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# Message from the ICA Vice President for Asia and the Pacific



The year 2001 was very crucial for the ICA in this region. Although in the development process we have met a number of challenges including the issue of deficit finances, the co-operatives in the region have made great efforts to take up a number of important activities.

In October, 2001, ICA Global General Assembly was successfully held in Seoul, South Korea. The ICA has elected a new leadership. Despite our serious internal financial difficulties and external challenges of economic globalization, our solidarity and firm determination to overcome these difficulties shown in the General Assembly greatly inspired the co-operative movement all over the world as well as this region.

During the year under review, ICA ROAP has taken active interest in conducting a number of activities, covering all sectors of co-operatives, such as agriculture, consumers, health, youth, women, trade and information technology (IT), in order to promote the development of co-operatives in the region.

All these activities were directed in exploring new paths and new modes of co-operative development from different aspects and at different levels. No matter whether it is through seeking possibilities of inter-co-operative trade, use of IT in the operations of co-operatives, promoting the participation of women and youth in decision-making, or piloting the development of specialized co-operatives, we only have one objective that is to steer our regional co-operative movement to meet new challenges and seek for new development.

In April, 2002, the Sixth Asia-Pacific Co-operative Ministerial Conference will be convened in Katmandu, Nepal. As a follow-up and implementation of the Beijing Declaration proposed in the Fifth Co-operative Ministers' Conference and to meet the need for adapting to the new situation, co-operative legislation and policy development is chosen again as the conference theme this time.

Economic globalization requires governments through out the world to establish policy and legislation complying with and supportive of co-operative development. This also necessitates the co-operative movement to relate to reform and development so as to enhance economic recovery and development in the world and to better serve the members and contribute to the society.

Through a yearlong and difficult endeavor, we are very pleased to see that ICA ROAP has been able to come out of financial difficulties and prepared a work plan with no deficit planned for the year 2002. I heartily express my gratitude to all the co-operatives in the world, especially to the great involvement, endorsement and collaboration of the 52 co-operative organizations from 26 member countries in our region, and our development partners. I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the ICA ROAP leadership and staff for their vigorous efforts for the recovery. I wish all of us to go hand-in-hand in the new year to dedicate more and more for the development of co-operative movement in our region and globally.

- Mu Li

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# Message from the ICA Regional Director for Asia-Pacific



Based on the global ICA agenda, the ICA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific has been able to carry out a record number of activities during the year under review (2001).

During the next year, the ICA Regional Office will be holding the 6th Co-operative Ministers Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal during April, 2002. In preparation of this conference, a Regional Consultation meeting was held in Tehran, Iran, in collaboration with the Iranian Co-operative movement and government. At the consultation, a review of the progress made in implementing the Joint Declaration adopted by the 5th Co-operative Ministers' Conference in Beijing during October, 1999.

The second critical study on co-operative legislation in the region, prepared by two eminent co-operative practitioners, Mr. Ravi Shankar, Managing Director of National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India and Mr. Garry Cronan, Executive Director of Australian Centre for Co-operative Research and Development, has also been discussed at the Consultation.

The consultation also tried to identify and formulate 'realistic and doable' recommendations for the 6th Ministers' Conference.

The ICA Regional Standing Committee met in Xiamen (China) on 16 January and again in Shanghai (China) on 31 August, 2001. As an outcome of the Standing Committee meetings, a 3-member team did an evaluation of the Singapore Business Office and the team suggested that the ICA ROAP should move its Business office in Singapore to the SNCF premises to save costs. A small staff adjustment was also done to this purpose.

As a result of a seminar on International Trade Networking in Beijing, China, hosted by the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives, several large consumer co-operative organizations in Canada, Japan and Singapore have been able to set up business associations with All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives. Other smaller co-operatives in the Philippines, Indonesia, etc. were also benefited from this exercise.

One of the major activities during the year was the holding of the 15th ICA/Japan Management Training Course for Agricultural Co-operatives in Asia. As in the past, 15 managers of agricultural co-operatives were trained. The first part of the course was held at the Fertilizer Management Development Institute of IFFCO, India in Gurgaon near Delhi and at IRMA, Anand. The theme of the training course this year was 'Value Additions through Agro Processing'.

