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&
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Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the ICA Agriculture Sub-Committee for South-East Asia held at the ICA Regional Office, New Delhi (India) on 15th & 16th February, 1971.

The Fifth Meeting of the ICA Agriculture Sub-Committee for South-East Asia was held at the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre, New Delhi on 15th and 16th February, 1971. Mr H. Yanagida, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presided.

The following were present at the meeting :

Members

Mr H. Yanagida	Chairman
Mr Irwin Hunter	Member, Australia
Mr K.W. Devanayagam	Vice-Chairman
Mr V.N. Puri	Member, India
Mr N.A. Kularajah	Member, Malaysia
Mr Dong Hoo Joh	Member, Republic of Korea

Special Invitees

Dr M. Bonow, President, ICA, London
Dr S.K. Saxena, Director, ICA
Mr R.P.B. Davies, Secretary for Administration, ICA
Mr P. Lacour, Chairman, ICA Fishery Sub-Committee
Col. Surin Cholpraserd, Thailand
Mr H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Japan
Mr R. Nonaka, National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations, Japan

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Mr P.E. Weeraman, Regional Director, ICA, New Delhi
Mr J.M. Rana, Director (Education), ICA, New Delhi
Mr M.V. Madane, Secretary, Agriculture Sub-Committee
Dr Dharm Vir, Joint Director, ICA, New Delhi
Mr Ragnar Arvidsson, Joint Director (Admn.), ICA, New Delhi
Mr Lionel Gunawardana, Dy. Director, ICA, New Delhi

The Members for the Philippines, Iran and Pakistan were absent.

In attendance

Mr A.H. Ganesan of the ICA Regional Office and Mr Y. Nakaoka of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, Japan, were in attendance.

2. At the commencement of the meeting, Sub-Committee passed a condolence and observed a minute's silence on the sudden and untimely death of Mr Hyo Chul Ahn, a former member of the Sub-Committee from the Republic of Korea. Speaking on the occasion, Mr P.E. Weeraman paid tribute to the late Mr Ahn for his excellent work as member of the Sub-Committee and his rich contribution to the cause of Cooperation.

Agenda Item No.1 (a)

3. The Regional Director welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Agriculture Sub-Committee who were present at the meeting. He also welcomed Mr Dong Hoo Joh, the new Member for Korea to the Agriculture Sub-Committee. He extended a special welcome to Dr M. Bonow, President, Dr S.K. Saxena, Director, and Mr R.P.B. Davies, Secretary for Administration of the ICA and to Mr P. Lacour, Chairman of the ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee, Mr H. Togawa, Managing Director of IDACA, Mr R. Nonaka of the Japanese National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations and Col. Surin Cholpraserd, Member for Thailand in the Advisory Council.

4. The Regional Director then thanked the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India and its Chairman, Mr V.N. Puri, for the warm hospitality extended to the Members of the Sub-Committee and also for bearing all the local costs in connection with this meeting.

Item No.1 (b)

5. Mr V.N. Puri, Chairman of NAFED, welcomed all members of the Sub-Committee and the Special Invitees and wished them a pleasant and fruitful stay in this country. Mr Puri thanked the ICA and the Swedish Cooperative Movement for their continued assistance to the Movements in the Region through the Regional Office and Education Centre and for their support to the activities of the Agriculture Sub-Committee. He extended a special welcome to Dr Bonow and to Dr Saxena and thanked them for their presence at the Sub-Committee meeting.

Item No.1 (c)

6. The Chairman then invited Dr Bonow to address the Members of the Sub-Committee. The following is the text of Dr Bonow's address.

"It is a very great honour and privilege for me to be present at the inauguration of work you have taken upon yourself now in this Agriculture Sub-Committee. I think that having regard to the fact that in this part of the world the agricultural economy plays such an exceedingly important role

for the national economies of all countries concerned, one can hardly over-estimate the importance of the activities which you have on your working programme, that is to say to promote in all practical and appropriate ways the expansion, further development and strengthening of the agricultural cooperative movement in this very vast Region of our World. When I talk about agriculture, of course, it is quite obvious that fishery should also be included in the picture. We all know that the F.A.O., the United Nations Organisation entrusted with the task to promote agricultural development all over the world, have on its programme agriculture including fishery and forestry and for that reason it is quite proper that, as has been decided by this Agricultural Committee, special Fishery Sub-Committee should be set up. If we can look at the world today we can say that on the eve of launching the Second Development Decade by the United Nations we are faced with exceedingly great problems which have to be solved in the near future, and when I talk about the near future, I think in terms of one or two Decades. We know, as far as the agricultural development is concerned which must form the very basis of our economy in large parts of the World, that the FAO has worked out a rather comprehensive programme - World Indicative Food Plan - and that the findings and the targets set up in this context play an important role within the framework of the general planning for the United Nations Second Development Decade.

6.2 I would further point to the very great problems which agriculture is facing in many parts of the World where there is unemployment and underemployment. This is not only a feature for the urban sector, but in view of the population development this problem will assume greater and greater dimensions in the rural sector as well. And the remedy must be an intensification of agricultural production, increased productivity and it must also mean that such agro-industries which need to be developed should be speeded up to a much greater extent than hitherto has been the case. This is important from the employment point of view. This is also exceedingly important from the nutritional point of view. We know that in vast regions of the world, there is a very great lack of protein - both animal protein and vegetable protein and this must be a large task if we look upon the problems from the nutritional aspect of the agricultural sector of the society including fishery and for that reason, Cooperative friends, I am very convinced that the work which is entrusted to this Committee to promote cooperative development by technical know-how, by exchange of experiences, by increased trade - both in the Region and outside the Region - is of paramount importance. I am very pleased to add as my last point in this little address to you that I am very happy that you have elected as your Chairman to guide during your important work, Mr Yanagida representing an exceedingly powerful, well-developed and very efficient agricultural cooperative central organisation, and with these few words, Mr Chairman, dear friends and colleagues,

I wish you the best success for your important deliberations. I have gone through your working documents and I know that you have a heavy agenda before you dealing with very important problems and for that reason I would like to confine my remarks to just a few words of address to you. I convey to you my sincere best wishes on behalf of the International Cooperative Alliance."

Item No. 2

Introductory remarks by the Chairman

7. At the outset Mr Yanagida thanked Dr Bonow for his presence at the meeting and for his inspiring address. He also thanked Dr S.K. Saxena, Director of the ICA, Mr R.P.B. Davies, Secretary for Administration at the Head Office of the ICA and Mr P.Lacour, Chairman of the Fishery Sub-Committee of the ICA for their presence at the meeting. He welcomed to the meeting Mr R.Nonaka, Mr H.Togawa, Col.Surin Cholpraserd and officers of the ICA.

8. Mr Yanagida agreed with Dr Bonow's analysis concerning the important role the agricultural cooperatives have to play in the national economies in the South-East Asian Region. He added that in this context the deliberations in the Agriculture Sub-Committee assume larger significance than before within the framework of the ICA. Although, ICA membership consists of organisations representing varied interests such as consumers, fisheries, housing, industrial, insurance, etc. agricultural cooperative activity is at present receiving special attention in the deliberations at the various forums of the ICA. Mr Yanagida made a special reference to the Open Conference to be held in 1973 on the Role of Agricultural Cooperatives in Social and Economic Development and emphasised the need for proper representation and documentation at this conference on behalf of the cooperatives in the Region. There was, he added, great appreciation of the role of Agricultural Sub-Committee in the main Agricultural Committee and he hoped that the main Committee would continue to support the activities of this Sub-Committee in the future. Mr Yanagida made special mention of the Survey of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Projects in the Region and stressed the importance of this survey in the context of the Cooperative Development Decade.

9. The Chairman expressed his great appreciation of the services rendered by Mr Shiro Futagami as Secretary of the Agriculture Sub-Committee. He then proposed that Mr M.V.Madane be accepted as the Secretary of the Sub-Committee and this was agreed to.

Item No. 3

10. The minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 4th and 5th May, 1970, which were circulated earlier, were confirmed.

Item No. 4

11. The following comments were made during the discussion on matters arising out of minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Sub-Committee.

11.1 ICA should pursue further the question of development of multi-purpose cooperatives in the Region. There was not much information available at present on the experience of the various cooperative movements of the Region in the field of multi-purpose cooperatives. It was, therefore, suggested that the ICA should prepare an exhaustive paper on the subject for circulation among movements in the Region.

11.2 The need was stressed of sending additional information to the ICA by member movements concerning the Study on Financing of Cooperatives at International level.

11.3 The Member movements were requested to remit their contributions to the ICA Regional Office at an early date.

11.4 In winding up the discussion on the subject the Chairman emphasised the need of developing a working relationship on sound lines between the Agriculture Committee and the Agriculture Sub-Committee for South-East Asia. He felt that a functional link between the two was more important than the formal relationship.

