

9th Meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly

Beijing (China), 5th September 2010

AGENDA NOTES



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9TH MEETING OF THE ICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Theme: Sustainable Innovations – Opportunities for Cooperatives to Grow
Beijing (China): 5th September 2010 {09:00~16:00}

AGENDA NOTES

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

Following the joint opening ceremony of 6th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum and Regional Assembly on 3rd September, 9th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly will be officially opened on 5th September. Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of ICA-Asia and Pacific and also the Chairman of ICA Regional Assembly will chair.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of Agenda

Delegates would be requested to formally approve the Agenda.

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Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Meeting held in Hanoi on 5th December 2008

The Minutes of the 8th meeting of ICA Regional Assembly held in Hanoi (Vietnam) on 5th December 2008, as enclosed at Annexure-1 were circulated to all the delegates and member organizations. No suggestions/observations/ amendments have been received. Minutes may be confirmed.

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

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

Agenda Item 05 : Approval of revised new Rules of ICA-AP

The ICA Governance Committee was given the mandate to review the Rules of the ICA regions so as to ensure that those were in conformity with the ICA Rules approved by the Special 2008 General Assembly held in Rome. ICA Rules being the global rules of the organization carry global significance and therefore the regional rules should be in conformity with the ICA Rules and avoid restating what is found

in the ICA Rules – especially with regard to mission statements, membership, powers and responsibilities, etc. This in turn would have the advantage that if and when the ICA Rules were amended by the General Assembly with regard to these issues, the amendments would automatically apply to the regions enabling a consistency in the governance.

The ICA-AP has accordingly revised its Rules which were approved by the last RA in Hanoi in 2008. The new Rules of ICA-AP, as approved by the Regional Board, are enclosed at Annexure-3. The Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Rules.

Agenda Item 06 : Report of ICA-AP Activities in 2009 & 2010

The report of main ICA-AP activities carried during the year 2009 and progress of activities for the year 2010 is attached at Annexure-4.

Agenda Item 07 : ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009 and 2010

The ICA-AP Financial Report for the year 2009 and for the period January to June 2010 is given at Annexure-5.

Agenda Item 08 : ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011

The draft ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011 is attached at Annexure-6.

Agenda Item 09 : ICA-AP Membership Situation

The following ten organizations from seven countries have joined ICA since last Regional Assembly in Hanoi in December 2008:

1. All China Federation of Handicraft & Industrial Cooperatives (ACFHIC), China.
2. International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (ICPIC), China.
3. National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Limited (FISHCOPFED), India.
4. National Labour Cooperatives' Federation of India Limited (NLCF), India.
5. Iran Oilseeds & Vegetable Oil Processing Factories Coop Co.(Farda Oil Co.), Iran.
6. iCOOP Solidarity of Consumer Cooperatives, Rep. of Korea.
7. Korean Association of Social Economy Enterprises (KASEE), Korea.
8. National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Cooperatives (NAMAC), Mongolia.

9. National Cooperative Federation & Development Center (VICTO National), Philippines.
10. Republican Union of Consumer Societies (Soyuz Tadjikmatlubot), Tajikistan.

Central Union of Cooperative Societies (CUCS) of Israel has ceased to be a member of ICA due to non-payment of subscription fee.

The following organizations have applied for membership of ICA:

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

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

Agenda Item 10 : Approval of Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO)

It may be noted that 2008 Special ICA General Assembly held in Rome (Italy) had resolved that there should be only one time annual membership fee of ICA thereby doing away with the membership fee of sectoral organizations. This consequently applies equally at the global, regional and sectoral levels. Accordingly, no sectoral organization, globally or regionally, would be allowed to collect separate membership subscription or have non-members participating in the meetings. As such, it is the responsibility of ICA regional offices to ensure adherence of this resolution by regional sectoral/thematic committees. However, considering the budgetary constraints, there will of course be a major discussion at the ICA Global Board Meeting in Beijing about the future of the Sectoral Organisations and that will include the financial aspect also.

The Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO) was discussed at the last Regional Board meeting held in Seoul on 19th April 2010 and it will be again discussed in Beijing on 1st September. The Constitution is enclosed at Annexure-7. Regional Assembly may kindly approve the Constitution.

Agenda Item 11 : Revival of ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and Pacific

The ICA Committee on Fisheries for Asia and Pacific was in existence until 1998 and it used to hold its meetings regularly. Its revised Constitution was also approved by the Regional Assembly held in Seoul (Republic of Korea) in 1998. After that due to



lack of interest among committee members, it was discontinued. Now, on the insistence of some members, it has been decided to revive the Fisheries Committee. The meeting of the revived Fisheries Committee is scheduled to be held in Beijing on 2nd September. The RA may accord its approval.

