cooperation for Asia and Pacific**” (Hereinafter it will be referred to as the “Committee” and for all transactions shortly referred to as **ICA Regional Youth Committee**).

Article 2: Area of Operation

- 2.1 The area of operations of the Committee will be Asia and Pacific Region i.e. area covered by the ICA Regional Office for Asia and Pacific.

Article 3: Objectives

- 3.1 The objectives of the Committee shall be to promote the networking of youth in cooperatives and to encourage the youth activities through pursuing the following issues under the coordination of ICA-AP;
 - 3.1.1 Strengthen and encourage better cooperation through exchange of visit, knowledge and know-how and activities among youth in cooperatives;
 - 3.1.2 Encourage youth to become active members, employees and leaders of Cooperatives and to help them learn participatory democracy;
 - 3.1.3 Strengthen business activities of Cooperatives by youth through member education/promotion, member participation, joint business activities, etc.;
 - 3.1.4 Help promote and develop cooperative movement, community and environment;
 - 3.1.5 Provide linkages and networking with cooperatives at all levels (i.e. local, national, regional and global); and
 - 3.1.6 Promote the inclusion of youth into the mainstream of the cooperative organization via youth representation in the local, national, regional and global level.

Article 4: Activities

- 4.1 The activities of the Committee shall be as follows:
 - 4.1.1 The Committee shall have its meeting at least once a year and shall issue a Newsletter either electronically or in the printed form;
 - 4.1.2 The Committee may arrange activities or programs for promoting and developing youth cooperatives within the Development Projects and other institutions;
 - 4.1.3 The Committee shall liaise with regional or global organizations in pursuance of its objectives; and
 - 4.1.4 The activities of the Committee shall be reported to meeting of the ICA Asia-Pacific Standing Committee and the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific.

Article 5: Membership

- 5.1 The members of the Committee shall consist of youth representatives who are cooperative members and/or employees nominated by ICA member organizations in the region;
- 5.2 One representative shall be nominated from one organization - country in the Committee; and
- 5.3 The admission or resignation of the members of the Committee shall be discussed and approved in the meeting of the Committee, and shall be reported to the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific.

Article 6: Office

- 6.1 The Office of the Committee shall be at the ICA Regional Office for Asia and Pacific.

Article 7: Meetings

- 7.1 Meeting of the Committee shall be held at least once every year preferably in conjunction with the Regional Assembly. The meetings shall be convened by the Secretary who shall also furnish to the Committee a report on the activities.
- 7.2 The proceedings of the meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in English. Participants requiring interpretation in any other language may be accompanied by personal interpreters at their own cost.
- 7.3 Each country delegation attending the meeting shall have one vote.
- 7.4 Members who have not paid their annual membership subscription dues towards the Committee shall not be entitled to vote.
- 7.5 Eminent academicians of the University/College/Youth cooperatives and others may be invited to the meetings of the Committee as observers or speakers. The observers shall not have any voting rights.

Article 8: Officers

- 8.1 The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons, with due consideration to gender parity. The term of office shall be from the ICA Regional Assembly to the next. Retiring office bearers shall be eligible for re-election.
- 8.2 The Project Director/Officer of the ICA Youth Project Asia and Pacific shall function as the Secretary of the Committee.
- 8.3 The Committee shall have Co-Secretaries to assist the work of the Secretary, as necessary.
- 8.4 In the absence of the Chairperson at the meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair from among the members present for conducting the proceedings of the meeting.

Article 9: Finances

- 9.1 The resources of funds to meet the expenditure on the meetings and activities of the Committee shall be derived from:
 - a) The annual membership fee of US\$ 100 at the minimum by each member organization;
 - b) The annual project fund of the ICA Youth Development Project for Asia and Pacific; and
 - c) Other contributions.
- 9.2 The financial year of the Committee shall be one calendar year.

Article 10: Amendment

- 10.1 Any amendment to the Constitution of the Committee has to be tabled, discussed and be endorsed by the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific.
- 10.2 The amendment will only take effect upon approval by the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific.

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