12. The Regional Director also explained that within the existing framework, it was possible for the Agriculture Sub-Committee to function as a Sub-Group of the Advisory Council. The Director of the ICA said that the objective in streamlining the working relationship between the two Committees was in fact to smoothen the process of communication and to speed-up the follow-up action. The practical approach in solving this problem should be that the Sub-Committee should be able to follow to act on its own initiative and to follow-up its decisions, without undue delay with the help of the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre.

Item No. 5Report on the last meeting of the Agriculture Committee of the ICA

13. Mr Yanagida gave a brief report on the discussions at the last meeting of the Agriculture Committee held in London. He informed the members of the Sub-Committee that the main subject of discussion at the meeting was the ICA Open Conference on the Role of Agricultural Cooperatives in Economic and Social Development. The topics to be discussed at this conference would include efficiency of cooperatives, mobilisation of human resources, collaboration with government and other national and international agencies. During the discussions at the London meeting Mr Yanagida had emphasised the need of proper representation and documentation at this Conference. They also discussed whether the reports to the Conference should be on the basis of the Regions, namely Asia, Africa and Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe or on the basis of groups of countries following different systems of economy or on the basis of their present economic development, namely Developed and Developing Countries. These reports ought to be preceded by an introductory report on the Role of Agricultural Cooperatives as a whole. In the end Mr Yanagida informed the Sub-Committee that it was decided at the above meeting to leave the decision on the methodology of preparing documentation to the ICA.

14. The Members of the Sub-Committee stressed the need of proper representation at this Conference on behalf of the South-East Asian Region. It was decided that the ICA should invite contributions from member movements in the Region and then compile a Regional paper for presentation to the World Conference. Members of the Sub-Committee expressed the hope that the Conference would arrive at a broad consensus on the role of governments in the field of agricultural cooperatives and the role which the cooperatives themselves should play in accelerating the process of agricultural development. The need was also emphasised for a Study of the question of the structural aspects of cooperatives in the different countries.

Item No. 6

15. The Committee was informed that the first part of the Survey of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Projects in South-East Asia covering India and Indonesia had already been completed and that the Survey Team had also visited Australia as an Inter-Cooperative Trade Promotion Team. Some of the important findings of the Survey as well as its main recommendations were brought to the notice of the Sub-Committee when the report was tabled for consideration. The following

points were made during the discussion of the Survey report.

- 15.1 Members expressed their appreciation of the efforts made by the ICA in undertaking the Survey and thanked the members of the Team for completing the Survey in time for discussion at the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee also expressed its deep gratitude to the movements in Australia, India and Indonesia for the excellent cooperation extended by them to the Members of the Team and for taking care of the local costs wherever possible.
- 15.2 Most of the observations and findings of the Team were according to the actual situation in the three countries. However, it was suggested that in due course the portion of the Report dealing with factual information may be checked with the member movements in order to ensure its accuracy.
- 15.3 The Survey recommendations have opened up a new area for agricultural development in the Region and the cooperative organisations in these countries should take immediate steps for following up the recommendations on their own as well as in collaboration with their respective governments. The survey certainly was a step forward in the right direction as it will assist the cooperatives in the Region in their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Cooperative Development Decade.
- 15.4 The present Survey was sponsored mainly to identify agricultural development projects with a view to bring about an intensive development of marketing in the Region with the ultimate objective of developing inter-cooperative trade. Inter-cooperative trade, however, was very difficult to develop within a short time and as such trade development should generally be treated as a long-term objective.
- 15.5 There was not much difficulty in finding a buyer for raw materials of feedstuff in the Region as Japan was already buying five million tons of raw materials every year. The most important problem was whether the cooperative organisations in the Region were aware of the requirements of the importing cooperatives and whether they would be in a position to produce the raw materials according to the specifications laid-down by the importers.
- 15.6 The other countries in the Region, yet to be surveyed, were looking forward to the visit of the Teams to be appointed for the second and third parts of the Survey.

Survey in other countries

16. It was decided to conduct the second part of the Survey during September-October, 1971 in Ceylon, Iran and the Republic of Korea. This Survey will be in respect of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Projects in general i.e. pertaining to all the commodities in which the national cooperative organisations would be interested for developing marketing activity. The Team for the second part of the Survey should consist of three experts, one from the ICA, one from Australia and the one from a third country. If possible an expert from each of the three countries should be requested to join the Team to work as a national counterpart during the period of the Survey in each country. In view of the shortness of time at the disposal of the Team the Committee agreed with the suggestion that the report of the Second Survey need not be placed before its next meeting to be held in Australia. However, some of the important recommendations may be reported at this meeting.

17. The Third part of the Survey in respect of raw materials for feedstuff should be conducted during the early part of 1972 in Malaysia, Pakistan and the Philippines.

Need of Adequate Preparations

18. The Members of the Committee emphasised the need of adequate preparations before the visit of the Survey Team to the respective countries. It was, therefore, decided to adopt the following procedure in order to ensure timely and detailed preparations.

18.1 Members of the Agriculture Sub-Committee as well as the Advisory Council attending the meetings at New Delhi should be requested to initiate discussions in their respective countries concerning the Survey and to identify the areas in which marketing development is to be taken up on a cooperative basis. On the basis of this identification preliminary reports should be prepared by the respective movements.

18.2 At a suitable time the Joint Director, TA&T, should visit the three countries to be covered during the second Survey in order to guide the member movements in regard to the selection of commodities and areas in which marketing projects could be developed and in regard to the basic data that should be collected by the movements concerned. It was suggested that this will help the movements to finalise their thinking on the projects.

18.3 The member movements should be requested to submit the projects prepared by them to the ICA RO & EC by the end of July, 1971.

- 18.4 These Projects should be examined in the Regional Office and important information pertaining to these projects should be communicated to the experts selected for serving on the Team.
- 18.5 The Team should then visit the three countries for on-the-spot examination of the projects and for detailed discussions on these projects with the member organisations concerned.
- 18.6 The same procedure should be followed in conducting the third part of the Survey.

19. During the discussion of the subject the Chairman announced that the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives had decided to contribute ¥4 million as an additional grant to the ICA Development Fund for completing the Survey and for the follow-up action that may be initiated through the ICA. The Regional Director and the members of the Sub-Committee expressed their sincere thanks for and deep appreciation of the generous contribution made by the Japanese Agricultural Cooperative Movement for conducting the Survey.

Item No.7

20. The present difficulties concerning the compilation of statistical information relating to agriculture and agricultural cooperatives in South-East Asia were discussed by members of the Sub-Committee. It was decided that the Regional Office should continue to pursue the matter further and collect as much information as possible on the subject. The Chairman requested the movements to send such information regularly to the Regional Office. The need was also stressed of the proper tabulation of the information before it is sent to the Regional Office as this will ensure the systematic compilation of the information.

Item No.8

21. The various activities conducted by the Education Centre in the field of agricultural cooperation during 1970 were noted. The need of a detailed study of Multi-purpose cooperative societies was again stressed by the members of the Sub-Committee. It was also suggested that the paper on "Review of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing in the Region" prepared for the Top Level Conference by Mr Futagami be circulated among the members of the Sub-Committee and the movements in the Region.

22. The Sub-Committee was informed of the participation of an ICA representative in the National Food Congress held in India, Dr S.K. Saxena made brief mention of the discussions at the World Food Congress held last year. He informed the

Sub-Committee that the main emphasis in the follow-up action recommended by the Congress was on human resource development. Dr. Mauritz Bonow, President of the ICA also informed the Sub-Committee that mobilisation of human resources has been chosen as the first priority area for future action by the FAO in its action programmes on the priority areas selected for intensive development.

23. The Sub-Committee was informed that some of the resolutions tabled at the First Asian Conference on Credit and Cooperatives held in the Philippines were withdrawn as a result of the intervention of the ICA representative at this conference. One of the resolutions related to the establishment of an Education Centre for agricultural cooperatives in Asia and the other related to the establishment of an Asian Cooperative Development Bank in the Region. As action was being taken by the ICA on the above subjects the conference had decided to refer these matters to the ICA.

24. The Members of the Sub-Committee discussed the basic objectives and the relationship of this Conference to the cooperatives in the Region. It was felt that this Conference should be a government-to-government Conference in which delegates from the cooperative movements could be included in the country delegations. Such a pattern would enable the cooperatives to influence the thinking and planning done within the governments in the field of cooperative development. It was generally agreed that the involvement of government in major development activity was essential and that government-to-government conferences of this nature would facilitate such involvement. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee, who originally emphasised the need of member-movements of the Region taking up this attitude, was later supported by Dr. Bonow and members of the Sub-Committee. It was also felt that for a major project such as the Asian Cooperative Development Bank proposed to be established through the efforts of the Regional Office, it was necessary to secure government support with a view to ensure its success.

25. The Members of the Committee felt that in due course a dialogue will have to be developed between this Conference and the Informal Liaison Committee established after the Paris Credit Conference.

26. The Committee was informed that the United Nations General Assembly, the ECOSOC, and other specialised Agencies of the UNITED NATIONS, through special resolutions, had already expressed their full support to the ICA to play its role in the Second Development Decade. The Movements should now persuade their respective governments to provide assistance to cooperatives for implementing the objectives of the Cooperative Development Decade.