The ICA Committee on Consumer Co-operation for Asia and the Pacific and the Sub-Committee on University/College co-operatives also held a number of meetings during this period, apart from holding very important seminars, while the Asia-Pacific Health Co-operative Organisation held their meeting in Seoul, Korea, when the founder chairperson Dr. Kato retired and a new Chairperson (Dr. Takashi, Japan) elected.

During the year, the Regional Women's Committee and the ICA ROAP held a validation workshop for a Leadership Development Manual for Women in Co-operatives, which has been prepared in collaboration with the ILO

Coopnet. The manual will be ready during the first quarter of 2002.

An important regional workshop was organized in Singapore in collaboration with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) to discuss ILO Recommendation No. 127 on co-operatives and another workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Another highlight of the year was the holding of a Regional Co-operative Youth Seminar in Tokyo during June 2001 on the theme 'Leaders towards Co-operation, Leading the New Century'. Dr. Roberto Rodrigues, the former ICA President also participated at this seminar.

ICA ROAP also organised training programmes for managers of co-operatives in IFFCO, India and for senior level bank employees from Sri Lanka, at Lucknow, India.

During the year, the membership of the ICA ROAP has come down to 58 organisations, mostly due to default in payment of subscriptions by some members. A new member, the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA) of Japan joined the ICA during this year.

During the year the ICA had close collaboration with the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), the Developpement international Desjardins (DiD), the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Government of Japan, the Japanese Consumers Co-operative Union, the Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives, Japan, the Institute for Development of Agricultural Co-operation in India (IDACA), All China Federation of Supply & Marketing Co-operatives, National Agricultural Co-operative Federation of Korea, Singapore National Co-operative Federation, Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Co-operative Limited (IFFCO), the Iran Chamber of Co-operatives, the Ministry of Co-operatives, Iran and other co-operative organizations in Iran, the ILO Coopnet, SANASA, Sri Lanka, the Rabo Bank Foundation and the Network for Development of Agricultural Co-operatives (NEDEC) of the FAO. We hope these organizations and many more will continue to support the ICA in Asia and the Pacific in its activities in the future.

I wish co-operative organizations in the Region all the very best during 2002.

– Shil Kwan Lee



*Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director discussing a point with Mr. B.D. Sharma, Director - SOWECA*



*ROAP staff with Mr. Barberini, ICA President*



# Second Critical Study on Co-operative Legislation and Regional Consultation, Tehran, Iran



*Iranian Minister with the former ICA President, Roberto Rodrigues*

## Second Critical Study on Co-operative Legislation

This 'Second Critical Study on Co-operative Legislation in Asia and the Pacific' follows the first one published in 1996, which enjoyed wide readership and praise from among co-operative as well as government circles.

The Study employed a methodology that is transparent, in-depth and realistic, with well-founded documentation, field interviews, as well as direct survey on co-operative legislation and policy. Critical case studies prepared by two consultants,

covered a number of Asian countries i.e. India, Indonesia, Korea, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Study Report formed a vital background material for the Regional Consultation meeting held in Tehran (Iran) in July 2001, and this forms the basis for the formulation of the Agenda and Key Issues to be debated at the 6th Co-operative Ministers' Conference that is scheduled to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in early March 2002.

## Regional Consultation

The ICA ROAP in collaboration with the Ministry of Co-operatives and Chamber of Co-ops of the Islamic Republic of Iran organized the '6th Regional Consultation Meeting' at Esteghlal Hotel, Tehran, from 1st to 5th July 2001.

The Regional Consultation was preceded by two very significant events, namely, 'Dialogue of Civilizations' and 'National Co-operative Forum' and followed by another important meeting of 'National Co-operative Women's Forum of Iran'. Important outcomes of these allied fora were

effectiveness of co-operatives as an instrument to promote dialogue among civilizations for world peace; need to examine the possibilities to set up Co-operative common market; and creation of a Steering Committee to promote women Co-ops in Iran.

Sixty-one participants from 12 countries and three international organizations attended the Consultation. The Consultation formulated the key issues that are relevant for deliberations and decisions at the 6th Co-operative Ministers Conference to be held in Nepal in April 2002.



