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International Day of Cooperatives

The slogan for the [2016 International Day of Co-operatives](#) is 'Co-operatives: The power to act for a sustainable future'. The slogan was chosen to emphasize [the co-operative contribution to the United Nations' Sustainable Development goals, or SDGs](#). Co-operatives are important partners to achieve the SDGs, because they foster democracy, practice social inclusion and operate with concern for the environment, all while having a significant economic impact on the world economy. The Alliance calls on co-operators worldwide to celebrate the Day by showing how co-operative principles and values act in support of the SDGs. Please send pictures, stories, any record of your celebration to www.coopsday.coop. This is a new online platform to register contributions, have a centralized record of coops' contribution, and make a stronger case for the issues.

10th Asia Pacific Ministers Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam

We are pleased to announce that the 10th Asia Pacific Ministers conference will be held in Hanoi from April 18-21, 2017. Mr. Vo Kim Cu, President of the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) made the announcement at the ICA-AP Regional Board meeting in Colombo. Mr. Cu said, "this is indeed an honor for VCA and we would like to use the opportunity to showcase the cooperative movement and have a constructive dialogue with the Ministers and stakeholders to propel the movement forward." A press conference will be held in Hanoi in July to announce the Minister's Conference and to sign the MoU.

ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting, Colombo, Sri Lanka

The ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on June 16, 2016. The meeting hosted by the National Cooperative Council (NCC) of Sri Lanka was attended by 31 participants, including 11 board members, observers and interpreters. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Li Chunsheng, Chairperson of the Regional Board. The important issues discussed at the meeting were: finalization of election procedures for ICA-AP Board election at the Regional Assembly in New Delhi; ICA-AP strategic plan for 2017-2020, co-option of Women's Committee Chair to ICA-AP Board; nomination of two members to the Cooperative Law Committee; formation of ICA-AP Committee on Trade and Business; and 12th ICA-AP Regional Assembly to be held in New Delhi from 15-19 November 2016.



LtoR Balu Iyer, Vo Kim Cu, Li Chunsheng, Chandra Pal Singh Yadav

Mr. Donglin Li, Country Director Sri Lanka presented a lunch time talk on Cooperatives in Sri Lanka and the Local Empowerment through Economic Development (LEED) Project that contributes to poverty reduction, sustainable job creation and peace building through an improved environment with strengthened governance, effective community-based services and public-private partnership. In the evening, an official reception was organized by NCC at Galadari Hotel which was attended by Mr. T.M.K.B Tennekoon, Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka; regional board members; representatives from cooperatives in Sri Lanka; government officials and other dignitaries. A field study visit was arranged by NCC to Galle Co-operative Hospital on June 17. The Co-operative hospital started in 1962 has 3786 members and provides world class service to the community. According to Mr. A.G.P. Saratchandra, President of the Co-op, "We are first and foremost a cooperative. We serve over 5,000 customers each day while holding to our motto, *better service at a lower price in a kind way.*"

16th ICA Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on “Management of Consumer Co-operatives,” Singapore

The 16th ICA Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on “Management of Consumer Co-operatives” was held in Singapore from May 31 – June 3, 2016. The workshop was organized under the aegis of the ICA-AP Consumer Committee and hosted by NTUC Fairprice (Singapore). 17 cooperators and 4 observers from, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Japan attended the three-day training workshop. The objectives of the workshop were to: promote understanding of the socio-economic role of consumer cooperatives; learn the human resources development experiences of two organizations; and to establish an international network of consumer cooperative leaders and managers. Read more at <http://ica-ap.coop/icanews/16th-ica-ap-workshop-%E2%80%9Cmanagement-consumer-co-operatives>

Angkasa, Malaysia delegates visit NACF, Korea to explore business collaboration.

12 delegates from Angkasa, Malaysia visited NACF Korea’s livestock business unit from May 23 to 27. The purpose of the visit was to explore two-way collaboration in the areas of animal feed import from Korea; Angkasa staff training in NACF; dairy cattle semen and milk export to Angkasa and halal certification support to NACF. The visiting delegates had a meeting with the CEO & President and Vice President of livestock business unit and also with general managers. They visited a farmer, two dairy cooperatives, a Moguchon meat processing factory, a Nonghyup animal feed and theme park. Read more at - <http://ica-ap.coop/icanews/angkasa-delegates-visit-nacf>

EU Kick-off

ICA staff members met in Brussels, Belgium to formally ‘kick-off’ the EU project on Co-operatives in Development from June 21-24. The meeting was led by Coops Europe and represented by Alliance staff from its offices in Belgium, Costa Rica, India, Kenya and the United States. Co-operatives were formally recognized as relevant Civil Society Organisations (CSO) actors by the European Union (EU) in 2012 for their work on social inclusion and economic development among others. The European Commission (EC) partnered with the ICA in March this year to undertake as part of its commitment to support CSOs and to promote the potential of co-operative enterprises in development. This project

will culminate in August 2020.