Item No.9

27. Information relating to the various projects now in the hands of the Regional Office was given to the Members. The members noted with satisfaction the action being taken by the Regional Office on the requests for technical assistance from member movements in the Region.

Item No.10

28. It was decided that the proposal for the establishment of a Cooperative Trade Exchange be discussed at the first meeting of the Working Group on Trade Promotion.

Item No.11

29. The Members of the Sub-Committee were informed of the efforts being made to get a feasibility study of the proposal to establish an Asian Cooperative Development Bank completed with assistance from movements in the Region. Information was given of the decision of the Central Cooperative Bank for Agriculture and Forestry in Japan to conduct a study of the technical feasibility of the proposal. It was decided that in addition to this study the ICA should continue to develop the proposal further and collect as much as additional information as possible on the subject. A suggestion was also made that a paper should be prepared giving further information on the scope and objectives of the proposed Bank. It was decided that all the movements in the Region should be requested to conduct feasibility studies from the point of view of their own countries concerning the proposal for the establishment of the Bank. These studies should be sent to the Regional Office for further examination, compilation and circulation among the movements in the Region. The Regional Office should request the member movements to conduct the study and should send to them the broad outline of such a study. It was emphasised that government support for the organisation of the Bank was important, as without such government support it was not possible for the cooperatives to undertake such an important project. As the proposed Bank would need a large capital and other funds with a view to undertaking development and finance activities, government support was inevitable. The Sub-Committee was unanimous in its opinion that such a Bank was needed for developmental activity in the Region because banks such as the Asian Development Bank or the World Bank were not financing cooperative projects; most of these projects are not being given priority by the governments in the Region when submitting their applications for assistance from these banks. The International Cooperative Bank at Basle (Switzerland) was also not in a position to finance developmental activities in this Region. As the aspirations of the cooperative movements in the Region were growing the bank would certainly play a very important part in developmental activity.

Item No.12Venue and the date of the next meeting

30. The Member for Australia invited the Sub-Committee to hold its next meeting, sixth in the series, in Australia and informed the members of the proposed programme. The Sub-Committee accepted the invitation with much appreciation and decided to hold its next meeting in Perth on November 1 and 2, 1971. The Chairman thanked Mr Hunter on behalf of the members for the kind invitation.

Item No.13Change in the name of the Sub-Committee

31. On the basis of a recommendation made by the Working Group for Trade Promotion, the Sub-Committee decided to change its name and rename it "ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade". It was decided to request the Advisory Council to ratify this decision of the Sub-Committee.

Item No.14Discussion on Marketing of Foodgrains in India

32. Mr V.N. Puri, Member for India, introduced the subject of "Marketing of Foodgrains in India" for discussion at the meeting after which a general discussion followed. The members were thankful to Mr Puri for the very useful information given on the subject.

33. Mr Devanayagam, Member for Ceylon and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair which was carried unanimously.

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Minutes of the First Meeting of the Trade Promotion Group held on 16th February, 1971 at the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre, New Delhi

The first meeting of the Working Group for Trade Promotion of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade was held on 16th February 1971 in the office of the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre, New Delhi.

The following were present :

1. Mr Irwin Hunter, Australia
2. Mr V.N. Furi, India
3. Mr K.W. Devanayagam, Ceylon
4. Mr H. Yanagida, Japan
5. Mr Dong Hoo Joh, Republic of Korea
6. Mr N.A. Kularajah, Malaysia

Special invitees

7. Mr H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Japan
8. Col. Surin Cholpraserd, Thailand
9. Mr R. Nonaka, Japan

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10. Mr P.E. Weeraman, Regional Director
11. Mr M.V. Madane, Joint Director, TA&T (Secretary)
12. Mr J.M. Rana, Director (Education)

In attendance

13. Mr A.H. Ganesan, Personal Assistant to the Regional Director
14. Mr Y. Nakaoka of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan.

The following business was transacted.

1. Election of Chairman

Mr Irwin Hunter of Australia was unanimously elected Chairman of the Group. Mr Hunter thanked the Members for electing him Chairman.

Col. Surin Cholpraserd of Thailand was unanimously coopted as a Member of the Trade Promotion Group.

Mr M.V. Madane was accepted as the Secretary of the Group.

2. Objectives and working procedure of the Group

The Group decided that its main task would be to discuss and find solutions to the problems of international trade with cooperatives in the Region and the promotion of inter-cooperative trade both on an intra-regional and an inter-regional basis.

3. Establishment of a Cooperative Trade Exchange in the Region

4. International Trade possibilities on the basis of recommendations made in the Report of the First part of the Survey of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Projects in South-East Asia

The Chairman suggested that in view of the close connection between the two subjects, items 3 and 4 be considered simultaneously so that a meaningful discussion could be held.

The following comments were made :

- i. Agricultural development is very essential in the countries of the Region as most of the economies are dependent on agriculture. Within the agricultural sector, marketing, both within and outside the country, is of great importance. Marketing is a major problem even in developed countries like Australia.
- ii. The Survey of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Projects undertaken by the ICA is an important step in this direction. The Movements should utilise the services of the ICA in such a manner that concerted efforts could be made to tackle the problems faced by the movements.
- iii. The establishment of a Trade Exchange in a centrally located place in the Region would be very useful to marketing organisations engaged in trade. But this involves problems of personnel and financial resources for such an Exchange. While the need of setting up such an Exchange was appreciated, it was felt that it should be preceded by large-scale development of international trade among the cooperatives in the Region. It was suggested that the findings of the second and third parts of the Survey, which would be undertaken by the ICA, be taken into consideration while discussing this proposal. It was suggested that the Regional Office should study the functioning of existing cooperative trading organisations of this nature and prepare a note for discussion at the next meeting. Special mention was made in this connection of the Overseas Farmers Cooperative Federation in U.K. and the N.A.F. in Copenhagen.

iv. Members of the Group expressed concern at the general attitude of developed cooperative movements, especially of the West, towards the purchasing of substantial quantities of goods from non-cooperative sources in the countries of the Region. The cooperatives in the Region do not have any idea of these purchases. Efforts should, therefore, be made by the member-organisations of the Region to develop their cooperatives so as to win the patronage of the developed movements instead of allowing it to go to the private sector. A point was also made that the Western movements should inform the Regional Office of their requirements from the Region so that the Regional Office could circulate this information to cooperative trading organisations in the region.

5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

The Chairman suggested that in order to focus attention on the importance of trade in the functioning of agricultural cooperatives the Agricultural Sub-Committee be renamed the "ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade". This suggestion was welcomed by the Members and it was unanimously agreed to request the Sub-Committee to adopt the name suggested.

With a vote of thanks to the Chair the meeting terminated.

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Minutes of the First Meeting of the ICA Fishery
Group held at 3.00 P.M. on Monday the 15th Feb, 1971

The first meeting of the Fishery Group of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade was held at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, the 15th February, 1971 at the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre, New Delhi.

The following were present :

Members

1. Mr K.W. Devanayagam, Ceylon
2. Mr V.N. Puri, India
3. Mr H. Yanagida, Japan
4. Mr N.A. Kularajah, Malaysia
5. Col. Surin Cholpraserd, Thailand
6. Mr Dong Hoo Joh, Republic of Korea

Special Invitees

7. Mr P. Lacour, Chairman, ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee
8. Mr H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Tokyo, Japan
9. Mr R. Nonaka, Japanese National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations, Japan

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10. Mr P.E. Weeraman, Regional Director
11. Mr J.M. Rana, Director (Education)
12. Mr M.V. Madane, Joint Director, TA&T
13. Mr Lionel Gunawardana, Deputy Director (P&PR)

In attendance

14. Mr A.H. Ganesana, Personal Assistant to the Regional Director
15. Mr Y. Nakaoka of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives were in attendance.

2. Mr K.W. Devanayagam, Member for Ceylon, was elected Chairman of the Group. Mr Devanayagam thanked the Members for electing him Chairman and welcomed the members to the meeting. He also welcomed Mr Lacour and other special invitees to the meeting. Mr M.V. Madane of the ICA Regional Office was accepted as the Secretary of the Group.

3. At the outset, members discussed the broad objectives and the functioning of this Group. The discussion centred around the question whether the Group should function as a separate entity or whether the question of fisheries should be included on the Agenda of meetings of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade. It was decided that in order to ensure proper discussion on the various technical and other aspects concerning fishery cooperatives it would be useful to have a separate Group. This was conceived as a separate forum for the development of fishery cooperatives, and when funds permitted it would be possible for this Group to meet independently of the Agriculture Sub-Committee. It was suggested that the Group should meet prior to the meeting of the Sub-Committee so that Group's recommendations could be considered at the meeting of the Sub-Committee which would follow.

4. The following matters were discussed at the meeting. Introductory remarks were made by Mr Lacour when each matter was taken up.

5. Regional Seminar on Fisheries, Bombay, India

The FAO had decided to organise this seminar in collaboration with the ICA and to take care of most of the expenses involved in holding the seminar. The Members of the Group welcomed the proposal and agreed to support the seminar if it was to be held by the FAO in collaboration with the ICA.