*Dr. Sisodia, Robby Tulus with the Iranian Minister at the Consultation*

# Regional Workshop on revised ILO Recommendation No. 127 on Co-operatives

The ICA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, in collaboration with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions – Asia Pacific Regional Office organized a Regional Workshop on ILO Recommendation No. 127 on co-operatives at Singapore from 15–17 March, 2001. This was a follow-up on the regional workshop held during October 2000. The workshop attracted 20 delegates from co-operatives, trade unions, the ILO and ICA.

Robby Tulus, then ICA Regional Director, Noriyuki Suzuki, General Secretary of ICFTU, Dr. Yehudah Paz and others spoke at the workshop. The workshop agreed that the ILO's revised definition on co-operatives should include co-



operative values, autonomy, and sustainability in its contents to ensure its universal acceptance. The ICFTU and ICA ROAP decided to continue their collaboration on joint activities in the region in future.

## Joint Pilot Project on organising informal sector through Co-ops

A joint preparatory workshop organised by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the ICA ROAP, the National Trade Union Congress of Nepal, and National Co-operative Federation of Nepal on a joint pilot project on 'Organising the Informal Sector through Co-operatives' was held at Kathmandu from 20th to 21st December 2001.

Twenty participants (10 from the trade unions and 10 from the co-operative sector in Nepal) attended the workshop. Topics discussed were 'Globalisation, Labour Market Challenges and Responses by Trade Unions and Co-operatives' and 'Organising informal sector through Co-operatives'.

After discussions, it was decided that a joint pilot project be taken up to organise handicrafts craftsmen and carpet weavers through co-operatives, to be replicated in the region. B.D. Sharma, acting Regional Director of ICA moderated the workshop.



*The workshop in progress.*



# International Co-op Trade Network (ICTN) Seminar

The ICA ROAP in collaboration with ACFSMC organized a seminar on 'International Co-operative Trade Networking (ICTN)' at the National Co-operative Training Center of China, Beijing, from 19th to 24th March 2001. This was the first such initiative taken by the ICA in this Region, in close collaboration with ACFSMC, bringing together top level leaders and executives of co-op organisations under a common platform. More than 40 delegates attended the seminar, representing Australia, China, Canada, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam and the ICA ROAP. An MOU was signed between the ACFSMC and DEKOPIN during the seminar. The All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives sponsored this Seminar, whereas ICA ROAP was in charge of the design and implementation.

Presentations were made by ACFSMC, China, Fujii (Dino) Haruo of Co-op Trade Japan, Eric Clauss of Co-op Atlantic, Canada and Garry Cronan of Australian Centre for Co-op Research and Development.

The seminar has triggered a promising initiative where four major consumer co-operatives in Canada (Co-op Atlantic), UK (Co-operative Wholesale Society), Japan (Co-op Trade Japan - JCCU) and Singapore (NTUC Fairprice) have later undertaken a joint buying trip to the affiliates of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives.

As a follow-up, the Co-op Directory (Yellow Pages) prepared by ICA ROAP for feedback at the Seminar, is now fully operational. Please visit <[www.directories.coop](http://www.directories.coop)> and post information on your co-operatives and the products you would like to buy/sell.



Venue of the International Co-op Trade Exhibition, Hanoi

## International Co-op Trade Exhibition and Seminar

Some two hundred producers co-operatives from Vietnam, China, Iran and the Philippines participated in the International Co-operative Exhibition held at the Vietnam Exhibition Center in Hanoi from 27th August to 3rd September 2001 which was organized by the Vietnam Co-operative Alliance and the ICA ROAP. Co-op products on display included agricultural commodities, processed goods, light industrial products, agricultural and industrial machineries, construction materials, handicrafts and the like. Representatives from the co-operative movements of Thailand and Australia also participated at the Exhibition.

Mr. Pham The Duyet, President of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front of Vietnam and Mr. Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam spoke at the seminar, representing the government of

Vietnam. Dr. Nguyen Ty, President of Vietnam Co-operative Alliance and Romulo Villamin, ICA Director for South East Asia underlined the importance of the trade exhibition. The week-long event also featured a 2-day seminar on International Trade.