The Kick off Meeting gave an opportunity to the staff involved in the implementation of the project to interact, get to know the implementation process and the international team better. The meeting gave an overview of the project aims, results and activities and financial planning for the duration of the project. The project will focus on developing capacities of co-operative federations, ICA as an institution and related policy and advocacy work. The work of the Alliance will be spearheaded by a *Strategy Unit* comprising of Regional Directors and the Director General, the *Coordination Unit* comprising of staff from ICA Global office and Cooperatives Europe and the *Programme Unit* comprising of regional staff. The overall supervision will be ensured by the Grant Oversight Committee comprising of the elected global board members of the Alliance.

Teepee Gile, founder member of Red Root Multi-Purpose Co-operative, Philippines to speak at Youth Summit

The [Asia Pacific Co-operative Youth Summit](#) will feature Teepee Gile, the 30 year old founder member of Philippines' first artists led Red Root Multi Purpose Co-operative, as

Key Speaker!

Red Root offers expertise in design innovation, audio-visual communication and marketing strategy development for enterprises in and around the Philippines. It is essentially a young enterprise led by young coop entrepreneurs in the advertisement and design space. Teepee holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Major in Visual Communication from the University of the Philippines, Diliman. She serves as the Creative Director and General Manager Red Roots Coop. Her social service priorities as a founder member include youth-oriented programs like the Doodle Earth Environmental Art Workshop for Kids, Step Juan Walking Expedition for Kids with Cancer, and Community Tourism in the Philippines. Teepee was recently elected as the Luzon Cluster Council Marketing and Branding Committee Head of the National Youth Forum on Heritage from 2016-2018. She is also the Secretary of the Federation for Peoples Sustainable Development Cooperative Governing Board (2015-2017).

Teepee describes her success as 'passion from ground up'! She intends to share her journey from Luzon Island to the hustle bustle of business marketing through the cooperative model, with Summit participants in Bali. Her breakthrough with co-operatives came when her friend,

Mark Vllarin, introduced her to the concept and the model of Mondragon Cooperativa Corporation in Spain; which led her to co-found Red Root along with other friends from the College of Fine Arts, University of the Philippines. Her team at Red Root work in the areas of capitalizing print designs, website programming, 3D modeling and animation, social media marketing and audio-visual presentation. They have expanded to new media technologies such as drone video coverage, interactive educational mobile programs, holograms and augmented reality applications.

It certainly looks like young dreams have found a collective purpose in the Philippines! Look out for this space to know about more speakers at the Summit. Click to [register](#) & participate.

International Summit of Cooperatives

12 new International Studies unveiled at the 2016 Summit. The Summit represents an exceptional opportunity for participants to access exclusive information targeted specifically at cooperatives and mutuals. This year, the studies will help managers in the following ways: increase their capacity to act and adapt to the new business reality; and expand their economic power by exploring business opportunities and specific sectoral challenges. A

lineup of [globally-renowned experts](#) will unveil the results the studies. Register for the Summit at: <https://www.sommetinter.coop/en/register-now/register-now>

New Member

International Co-operative Alliance welcomes **Con-Federation (CNCTL)** from Timor-Leste.

CNCTL is an apex organisation which was established during the year 2013 with a vision to promote, support capacity building and audit to the movement of cooperative in Timor-Leste. Read more at - <https://baluiyer.wordpress.com/2015/10/22/cooperatives-in-timor-leste-together-service-to-community-together-solution-to-poor/>

The current membership of the alliance is 292 member organisation from 101 countries and 91 member organisation from 27 countries in Asia-Pacific Region.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- International Day of Co-operatives July 2, 2016
 - Asia Pacific Regional Seminar on “COOP: *Building a Better World*” on the Occasion of Centenary Celebration of Thai Cooperative Movement and 94th International Cooperative Day Celebration, July 4-8, 2016, Bangkok, Thailand. Please contact A.K.Taneja (taneja@icaroap.coop) and Phanuwat Wanraway (green.clt@gmail.com).
 - “Fostering Leaders to Reinforce Business Development of Agricultural Co-operatives in FY2016,” from July 17 to August 06, 2016. This training is restricted to participants from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, and Thailand. Last date to receive nominations is 10 June 2016. Please contact Savitri Singh (savitrisingh@icaroap.coop) for details.
 - ICA-AP and All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives workshop on “Cooperative Finance for Agriculture” in Dali, China from 26 to 30 July, 2016.
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Please contact Frank Cao (frankcao@icaroap.coop) for details.

- Youth Summit, Bali, Indonesia, September 20-24. Please contact Santosh Kumar (santosh.kumar@icaap.coop) for registration details.
- Workshop on enhancing role of women in cooperative business, in cooperation with iCOOP Korea, September. Please contact Savitri Singh (savitrisingh@icaroap.coop) for details.
- International Summit of Co-operatives, Quebec, October 11-13, 2016
- 12th ICA-AP Regional Assembly and 9th Co-operative Forum, New Delhi, India, November 15-19, 2016. Register at <http://newdelhi2016.coop/>



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