6. Cooperative Fish Canning Project, Ceylon

Mr Lacour briefed the meeting about the proposal to send a Fishery Expert from France to Ceylon to study the needs of cooperative fishery societies for their development. He said that the expert would visit Ceylon along with the Regional Director and would spend about one month in Ceylon studying the fisheries in Ceylon. The Members of the Group welcomed the proposal to send such an expert to Ceylon and thanked the French Movement for the assistance offered in this regard. It was suggested that as the Expert would be visiting a country in this Region, the possibility of his visiting some neighbouring countries to help their fishery cooperatives should be explored. Mr Lacour indicated that the Expert would be able to extend the period of his visit by about a week if any Movement were interested in consulting the expert. The Movements should coordinate this programme with the Regional Office. It was decided that a letter should be addressed to the movements in the Region about the expert's visit to find out whether they wished to use the services of the expert during this period.

7. IBASEC

Mr Lacour informed the Group of the proposal to establish International Business Advisory Service for Cooperatives (IBASEC). This will work as an Expert body for providing consultative services for the preparation of projects and for the development of trade. The Agency which will be a body corporate established under the UK Law was being organised with the support of individuals rather than of organisations. Mr Lacour stated that cooperatives would hold about 50% of the share capital of this agency. Mr Lacour requested movements of this Region to support this Agency and to suggest the names of persons who could be associated with this Agency. The members welcomed the suggestion and requested the Regional Office to collect additional information on the proposal and circulate it among the movements in the Region so as to enable them to consider the question of joining this agency. The Group expressed its appreciation of the efforts being made by Mr Lacour and others for the establishment of IBASEC. The cooperative movements in the Region were in need of a contact in Europe for trade development and it was hoped that IBASEC would provide this contact in future.

With a vote of thanks to the Chair and to Mr P. Lacour, the meeting was closed.

**Agricultural Sub-Committee
for South-East Asia**

Fifth Meeting

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FIFTH MEETING OF THE ICA AGRICULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

NEW DELHI , INDIA : FEBRUARY 15-16, 1971

PROGRAMME & AGENDA

- Item No. 1 a) Welcome by Mr. P.E. Weeraman,
Regional Director, ICA Regional Office and
Education Centre for South-East Asia
- b) Welcome by Mr. V.N. Puri, Chairman, National
Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation,
New Delhi, India
- Item No. 2 Introductory remarks by the Chairman of the
Agricultural Sub-Committee, Mr. H. Yanagida.
- Item No. 3 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting
of the Agricultural Sub-Committee for
South-East Asia held at Seoul, Republic of Korea,
on 4th and 5th May, 1970.
- Item No. 4 Matters arising from the above Minutes.
- Item No. 5 Report on the meeting of the Agricultural
Committee held in London during September 1970.
- Item No. 6 Survey of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing
Projects in South-East Asia.
- Item No. 7 Statistical Information on Agriculture and
Agricultural Cooperatives in South-East Asia.
- Item No. 8 Educational activities in the field of
agriculture during 1970.
- Item No. 9 Technical Assistance and Trade in the field
of Agriculture.

Programme & Agenda (Contd)

- Item No. 10 Proposal for the establishment of a
 Cooperative Trade Exchange.
- Item No. 11 Proposal for the establishment of
 an Asian Cooperative Development Bank.
- Item No. 12 Venue and Date of the next Meeting
- Item No. 13 Any other matters.
- Item No. 14 Discussion on "Marketing of Foodgrains in
 India" on the basis of a paper to be
 presented by Mr. V.N. Puri, Member for India.
- Item No. 15 Vote of thanks to the Chair.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ON
4TH AND 5TH MAY, 1970

The Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the ICA Agricultural Sub-Committee held at Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 4th and 5th May, 1970 were circulated and are submitted for confirmation. As suggested at the last meeting, a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held in Seoul is annexed hereto.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING4.1 Report on the Study of Multipurpose Cooperatives in Ceylon (para 9.1 of last minutes)

We have now been informed that the report of Prof. Hsieh is being typed in the office of the Singapore Cooperative Union and on its completion will be despatched to the Regional Office.

4.2 Financing of Cooperatives at International Level

The Study has not made much progress as far as the South-East Asian Region is concerned although the London Office has already received answers from other areas particularly Latin America and Africa, as well as from the ILO, and FAO representatives in countries where the ICA is not represented. Letters were sent out during August to member organisations in Ceylon, Iran, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and Japan, stressing upon them the urgency of the Study and requesting them to send their answers to the questionnaire directly to the Head Office. The Regional Office has recently sent to Head Office information on some of the points in respect of most of the countries in the Region.

4.3 Contribution to the ICA RO&EC for the activities of the Sub-Committee (para 9.3 of last minutes)

A letter was issued during August 1970 to the member organisations in Ceylon, India, Malaysia, Philippines and Pakistan, requesting them to contribute, in accordance with the decision taken at the Third Meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee towards the expenses of the Sub-Committee.

The ICA RO&EC has so far received contributions only from Japan, Korea, Australia and Iran for the year 1969-70

and India for the year 1970-71. Reminders have been sent to member organisations in Ceylon, Malaysia, Pakistan and the Philippines to remit their contributions for the year 1969-70. Letters requesting contribution for 1970-71 have also been sent.

4.4 Place of the Sub-Committee in the Regional Set-Up
(para 9.4 of last minutes)

In the Agenda Notes prepared for the 19th meeting of the Agricultural Committee held at Malmö, Sweden, on 27th July, 1970, the Agricultural Secretary reported the following :

"This will require some amendments of the present constitution and activities of the Sub-Committee and the view of the Agricultural Secretary of the ICA was that proposals for such amendments could be sent by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee to the Chairman of the main Committee."

The minutes of the Agricultural Committee recorded the following :

"In the discussions the relations between the full Committee and the Sub-Committee was mentioned. It was proposed that in order to smoothen the work, reports of the Sub-Committee should be confirmed by the Chairman of the full Committee immediately after each session of the Sub-Committee."

Regarding the confirmation of the reports by the Chairman of the main Committee, a clarification was sought by the Regional Office from the Agricultural Secretary during August 1970. An extract from the reply of the Agricultural Secretary is reproduced below :

"In any case I believe that our relations should be more to inform each other about our activities and coordinate than to apply rigid forms of confirmations and approvals. If any misunderstanding arises, there is always an opportunity to discuss it at the meetings held during Congress time. In any case, the discussion concerning the relations of the full Committee and the Sub-Committee was

"based on your own initiative and not on our initiative, and that is the reason that this proposal was put forward. As the meeting of the Agricultural Committee in Malmö was not a full meeting, it has not the value of a decision, and, therefore, unless raised at the next meeting it may be put into cold storage."

This question was not raised at the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held in September, 1970.

4.5 Proposal to form a Fisheries Group
(para 11 of last minutes)

Letters were sent out to the member organisations in the Region during August 1970 to supply us with documents that set out the latest position and problems of fishery cooperatives in various countries of the Region. Only the member organisation in Ceylon has so far sent us the necessary information. Reminders have been issued to other member organisations in the Region. The members of the Agricultural Sub-Committee from Ceylon, Japan and Malaysia who constitute the Group, have recently been informed that the Fisheries Group will be meeting in New Delhi immediately after the next meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee.

4.6 Survey of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Projects in South-East Asia

Notes on the subject are given as a part of Agenda Item No. 6.

4.7 Statistical information on Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in South-East Asia
(para 13 of last minutes)

A note on the subject has been included for discussion under Agenda Item No. 7.

4.8 Programme in respect of Technical Assistance and International Cooperative Trade in the field of Agricultural Cooperation

4.8.1 Possibility of evolving an alternative channel of finance for Trade and Aid

Notes on the subject are given under Agenda Item No. 11.

4.8.2 Working Group for Trade Promotion

At its last meeting held in Seoul, the Advisory Council endorsed the decision of the Agricultural Sub-Committee to constitute itself into a Working Group for Trade Promotion. Member-organisations represented in the Agricultural Sub-Committee have been informed of this and it is expected that they will ratify the formation of the Working Group. The first meeting of this Group will be held immediately after the meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee.

It is expected that during the coming years the Group will be able to take up for consideration important problems faced by cooperative trading organisations in the Region. It is also hoped that members of the Group, through their good offices in their respective countries, would be in a position to gradually bring about an accelerated rate of growth in respect of trade between cooperatives across national boundaries.

4.8.3 Cooperative Trade Exchange

Notes on the subject are given under Agenda Item No. 10.

4.9 World Conference on Agricultural Cooperatives

The Agricultural Committee at its meeting held in London during September 1970 has decided to postpone this Conference for spring 1972. The Conference is on "The Role of Agriculture Cooperatives in Economic and Social Development".