Participants of the ICTN Seminar, Beijing



# SANASA bank executives trained at Lucknow

The ICA ROAP in collaboration with the Bankers' Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow, organised an executive development programme for a 10-member middle level managerial personnel of SANASA Development Bank (SDB), Sri Lanka from 14-21 October, 2001.

The training focussed on enabling strategies for structural reforms of co-operative banking system to meet

the emerging challenges in financial sector.

The contents of the course included conceptualization of co-operative banking system and its positioning in the financial sector. Besides, it also discussed HRD for co-operative banks and steps for their efficient operational managements.

The participants were also exposed to actual field situation through visits to co-operative banks in Lucknow.



*SANASA Development Bank Executives*

## Seminar on Distance Education and workshop on member education

In conjunction with the HRD Committee Meeting, the Committee organised a seminar on 'Distance Education' on 2nd March.

The seminar focused on expanding the reach of co-operative education and training through distance learning. It showcased the actual experience of the co-operative movement in Malaysia in distance education.

A Regional Workshop on 'The Development of Member Education System in Asia' was held in Bandung (Indonesia) from 12th to 15th July 2001 in collaboration with

Indonesian Co-operative Council (DEKOPIN).

The purpose of this workshop was to gather the collective experience of co-operative movements in Asia in member education and develop a comprehensive strategy towards institutionalizing the same in our co-op systems. The workshop highlighted the actual experience of co-op institutions in Asia in developing and delivering member education programmes.

Thirty participants representing India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam attended the regional workshop.



*Distance Education Seminar, Jakarta*

## Inter-Co-op Tourism Seminar

The ICA ROAP and the National Co-operative Organization of Malaysia (ANGKASA) in collaboration with the International Association of Tourism Co-operatives (TICA) organized an 'Inter Co-op Tourism Seminar' in Kuala Lumpur from 11th to 13th June 2001.

The World Tourism Organization based in Spain provided valuable inputs during the seminar. At the

seminar preliminary business arrangements on tourism products specifically designed for co-op members and involving co-operatives at both ends of the markets were concluded.

Thirty-seven participants representing Co-operatives engaged in travel and tourism in Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, including school co-operatives, participated in the seminar.



*Another view of the Regional Consultation, Tehran*

# Workshop on Consumer Co-operatives

The ICA ROAP in collaboration with SNCF organised the 1st Regional Workshop for Senior Managers on 'Management of Consumers Co-operatives' in Singapore from 21st to 23rd February 2001.

Twenty-one participants from India, Indonesia, Japan Mauritius, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the workshop. The objectives of the workshop were :

- a) to discuss issues relating to the management of consumer co-ops in the Asia-Pacific region;
- b) to learn from the operational and business experiences of the NTUC FairPrice in retail management; and
- c) how to incorporate such experiences in their own consumer co-ops to enhance their operational and business efficiency.



*Consumer Committee meeting in Seoul*

# ICA Regional Co-operative Youth Seminar

The ICA ROAP in collaboration with ICA Consumer Subcommittee on University/College Co-operatives organized a 'Regional Co-operative Youth Seminar' in Tokyo from 24th to 27th June 2001. The National Federation of University Co-operative Association (NFUCA), Japanese Joint Committee (JJC), and Japanese Consumers Co-operative Union (JCCU) jointly hosted the Seminar.

The theme of the seminar was 'Leaders Towards Co-operation, Leading New Century'. More than 100 youth delegates from 11

countries gathered to discuss the theme.

Inaugurating the seminar, ICA President, Dr. Roberto Rodrigues, ICA President, reminded the participants that the 'young today will be the future pillars of our co-operative movement in the 21st century'. He also had a round table meeting with young people to discuss the future of co-operatives in the region.

Prof. Nakamura Hisashi of Ryukoku University made a presentation on the 'Improvement of People's Living through Co-

operative Networking and Robby Tulus, ICA Regional Director talked on 'Development of Co-ops in the Asia-Pacific Region in the 21st century'.

On the last day, an evaluation was held and the youth unanimously agreed that the experiences they had gained from the two-day seminar will help them better-equip in their community work. The recommendations, agreed upon at the seminar will be submitted to the Asia-Pacific Standing Committee of the ICA for better implementation of youth integration in the region.