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE
HELD IN LONDON DURING SEPTEMBER 1970

An oral report on the subject will be made
at the time of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE MARKETING
PROJECTS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

On the basis of the recommendations of the Agricultural Sub-Committee and the Advisory Council of the ICA Regional Office to undertake a Survey to identify areas for development of agricultural cooperative marketing in the Region, the ICA Regional Office appointed a Study Team for the purpose with the following persons as its members :

- Leader: Mr. M.V. Madane, Joint Director (TAT),
ICA Regional Office, New Delhi.
- Member: Mr. Kiyoshi Fujimoto, Manager
International Department,
Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives,
Tokyo, Japan.
- Member: Mr. Susumu Hibino
Staff, International Department,
National Purchasing Federation of
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- Member: Mr. Masaji Kakuta
Section Chief, Planning and Control Office,
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- Secretary: Mr. Hiroshi Nishido
Staff, International Department,
Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives,
Tokyo, Japan.

Costs of the above Survey

The Study Team visited India and Indonesia for conducting this Survey. It also visited Australia as an Inter-Cooperative Trade Promotion Team.

In India, the team visited, between November 24 and December 7, 1970, cooperatives in Punjab, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Mysore and Gujarat States. In Indonesia, the visits were organised mainly in East Jawa area where

intensive development activity has been undertaken for increasing productivity in respect of maize and a few other cereals. The period for visiting Indonesia was between 10th and 19th December, 1970. In Australia, cooperatives in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia were visited by the Team.

In all the above countries members of the Team received excellent collaboration from National Cooperative Federations and their affiliates.

The cost of the Survey is being borne on a fifty-fifty basis by the ICA and the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan.

The first part of the Survey for two countries namely India and Indonesia has been completed and it is expected that follow-up action on the recommendations of the Survey Team will be initiated during 1971-72 and will be continued during 1972-73.

The second part of the Survey is to be undertaken during September/October, 1971. The countries proposed for this part of the Survey are Ceylon, Iran and the Republic of Korea. As recommended by the last Agricultural Sub-Committee and the Advisory Council Meetings, this Survey will relate to all agricultural commodities in which the member movements in these countries will have programmes for intensive marketing development. Detailed discussions concerning this Survey are being held with the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives in Japan which has contributed 50 per cent of the total costs of the Survey. As soon as a final decision is taken on the methodology of the Survey and the composition of the team, member movements in these three countries will be requested to formulate projects which they would like to be examined in detail by the Study Team appointed for the purpose.

The third part of the Survey relating to marketing projects in respect of raw materials for animal feedingstuffs is to be undertaken during 1972-73. This Survey will be conducted in Malaysia, Pakistan and the Philippines.

The Cooperative Development Committee of the ICA at its last meeting in September 1970 agreed to give US\$12,500 in two annual instalments for this Survey. This sum is equal to the sum already given for this Survey by the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan. The first instalment of US\$6,250 has been paid into our Tokyo Bank account.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AGRICULTURE AND
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

A document containing information on Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in South-East Asia for 1970 was compiled by the ICA RO & EC in mimeographed form and submitted to the Sub-Committee. The Regional Office had also circulated the document to member movements in the Region.

As the Sub-Committee recommended an annual compilation of such information, letters were sent out to the member organisations in the Region during November 1970 to supply the RO with information and statistics on agriculture and agricultural cooperatives in the various countries of the Region so as to bring the publication up-to-date. Replies have so far been received from Australia and West Pakistan only.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF
AGRICULTURE DURING 19708.1 Regional Seminar on "Marketing of Fruits and
Vegetables through Cooperatives"

A Regional Seminar on Marketing of Fruits and Vegetables through Cooperatives was held at the Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA), Tokyo, between May 17 and 27, 1970, under the joint auspices of the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre, the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan and the IDACA. The Seminar was attended by 17 participants, 7 observers and 10 resource persons. The countries represented at the Seminar were Ceylon, India, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand. Observers from the FAO, ILO, Asian Productivity Organisation and the USA also participated in the Seminar. Lecturers and resource persons were drawn from the cooperative movements of Australia, Ceylon, the Philippines, Japan and from the Asian Development Bank.

The Seminar stressed the need for a planned production base in order to ensure effective marketing of fruits and vegetables. In addition to the organisation of transport and storage facilities, the cooperatives should plan distribution centres for these commodities. The need for developing a pricing structure to face competition was stressed and the seminar recommended development of effective collaboration between producers' and consumers' cooperative organisations for effective marketing of fruits and vegetables.

8.2 Commodity Conference on Fruits and Vegetables and Raw Material for Feeding-Stuffs in South-East Asia

A Commodity Conference was held at Tokyo from May 12 to 16, 1970, by the ICA Regional Office, in collaboration with the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan, and the Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA). The Conference was attended by 23 participants from Ceylon, India, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, USA and the USSR. Observers from the FAO, ILO, ECAFE, and Malaysia, also participated in the Conference. The Conference was directed jointly by the Joint Director (TA&T) and the Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, both of the Regional Office.

The Conference brought together importers and exporters of fruits vegetables and raw material for feeding-stuffs to explore possibilities of strengthening the existing trade connections and of developing new trade contacts. These are the two groups of commodities in which a majority of cooperative trading organisations in the South-East Asian Region are interested either as groups representing producers or consumers.

8.3 Study on some operational aspects of the Bhor Dairy Project

The Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation and the Joint Director (Technical Assistance & Trade) visited Poon| and the surrounding areas to study the working of dairy societies and to suggest if an Education Project could be developed (started) for supporting the Bhor Dairy.

An important problem revealed by the study was the difficulty of milk procurement for the Bhor Dairy Plant and the likely competition between the operations of the Bhor Dairy and the Government Milk Pasteurisation

Plant located at Poona. The Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation recommended that an education programme for the Bhor Dairy Project should be an integral part of the work plan of the Bhor Dairy plant. The report prepared by the Specialist has been sent to the Maharashtra State Cooperative Milk Federation and the Maharashtra State Cooperative Union.

8.4 Workshop on Farm Guidance Activities organised by the NCUI in India

The above Workshop was organised by the All India Cooperative Educational Instructors' Training Centre, New Delhi. The Workshop was held on the 3rd and 4th August, 1970, and about 30 participants and observers attended the same.

Subsequently, in the month of September 1970, the Training Centre organised a Refresher-cum-Orientation Course on farm guidance for the cooperative training instructors. About 20 instructors and several resource persons participated in the Course.

The Education Centre assisted in the planning and conducting of the above educational activities.

National Seminars

8.5 National Seminar on Amalgamation and Integration of Multipurpose Cooperative Societies in Ceylon

The above Seminar scheduled to be held during December 1970 was postponed at the request of the member organisation in Ceylon.

8.6 National Seminar on the Management of Medium-size Agricultural Cooperative Societies in Pakista

The national seminar scheduled to be held in Lahore in December 1970 was postponed at the request of the member organisation in West Pakistan.

Papers Produced

8.7 A paper on the Review of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing in the Region was prepared.

Consultative and other allied services

8.8 FAO/ILO/UNESCO World Conference on Agricultural Education & Training

A Conference on Agricultural Education and Training was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 28th July to 8th August, 1970 under the auspices of three United Nations agencies, viz., the FAO, UNESCO and the ILO, as an important activity of 1970 which was declared by the UNESCO as the Education Year. The Conference was attended by 363 participants and observers. The Director (Education), ICA Regional Office & Education Centre for South-East Asia, attended this Conference as an Observer on behalf of the ICA.

The ICA circulated substantial background documentation to this Conference which included the following six papers :

- i) "Cooperative Education for Agricultural Cooperatives in South-East Asia" by Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education), ICA Regional Office & Education Centre for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India.
- ii) "Farm Guidance Activities of Agricultural Cooperatives in Japan" by Mr. Y. Fujishiro, Japan.

- iii) "Coordinated Approach Towards Farm Guidance" By Mr. Hyo Chul Ahn, Manager, Research Department, National Agricultural Cooperative Federation, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
- iv) "Activities of Ogawa-cho Agricultural Cooperative Society with special reference to Farm Guidance" By Mr. Makoto Hasegawa, Japan.
- v) "Personnel Requirements and Training for Agricultural Extension Work in Intensive Agricultural District Programme in India" By Mr. M.A. Quraishi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation, Government of India, New Delhi.
- vi) "Committee-Men and Member Education in Agricultural Cooperatives - Some Examples from Tanzania" By Mr. A. Holmberg, Regional Director, ICA Office for East and Central Africa, Moshi, Tanzania.

8.9 National Food Congress, India

The Specialist in Cooperative Credit attended the National Food Congress held at New Delhi from 11th to 14th May, 1970 by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development & Cooperation, Government of India, in collaboration with the Indian Freedom from Hunger Campaign Society.

8.10 First Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives, Philippines

The Specialist in Cooperative Credit also attended a Conference on "Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives" held in the Philippines from December 1 to 10, 1970.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRADE IN THE
FIELD OF AGRICULTUREWork Programme for 1971-72 and 1972-73Introductory Remarks

During the year 1970-71, the Technical Assistance and Trade Section in the Regional Office has initiated a number of measures aimed at strengthening the regional integration through the development of inter-cooperative relations. Special mention could be made of the proposal for the establishment of an Asian Cooperative Development Bank, decision to form a Working Group for Trade Promotion, the proposal to establish a Cooperative Trade Exchange in one of the free ports in the Region

Mention must also be made of the Survey already undertaken to identify areas for development of Agricultural Cooperative Marketing in South-East Asia. Broad indications of the action proposed to be undertaken in respect of these programmes are given in the following pages :

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE9.1 Bhor Cooperative Project

The experience gathered in implementing the Bhor Cooperative Dairy Project has been of considerable use and importance to us in dealing with other cooperative development projects initiated by member movements in the Region. One of the most important factors in this connection is the determination of viability of the project in every respect. It is not enough to complete the feasibility study from a technical angle alone. The

organisational aspects as well as inter-cooperative and inter-governmental relationships have an important bearing on the nature of the project as well as the methodology which can be adopted for implementing any undertaking. A close examination therefore of all the above factors has to be made before a final decision on a project is taken.

As regards the present position concerning the Bhor Cooperative Dairy Project, which has been reported in the review part of these notes, it is now evident that the technical part of the Project is nearing completion and as far as the technical operations are concerned we should be able to ensure commencement of the Dairy as soon as all the installation work is completed. On the other hand, the unsteady position concerning the organisational structure and the very weak financial position of the organisation responsible for implementing the project are matters of vital importance in determining the final shape of the project as a whole. If the organisation responsible for the project fails to get the support of its affiliates for obtaining adequate supply of milk for the dairy, it may not be in a position to run economically nor can it ensure adequate returns to the member producers of dairy cooperatives. The relationship with government dairy departments, which are deeply involved in distributing the milk pasteurised through their plants, is also a matter of vital importance to the dairy cooperatives in the project region.

As mentioned earlier, the ICA Regional Office has taken up the question of dairy education and extension programme with the concerned agencies in Maharashtra and it is hoped that these efforts will help us to solve some of the intricate problems inherent in the organisational set-up of dairy cooperatives in that State.

We have recently been assured by the organisation responsible for implementing the project as well as by the other organisations that the necessary additional finance would be made available for successful completion of the project and that all measures will be taken for ensuring an effective member education and dairy extension programme

During 1971-72, the year in which Bhor Dairy Cooperative is expected to commence its operations, serious efforts will be made by the Regional Office in ensuring successful functioning of the dairy and for implementing the proposed member education and dairy extension programme.

As this was the first major project taken up through the Regional Office, it will be appropriate if an evaluation is undertaken of the whole implementing process so as to provide more effective guidelines for the future.

9.2 Consolidated Fruit Processing Plant, NACF, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The feasibility study to be finalised by Mr. Donald M. Taylor would be available to the Regional Office in the near future. As the study is yet to be examined, it is difficult to visualize at this stage what would be the definite recommendations of the expert concerning the project.

The Korean project is the second most important project undertaken by the Regional Office and during 1971-72 more concerted efforts will be required to get the project started. During the recent discussion held with the NACF, it was evident that the Korean member organisation as well as its affiliates connected with the project are keen to get the work on the project started in the near future.

9.3 Multi-Commodity Fruit & Vegetable Processing Unit, NAFED, New Delhi, India.

The project initiated by the NAFED is being discussed by the Regional Office with that organisation for a number of years. However, no decision concerning its final shape could be taken as the feasibility report was not available. Since such a report has now been made available by NAFED to the Regional Office, a decision concerning the relationship of the ICA Regional Office with the project will have to be taken during 1971-72. Discussions with NAFED on the subject will be held very soon.

9.4 Cooperative Fish Canning Project, Colombo, Ceylon.

The proposal to start a fish canning factory has been abandoned. The French Fisheries Cooperative Movement is planning to send an expert to study the needs of fishing cooperatives in Ceylon. The Regional Director proposes to visit Ceylon along with this expert.

9.5 Pineapple Canning Project, Cooperative Federation of Ceylon, Colombo, Ceylon

The Ceylon Federation has requested us to get a feasibility study made of this project. This matter is receiving our attention.

TRADE

9.6 The Regional Office will continue to function as a clearing house of market information and will also continue its work of publishing documentation aimed at disseminating information that would lead to trade relations from time to time. The Trade Directory will be revised and enlarged to contain additional information.

ICA Trade News

9.7 During the past six months the ICA Trade News has undergone several changes and it is now being issued monthly giving all the available information which is of direct interest to member movements. Efforts will be continued to improve the usefulness of the Bulletin during 1971-72 and 1972-73.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
COOPERATIVE TRADE EXCHANGE

Discussions with member movements in Japan and Australia could not be held on the proposal for the establishment of a Cooperative Trade Exchange owing to the absence of the Member from Australia at the last meeting. However, there has been continued interest shown by several member organisations in the proposal and it is intended to hold discussions regarding this matter within the year.

An important aspect of the proposal for the establishment of Cooperative Trade Exchange is the support which we might be able to enlist from major cooperative trading organisations in and outside the Region. It has come to our notice that several big trading organisations in the West purchase large quantities of goods from the Region. A recent newspaper report has revealed the fact that one single cooperative organisation in the West is buying \$20 million worth of goods from the Region. However, neither the Regional Office nor the cooperatives in the Region have any indication of this organisation's requirements. Efforts have been made in the past by the Regional Office as well as the London Office to persuade the cooperative trading organisations in the West to intimate their requirements to the Regional Office and also seek its assistance in planning the itinerary of the buying missions from the West. Not much success was possible in this direction. However, efforts will be continued in future. It is also proposed to discuss with Western Cooperative Movements the

possibility of securing space for displaying goods of cooperative trading organisations from our Region and also securing space for publicising regional goods in the newspapers published by the Western Cooperative Movement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ASIAN COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT BANK

The efforts made so far by the Regional Office in securing the services of an expert to assist in formulating, in a more concrete way, the scheme for the proposed bank have not been so far successful. The Director of the ICA, who discussed the possibility of securing an expert through the International Cooperative Bank in Basle, Switzerland, has suggested that efforts should now be made to secure an expert from within the Region. This is being done. The member movements in the Region continued to show keen interest in the proposal.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Cooperative Federation of Australia has invited the Agricultural Sub-Committee to hold its next meeting, 6th in the series, in Perth, Western Australia. The meeting of the Advisory Council will be held in Melbourne after the meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee, and the study visits in Western Australia. The Council meeting will be followed by the meeting of the IDACA Board of Advisers and study visits of two more days in the Eastern part of Australia. The tentative dates suggested by the Australian Movement for the meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee are 1st and 2nd November, 1971. The programme in Australia is tentatively fixed as follows:-

November 1 & 2	Agricultural Sub-Committee Meeting in Perth.
November 3 & 4	Study visits in Western Australia
November 5	Free
November 6	By air to Melbourne
November 7	Free
November 8 & 9	Advisory Council Meeting
November 10	Departure for Canberra and sight-seeing
November 11	IDACA Board Meeting
November 12 & 13	Study Visits

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

ANY OTHER MATTERS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

DISCUSSION ON "MARKETING OF FOODGRAINS IN INDIA"
BY MR V.N. PURI, MEMBER FOR INDIA

The paper on the subject when received will
be circulated among the members.

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE I.C.A. AGRICULTURAL
SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA held at SEOUL,
REPUBLIC OF KOREA, on MAY 4 and 5, 1970

1. The Fourth meeting of the ICA Agricultural Sub-Committee for South-East Asia was held at Seoul, Republic of Korea, on the 4th and 5th May 1970 at the Ambassador hotel, Seoul. Mr H Yanagida, Chairman of the Sub-Committee and Member for Japan, presided.

The following were present:

Members	:	Mr K.W.Devanayagam, Ceylon Mr V.N.Puri, India Mr H Yanagida, Japan Mr Hyo Chul Ahn, Republic of Korea Mr N.A.Kularajah, Malaysia Mr Ahmed Mian Soomro, Pakistan Mr B.P.Faustino, The Philippines
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Secretary		Mr Shiro Futagami, Deputy Director, ICA RO & EC

The following were absent: Mr Irwin Hunter, Member for Australia
Mr Ghölam Hossein Azadi, Member for Iran

2. Mr Nakaoka of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan acted as interpreter to Mr Yanagida. Mr A.H.Ganesan, Personal Secretary to the ICA Regional Director, was in attendance.

3. Mr Hyo Chul Ahn, Member for Korea and Provincial Director of Chunnam Provincial Branch of the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of Korea welcomed the Members on behalf of the NACF.