*Youth seminar delegates got together for a photograph*



## Office-Bearers of ICA Regional Women's Committee meets

A meeting of the office-bearers of the 'ICA Regional Women's Committee' was held on 14 March 2001 in Singapore. The meeting examined the activities of the Women's Committee during 2001 and 2002. The Committee decided to conduct a survey of the situation of women's participation in

decision-making positions in member organizations.

National Women's Forums were held in 7 countries of the region, viz. India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and Japan. This gives an impetus to persuade other member organizations and countries to hold such national forums.



*Youth delegates discussing co-op issues*

## Workshop validates the Co-operative Leadership Development Manual for Women

At a workshop held at Bangkok, from 20-23 August, a Manual on Co-operative Leadership Development for Women, developed by the ICA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific jointly with the ILO Coopnet Programme.

In a hectic 3-day programme, co-operative leaders, gender experts and trainers, together with representatives of the ILO and ICA ROAP, validated the manual with modifications.

The writer of the manual, Ms. Brenda Batistiana was also present.

The manual is to be finally edited and published during the next year for dissemination to ICA member organisations in the region. National level trainers' trainings will be conducted using the manual in ICA member countries in the region. Juku Ozawa, Director-Special Programs at the ICA ROAP, dealing with Gender Issues, hoped that with the use of this manual for training of women co-operative leaders and potential leaders, the level of women's participation in co-op management and operations will increase.



*Delegates after validating the Leadership development manual*

## APHCO Board meets in Singapore and General Assembly in Seoul

The board of Asia-Pacific Health Co-op Organisation (APHCO) met twice during 2001. The first meeting was in Singapore 19-21 July 2001, chaired by Dr. Vijay Deshmukh in the absence of Dr. Shoji Kato. The meeting felt the need to have closer coordination with the International Health Co-operative Organisation (IHCO), especially in view of the fact that Dr. Shoji Kato is the chair of both IHCO and APHCO.

The 6th meeting of the board was attended by members from Japan, Malaysia, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The board approved the work plan for 2002-2003. The 3rd General

Assembly of APHCO was held in Seoul, Korea on 15 October 2001. Twenty-five delegates from Japan and Korea participated at the Assembly, apart from members from other countries.

Dr. Shoji Kato, founder chairperson, retired due to ill health and Dr. Takahashi from Japan was elected chair of APHCO and Mr. Lionel Samarasinghe (Sri Lanka) was elected the vice chair.

The APHCO members presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Kato in recognition of his services in the field of co-operative healthcare at regional and global levels.



*Lionel Samarasinghe, Vice-chair, presenting a memento to retiring chair Dr. Shoji Kato*

# Fifteenth ICA-Japan Training Course concludes

The fifteenth ICA-Japan Training Course on 'Strengthening Management of Agricultural Co-operatives in Asia' was held in India, Malaysia and Japan from November 16, 2000 to April 28, 2001.

The programme was implemented by the International Co-operative Alliance - Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with JA-Zenchu (Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives of Japan) and the Institute for the Development of Agricultural Co-operation in Asia (IDACA). The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Government of Japan provided financial assistance to the programme.

As in the past 15 participants were trained, who came from Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia,

Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Phase I of the programme covered country assignments and programme in India was held from January 07 to Feb.28, 2001, with the support of Indian Farmers' Fertiliser Co-operatives (IFFCO) and Institute of Rural Management, Anand.

Study visits were held in Malaysia (March 01-08, 2001), with the support of ANGKASA and the National Land Finance Co-operative Society Ltd.

Phase II of the programme was held at IDACA, Japan, including extensive study visits of agricultural co-operatives in Japan, from March 08 to April 28, 2001.

Dr. Daman Prakash, Project Director assisted by Mr. Prem Kumar, Project Advisor, coordinated the course.



*Trainees of 15th course with IDACA staff and resource persons*

## ICA-Japan Rural Women Leaders Training course

The development objective of the training course was 'to facilitate improvements of living standards of farm households through women's participation in the organisational structures and business operations of agricultural co-operatives'.

To materialise this objective, the main components of the programme were field study visits in Thailand and training in IDACA, Japan, including field visits.

The principal areas of emphasis included methods of organising rural women into co-operatives; role of women members and their leaders in business development of agricultural co-operatives; ways and means for income generating activities through project approach; study of experiences of Japanese women's associations in agricultural co-ops in the sphere of income generation and networking of agricultural co-operatives.

Eight women leaders from co-operative movements of India, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the training course for 'Strengthening Women's Agricultural Co-operatives in Rural Areas and Improvement of Farm Management and Rural Life'. K. Sethumadhavan, planning officer, represented the ICA ROAP.



*First Rural women leaders' course participants with Mr. Y. Nakaoka, MD, IDACA*



# Kurien wins first-ever Rochdale Pioneers' Prize

Dr. Verghese Kurien, chairman of one of the ICA members in the Region, National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India, has been awarded the first Rochdale Pioneers' Prize.

The prize was presented during the General Assembly in Seoul, Korea - 16 October, 2001.

Dr. Kurien has made invaluable contribution to the dairy co-operative sector in India by helping to establish innovative and financially sustainable dairy co-operatives. He was also the 'architect' of Operation Flood, the largest dairy development programme in the world. In addition to helping establish thousands of co-operatives, he also set up the well-known Institute of Rural Management in Anand.

Dr. Kurien received several international awards including Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1963; Wateler Peace Price from the Carnegie Foundation in 1986, World Food price in 1989; International Person of the Year by World Dairy Expo, USA in 1993; Ordre du Merite Agricole by the French Government in 1997 and Asian Productivity Award for 2000 from Asian Productivity Organisation, Japan.

Fourteen universities in India, Australia, Canada, UK, USA, etc. bestowed honorary degrees on him.

He is also the recipient of prestigious national awards in India - Padmashri (1965); Padmabhushan (1966), Krishi Ratna (1986) and Padma Vibushan (1999).



## Our Partners

The ICA ROAP established effective partnerships in the implementation of work plan for the year 2001, with Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), Canada; Developpement International Desjardins (DiD), Canada; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries MAFF), Govt. of Japan; Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union (JCCU), Japan; Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives of Japan (JA-Zenchu); Institute for the Development of Agricultural Co-operation in Asia (IDACA), Japan; All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives (ACFSMC), China; Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF), Singapore; National Co-operative Agricultural Co-operative Federation (NACF), Korea; Indian Farmers' Fertiliser Co-operative Limited (IFFCO), India; National Co-operative Development Corporation of India (NCDC), India; Iran Chamber of Co-operatives and Ministry of Co-operatives of Iran; ILO-Co-opnet/Co-opreform, Philippines; Network for Development of Agricultural Co-operatives (NEDAC) of FAO; SANASA of Sri Lanka; and RABO Bank Foundation.

## Membership during 2001

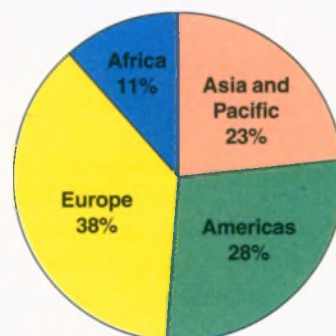
As at 31st December 2001 ICA AROAP had 58 member organisations in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Malaysian Co-operative Consumer Society Limited (June 2001) and the Sind Government Employees Co-operative Housing

Society Limited, Pakistan (February 2001) were terminated from the membership due to non-payment of subscription.

The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NAFUCA) of Japan joined the ICA in October 2001.