4. Mr P.E.Weeraman, Regional Director of the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia, welcomed the members of the Sub-Committee on behalf of the ICA and thanked them for their presence. He expressed his deep gratitude to the NACF, Korea, for inviting the Sub-Committee to Seoul and bearing all the local costs of the members. He also thanked Messrs Tal Chun Hong, Ismail and Serajul Huq, the former members from Korea, Malaysia and Pakistan respectively for their services. He next welcomed the new members of the Committee viz. Messrs Kularajah (Malaysia), Soomro (Pakistan) and Hyo Chul Ahn (Korea). He also mentioned the recognition accorded to Mr V.N.Puri, Member for India, by his election to the Executive Committee of the ICA. This was the second time that an Asian had been elected to the ICA Executive Committee. He was also grateful for the presence of the special invitees, Mr B Venkatappiah, Chairman of the ICA Advisory Council for South-East Asia, Mr H Togawa, Managing Director, Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia, and Mr R Nonaka of the National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations of Japan. He welcomed Mr P.S.Bhat, India, and Messrs Minn and Joh of the NACF who were present as observers.

5. He mentioned that Mr Hunter was unavoidably absent from the meeting in view of the agricultural situation in Australia and conveyed Mr Hunter's good wishes for the success of the meeting.

Item No. 3 : Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the
Agricultural Sub-Committee for the term 1970-72

6. The outgoing Chairman, Mr Yanagida, requested Mr Hyo Chul Ahn, the Member for Korea, to take the chair as pro-tem Chairman. Mr Ahn occupied the chair accordingly. Mr V N Puri proposed and Mr Kularajah seconded that Mr Yanagida be re-elected Chairman of the ICA Agricultural Sub-Committee for the period 1970-72 ending with the next Congress of the ICA. This was unanimously adopted and upon the invitation of the protem Chairman Mr Yanagida occupied the chair amidst applause. Mr Yanagida expressed his thanks to the members for restating their confidence in him by re-electing him to the office of Chairman. He sought the cooperation of the members for arriving at useful decisions. Mr P.E.Weeraman congratulated Mr Yanagida on his re-election and assured him of assistance and cooperation from the ICA Regional Office.

7. Mr V.N.Puri proposed and Mr Kularajah seconded that Mr K.W. Devanayagam, Member for Ceylon, be re-elected Vice-Chairman. This was adopted unanimously. Mr Devanayagam thanked the members for re-electing him Vice-Chairman. Mr Weeraman offered his felicitations to Mr Devanayagam on behalf of the ICA.

Item No. 4 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Third Meeting held at New Delhi, India

8. The Minutes of the Third Meeting of the ICA Agricultural Sub-Committee held in New Delhi, India, on February 24, 1969, which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

Item No. 5 Matters arising from the Minutes

9. The following matters arising from the minutes were next considered.

9.1 Report on the Study of Multi-purpose Cooperatives in Ceylon :

The Committee was informed of the delay on the part of Prof. Hsieh to submit his report in spite of his having informed the Regional Director on the latter's visit to Singapore last November that the first draft had been completed. The Committee expressed concern over the delay and hoped that the report would not be out of date by the time it is issued.

9.2 Financing Cooperatives at the International Level :

It was brought to the notice of the members that the Head Office of the ICA proposed to study the existing facilities for financing cooperatives and for this purpose had sent direct to the member organisations questionnaires relating to this "Study on Guarantee Funds to Promote International Financing of Cooperative Enterprises - Ways and means of, and outline for international financing of Cooperative Business Activities". It was hoped that the information required would be supplied without delay.

9.3 Contribution to the ICA RO & EC for the activities of the Sub-Committee :

The meeting was informed that only Iran, Korea, Japan and Australia had so far made this contribution. The other members were requested to get their member organisations to make this contribution as early as possible. It was suggested that a reminder should be sent by the RO & EC. It was also agreed that any member organisation which finds it difficult to remit this money to the ICA on account of foreign exchange regulations, may be allowed to contribute this money in local currency to the ICA for any of its activities within the country concerned.

9.4 Place of the Sub-Committee in the Regional Set-up :

The Regional Director informed the Sub-Committee that the proposal of the Sub-Committee to work as a de facto Sub-Committee of the Advisory Council whilst retaining its legal status as a Sub-Committee of the Agricultural Committee was conveyed to the ICA headquarters. The Agricultural Secretary of the ICA had informed the Regional Director that a letter should be sent by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee to the Chairman of the main Committee expressing the wish of the Sub-Committee to function as a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Council as well whilst retaining the legal position as a Sub-Committee of the ICA Agricultural Committee.

Item No. 6 Matters arising from the ICA Agricultural Committee
Meeting held in Hamburg on 25th August 1969

10. Mr Yanagida briefed the Sub-Committee in regard to the statement he had made at the Executive Meeting of the ICA Agricultural Committee held at Hamburg on 25th August 1969.

10.1 Mr Yanagida had reported to the Executive Meeting of the Agricultural Committee "that since the establishment of the ASC in 1967, it had met three times and the role of cooperative movement in the agricultural development in the Asian Region had been reviewed, and means for extending its activity were being sought. Besides, Malaysia and Iran, which were not affiliated to the Sub-Committee at the beginning, had now become its members".

10.2 "That, on the basis of the common recognition that agricultural development was of importance to achieve socio-economic growth in the Region and the organising of cooperatives was indispensable for the attainment of such development, the Sub-Committee had made efforts to promote international cooperation bilaterally as well as multilaterally by such means as the exchange of information. The Sub-Committee sought the promotion of close cooperation with the ICA RO & EC for South-East Asia. Without cooperation from this source, the Sub-Committee would not be able to strengthen its activity. In this regard, the ICA activities, such as education and training of cooperative officials and the collection and dissemination of basic statistics, were of great value, and the Sub-Committee hoped that they would go further in order to develop the agricultural cooperative movement in the Region".

10.3 "That great attention was paid to the development of multipurpose cooperatives among agricultural cooperatives in the Region. The Sub-Committee as well as the ICA RO & EC, considered farm guidance very vital for multipurpose cooperatives as an important subject and one that would be of use for the development of the agricultural cooperative movement in the Region. Mr Yanagida thought that the promotion of farm guidance activities would necessitate the effective marketing of agricultural produce. Furthermore, international trade also had an important impact upon the strengthening of its organisation. In view of this, the Sub-Committee had expressed its support for the trade and the commodity conferences".

10.4 "That with regard to the cooperative contribution to advanced countries in this respect, a long-term agreement on cooperative trade would be more important and useful, as shown in the case of the Japan-Thai trade agreement on maize. This agreement included the promotion of the Thai cooperative movement, while at the same time the Japanese movement was assured of a constant supply of maize. The question of whether such an agreement could also be made with other countries in the Region had also been explored. Mr Yanagida thought that the movements of advanced countries had not imported much through the cooperative organisations in the Region. He wanted to appeal to the members from the advanced movements to make more efforts to import commodities through the cooperative

organisations and to establish long-term contracts whenever possible, so as to contribute to the development of cooperatives in the Region as well as to receive reciprocal benefits".

10.5 "That to attain this purpose, the importance was for the exchange of information and communication with each other, so that the highest appreciation could be given to the Eisenberg Report and the respective work of the ICA RO & EC, which supplements the report from time to time through its bulletins. The Sub-Committee sincerely hoped that the advanced countries would actively contribute in this field and strongly hoped that the ICA RO & EC would act as a clearing house of information on international cooperative trade.

10.6 "That the Chairman said that the Sub-Committee had worked in an admirable way. Mr Lacour, Chairman of the Fisheries Sub-Committee of the ICA, had suggested that a Fisheries Section should be set up within the South-East Asian Agricultural Sub-Committee and that this matter could perhaps be discussed".

11. Proposal to Form a Fisheries Group:

It was resolved that a Fisheries Group of the Agricultural Sub-Committee be constituted and that the Members for Ceylon, Japan and Malaysia, be the Members of this Group, with power to coopt members. The functions of this group would be to give due attention to the problems of fishery cooperatives. The Regional Office will extend secretarial facilities to the Group.

Item No. 7 Survey of Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Projects in South and East Asia

12. The Regional Director reported to the Sub-Committee that the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan had proposed that a Survey should be conducted of agricultural cooperative marketing projects in the countries of South-East Asia served by the Regional Office and Education Centre with a view to accelerating the development of cooperative agricultural marketing. He explained that on the basis of the findings of such a survey the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan intended to approach the Government of Japan for assistance to develop cooperative projects recommended by the study teams. Such a survey would also be of much use to the member organisations for obtaining assistance from developed countries. A scheme for the conduct of this survey was presented in the agenda notes submitted for the meeting. He also reported that a sum of 4.5 million Yen had been deposited by the CUAC, Japan, to the credit of the ICA and that he had had an oral discussion with the Director of the ICA, Dr S.K. Saxena, and that Dr Saxena had indicated the possibility of assistance from the ICA Development Fund, if the scheme is approved by the Technical Assistance Sub-Committee of the ICA. The scheme of the survey was next discussed in detail and it was adopted in the following form.

Purpose

12.1 It is proposed that a Survey should be conducted in the field of agricultural cooperative marketing with the ultimate object of further developing agricultural cooperative marketing in the countries of South-East Asia. This survey will be conducted by three study teams as explained in 12.2 below. It is expected that this survey will help the movements concerned to obtain assistance for the development of the projects recommended by the study teams from the developed cooperative movements, the governments of developed countries and the institutions and authorities set up for international development.