Region-wise Membership as at December 2001



# ICA MEMBER ORGANISATIONS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. Bangladesh Jatiya Samabaya Union (BJSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
  2. All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives (ACFSMC), Beijing China.
  3. Fiji Co-operative Union Ltd, Suva, Fiji.
  4. National Co-operative Union of India, New Delhi, India.
  5. National Co-operative Consumers' Federation (NCCF), New Delhi, India.
  6. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-op. Ltd, (IFFCO), New Delhi, India.
  7. National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED), New Delhi, India.
  8. National Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks' Federation, Mumbai, India.
  9. National Federation of State Co-operative Banks Ltd. Mumbai, India.
  10. Krishak Bharati Co-operative Ltd. (KRIBHCO), NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh, India.
  11. National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI), Anand, India.
  12. National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies, New Delhi, India.
  13. Dewan Koperasi Indonesia (DEKOPIN), Jakarta, Indonesia
  14. Central Organisation for Rural Co-operatives of Iran Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.
  15. Central Union of Rural Agricultural Co-operatives of Iran Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.
  16. Iran Chamber of Co-operatives (ICC), Tehran, Islamic Rep. of Iran.
  17. Central Union of Co-operative Societies in Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel.
  18. Co-op Blue Square Consumer Co-operative Ramat Gan, Israel.
  19. Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives (JA-ZENCHU), Tokyo, Japan.
  20. Japanese Consumers Co-operative Union (JCCU) Tokyo, Japan.
  21. National Federation of Fisheries' Co-operatives Associations (Zengyoren), Tokyo, Japan.
  22. National Federation of Forest Owners' Co-operative Associations (Zenmori-ren), Tokyo Japan.
  23. The Norinchukin Bank (Central Co-op Bank for Agriculture & Forestry), Tokyo, Japan.
  24. National Federation of Agricultural Co-op. Associations (Zen-Noh), Tokyo, Japan.
  25. IE-NO-HIKARI ASSOCIATION (Association for Education & Publications on Agricultural Co-ops), Tokyo, Japan.
  26. National Mutual Insurance Federation of Agricultural Co-ops. (ZENKYOREN), Tokyo, Japan.
  27. National Press & Information Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives, Tokyo, Japan.
  28. Japanese Workers' Co-operative Union (JIGYODAN) Tokyo, Japan.
  29. The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NAFUCA) of Japan.
  30. National Federation of Workers and Consumers Insurance Co-operatives (ZENROSŌI), Tokyo, Japan.
  31. Union of Consumer Societies, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
  32. National Agricultural Co-operative Federation, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
  33. National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
  34. National Credit Union Federation of Korea (NACUFOK) Seoul, Republic of Korea.
  35. Korean Federation of Community Credit Co-operatives (KFCCC), Seoul, Rep. of Korea.
  36. National Forestry Co-operatives Federation (NFCF) Seoul, Rep. of Korea.
  37. Union of Agricultural Products Co-operative Societies, Safat, Kuwait.
  38. Union of Consumer Co-operative Societies, Safat, Kuwait.
  39. National Co-operative Organisation of Malaysia (ANGKASA), Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.
  40. Malaysian Co-operative Insurance Society (MCIS) Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.
  40. National Land Finance Co-operative Society Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
  41. Mongolian Association of Private Herders' Co-operatives Ulaanbaator, Mongolia.
  42. Central Co-operative Society, Yangon, Myanmar.
  43. National Co-operative Federation of Nepal Ltd. (NCF) Kathmandu, Nepal.
  44. National Co-operative Union of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan.
  45. The Agricultural Co-operative Union, Palestine. (Via Israel).
  46. National Confederation of Co-operatives Inc. (NATCCO) Quezon City, Philippines.
  47. Singapore National Co-op Federation Ltd., Singapore
  48. National Co-operative Council of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
  49. Federation of Thrift & Credit Co-op Societies Ltd. (SANASA), Colombo, Sri Lanka.
  50. Consumer Co-operative Societies' Federation (Sri Lanka), Colombo, Sri Lanka
  51. Union of Consumer Societies, Turkmenistan.
  52. Co-operative League of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand.
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## ICA STATEMENT OF COOPERATIVE IDENTITY

### DEFINITION

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

### VALUES

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

### PRINCIPLES

The Cooperative Principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice.

#### First Principle : Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organisations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

#### Second Principle : Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organisations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women, serving as elected representatives, are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights [one member, one vote], and cooperatives at other levels are also organised in a democratic manner.

#### Third Principle : Member Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least a part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing their cooperatives, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

#### Fourth Principle : Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organisations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organisations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

#### Fifth Principle : Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees, so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public – particularly young people and opinion leaders – about the nature and benefits of Cooperation.

#### Sixth Principle : Cooperation among Cooperatives

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the Cooperative Movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

#### Seventh Principle : Concern for the Community

Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.



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