Methodology

12.2 The ICA's member organisations in the Region of South-East Asia served by the RO & EC will be called upon to propose cooperative projects which may be examined by the ICA to ascertain their potentiality for development into full scale cooperative production and marketing concerns. These projects will be of two categories, viz. (a) projects for the marketing of raw material for animal feeding stuffs with a view to exporting it, and (b) projects for the marketing of other agricultural commodities within or outside the countries concerned. In the case of both groups the member organisations concerned will be requested to select both the commodities and the projects which they would like the ICA to examine. The number of projects to be so examined in each country will be determined by the Regional Director having regard to the time at the disposal of the team concerned.

12.3 The ICA will appoint three study teams for the purpose of surveying the projects so proposed. Two of these study teams will survey the projects proposed for the marketing of raw material for animal feeding stuffs whilst the third team will survey the projects proposed for the marketing of other agricultural commodities.

12.4 The survey in respect of animal feeding stuffs raw material will be conducted in five countries viz. India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. The Member for India said that in the case of India, the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation would conduct its own survey and bear the full costs of such a survey. In regard to the other four countries the ICA will appoint two teams, each team to cover two of these countries. In each team, there will be two Japanese experts provided by the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan. Each study team will have an Officer of the Regional Office to function as a member as well as the Secretary of the team. In addition to these three members of each study team, one additional member will be coopted to each study team, on the recommendation of the member organisation of the country visited by such study team, for the purpose of making the survey in that particular country. If necessary, interpreters will be employed for the convenience of the Japanese experts.

12.5 The Survey in respect of other agricultural commodities will be conducted in three countries viz. the Republic of Korea, Iran and Ceylon. In consultation with the member-organisations concerned, the ICA will appoint two experts having regard to the commodities which are involved in the projects proposed by the member-organisations. This study team also will have an officer of the ICA as a member as well as the Secretary of the team, and a member coopted, on the recommendation of the member-organisation of the country visited by the study team, for the purpose of making the survey in that particular country.

Costs

12.6 The Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan has placed at the disposal of the ICA a sum of 4.5 million Yen (US \$ 12,500) to be utilised in this connection. It is expected that an equal contribution will be made from the ICA's Development Fund. It is the view of the Agricultural Sub-Committee that except in the case of Indonesia, where the ICA has no member organisation as yet, all the local costs of this survey should be borne by the member organisations concerned. This will include costs of board, lodging and travelling of all members and other personnel of the study teams as well as any other local expenditure connected with the survey. The hotel accommodation provided for the members of the study teams should be of the type that is normally provided by international organisations for their experts. The average expenditure on the board and lodging of each expert per day would be 20 US Dollars.

12.7 The ICA will meet the international travel costs and similar expenditure for which foreign exchange is needed, in connection with the survey in the countries mentioned above except Indonesia. In the case of Indonesia even local costs may be met by the ICA if it becomes necessary to do so. It is estimated that each study team will be able to spend only about 10 days in each country. The number of projects to be surveyed in each country will be limited by this consideration. The ICA's expenditure will be met out of the funds mentioned in para 12.6.

Period of the Survey

12.8 It is expected that the member organisations concerned will be able to select projects for the attention of the study teams within two months of their being informed of this scheme. The recruitment of experts will have to await the requests of the member-organisations so that experts may be selected having regard to their specialised knowledge of the commodities that are involved in the projects submitted for the survey. It is expected that the ICA Director's approval could be obtained and thereafter the scheme of the survey could be notified to member-organisations by July 31st 1970. The proposals of the member organisations could be expected by September 30th. The selection of experts for the survey of projects in the field of animal feeding-stuffs raw material could be made by the CUAC of Japan within about two

months of this date whilst the selection of experts in other agricultural commodities referred to at para 12.5 will require four months. The appointment of this study team could be done by about January 1971. In the case of the two teams which will examine projects for raw material for animal feeding stuffs it is expected that it will be possible for the CUAC to release experts for one team in November 1970 and for the other team in January 1971. The report of each study team should normally be available within three months of the completion of their survey.

Item No.8 Statistical Information on Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in South-East Asia

13. A document containing statistical information on Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in South-East Asia for 1970 compiled by the RO & EC was submitted to the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee was of the opinion that it would be very useful to have an annual compilation of such information. The members were informed that the document would be printed after the information set out in the document had been confirmed by the movements concerned. The members were informed that any corrections should be sent to the Regional Office by the end of May 1970. The members were also requested to get their respective organisations to supply the RO with the annual statistical publications of their respective governments and organisations relating to agriculture and agricultural cooperatives. This will enable the RO to compile this information in a uniform way. This had not been possible in the present document due to the diversity of the classifications adopted by the various movements.

Item No.9 Programme of the ICA RO & EC for 1970-72 in respect of Technical Assistance and International Cooperative Trade in the field of Agricultural Cooperation

Possibility of evolving an Alternative Channel of Finance for Trade and Aid

14. The suggestion to set up an Asian Cooperative Development Bank detailed in the agenda note on this item was examined and discussed at great length. All the members present were of the view that such a bank was a great need in the region for the developmental and trade activities of the movements, and that the proposal was a timely one.

15. The consensus in the meeting was that the ratio of assistance from advanced countries as well as multi-lateral sources to developing countries is decreasing from year to year. The cooperatives in the region are finding it difficult to obtain foreign assistance for their projects. It was therefore felt that if such an agency is established the movements in the region should be able to participate in its equity capital as such participation will be an investment for the long-term development of the movements themselves.

16. The Sub-Committee was of the opinion that the feasibility of establishing such a bank should be examined by a group of experts. In examining this proposal assistance should be sought from the ICA Banking Committee and the International Cooperative Bank. It was decided to request the Advisory Council to appoint such a Group.

Working Group for Trade Promotion

17. The proposal to establish a Working Group for Trade Promotion within the Sub-Committee as explained in the agenda note was discussed at length and it was resolved that for the present members of the Sub-Committee should constitute a Working Group for Trade Promotion. Any member interested in joining the group would be free to do so. The Members for India, Malaysia, Japan, Pakistan, the Philippines and Korea indicated their wish to join the Group. It was also the general wish of the Members that the Member for Australia would join the group. This group could normally meet before the meeting of the ICA Agricultural Sub-Committee and the members could be assisted by persons who are directly handling such trade. The group would deal with trade in agricultural commodities.

18. The purpose of the members of the Agricultural Sub-Committee meeting in the capacity of a Working Group for Trade Promotion is to ensure that cooperative trade in agricultural commodities is given a special place in our deliberations in the same way as it has been proposed in respect of cooperative fisheries.

Cooperative Trade Exchange

19. The Committee noted the suggestion that had been made by the Australian Movement to the Regional Director on his visit to Australia in 1969 that a trade exchange be established either in Hong Kong or in Singapore with a view to helping cooperative producer and consumer organisations to make business contacts and to explore trade possibilities. It was also suggested that this matter should be examined further by the Working Group for Trade Promotion referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Work on the Projects

20. The present position of the projects receiving the attention of the ICA Regional Office as mentioned in the agenda note was noted.

Item No. 10 Venue and Dates of the Next Sub-Committee Meeting

21. The Committee accepted the suggestion that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee should be held at the same time as the meeting of the Advisory Council and that this meeting should coincide with the Conference of Top Level Leaders and the Tenth Anniversary Celebrations of the RO & EC scheduled to be held in New Delhi in January 1971. However, the Member for Pakistan mentioned that it would be unfair to hold this meeting in New Delhi if visa facilities would not be available for Pakistanis. The Regional

Director mentioned that hitherto there had been no such difficulty in the way of the Member for Pakistan or delegates from that country attending previous meetings held in India. He mentioned that the Member for Pakistan had not been able to attend the last meetings of the ICA Agricultural Sub-Committee and Advisory Council held in India and Iran respectively in spite of his having received visas from the two countries. He assured the Member for Pakistan that the Regional Office would do everything possible to facilitate the obtaining of a visa for India.

Item No. 11 World Conference on Agricultural Cooperatives

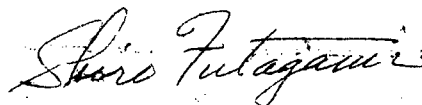
22. Under the item "any other matter", the proposal of the ICA to hold a 'World Conference on the Role of Agricultural Cooperatives in the World Cooperative Movement' was mentioned in terms of agenda item 3 of the next meeting of the Agricultural Executive to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, on May 10th. The Members were in favour of holding such a Conference but they were of the opinion that the theme was too general and too comprehensive. It was also suggested that multipurpose cooperatives should be given special attention in such a conference. The Chairman requested the members to send further comments, if any, direct to the Head Office of the ICA.

Item No. 12 Discussion on "Production Credit and Farm Guidance"

23. The Member for Korea introduced a case study on "Production Credit and Farm Guidance in Korea". This was followed by a useful discussion.

24. The Chairman thanked the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of Korea for the hospitality extended to the meeting and he thanked the special invitees, the members and the ICA Staff for their cooperation and assistance.

25. Mr V.N.Puri, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair which was carried unanimously.



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