Agenda Item 12 : Report on 6th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum.

The 6th Asia-Pacific Coop Forum would be held on 4th September 2010 a day before the Regional Assembly. The Forum will have presentations by eminent cooperative experts and leaders on the theme “Cooperatives – The Sector of Global Importance”. The sub-themes that would underpin the objective of the main theme are (a) Visibility of Cooperatives and Year 2012; (b) Cooperatives – A Responsible Civil Society; (c) Corporate Governance in Cooperatives; (d) Level Playing Field for Cooperatives; and (e) Cooperatives: The Sector for Empowerment of Women and Youth. The deliberations at the Forum will help delegates have a deeper insight into the most relevant and crucial contextual issues important to cooperatives. We expect nearly 250 international participants in this Cooperative Forum, besides a large number of local participants.

A brief report and issues arising out of the Forum will be placed before the Regional Assembly on 5th December.

Agenda Item 13 : Report on Cooperative-Government Dialogue on Cooperative Development

The 17th Dialogue between the Cooperatives and the Governments in Asia-Pacific region will be held on 3rd September to evince the interests of the governments in drawing an actionable, realizable and verifiable action plan for the socio-economic development through cooperatives.

A brief report will be placed before the Regional Assembly.

Agenda Item 14 : Report of 5th Regional Women’s/Youth Forum

A brief report will be placed before the Regional Assembly by the Chairperson of ICA Women’s Committee.

Agenda Item 15 : Reports from ICA Sectoral/Thematic Committees

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

- (a) *Agricultural Committee*
- (b) *Regional Cooperative Banking Association*
- (c) *Consumer Committee*

- (d) Fisheries Committee
- (e) HRD Committee
- (f) Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization
- (g) Research Committee
- (h) University/Campus Committee
- (i) Women's Committee
- (j) Youth Committee

*Pursuant to the recommendations of international conference on Cooperative Tourism held in India in October 2008 and the seminar on Coops-A Better Business Model: Emerging Opportunities in October 2009, a preparatory meeting on setting up **Coop Tourism Committee** in the Asia-Pacific region will be held on 2nd September. A brief report will be presented at the RA.*

Agenda Item 16 : Discussion on Important Events:

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

The ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December 2010 in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show case our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy.

The first ICA Expo was held in Oct 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal and the event attracted nearly 8,000 visitors. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair promoted the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

A brief presentation on the preparations for the ICA Expo 2010 would be made at the meeting.

UN Proclamation of International Year of Cooperatives 2012

The 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution - "Cooperatives and social development" - in which it proclaimed the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) to be celebrated in 2012. The UN resolution recognizes that the cooperative business model is a major factor of economic and social development, promoting the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of people in both the developed and developing world, and that, in particular, cooperatives contribute to the eradication of poverty. The resolution also encourages all governments to create a more supportive environment for cooperative development, particularly when it comes to securing finances for capital building.

Members are requested to take necessary strategic initiatives on this matter as early as possible.

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

The year 2010 marks completion of 50 years of ICA-AP and there is every reason to celebrate the history and glory of ICA-AP that has been serving the cooperative members in the biggest and most vibrant region of the world. There would not be a better way to unravel the contributions made by the ICA-AP during last 50 years in this region than releasing a Book containing salient features of ICA's evolution to present form. As a prelude to historic book release, a booklet containing chronology of events in last five decades has been prepared and is ready for release and distribution.

ICA will hold special event in New Delhi in November 2010 in conjunction with the celebrations of Indian cooperative week from 14th to 21st November 2010 to mark the occasion by releasing the book.

It is proposed to start 50th anniversary celebrations at the 9th Regional Assembly in Beijing. The culmination of anniversary celebrations would be at the 2nd ICA Expo in Bangalore (India) in December 2010.

Agenda Item 17 : Any Other Business

Agenda Item 18 : Consideration of Venue and Date of next Meeting

On behalf of Japanese Joint Committee (JJC), Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan) has offered to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Japan in the last quarter of 2012 for 5 days. The RA may approve the proposal.

Agenda Item 19 : Closing Session

Tea break : 10:30~11:00
Lunch break : 12:30~14:00

ANNEXURE-1

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
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MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF ICA-AP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY *Hanoi (Vietnam): 5th December 2008*

AGENDA ITEM 01: *OPENING REMARKS*

The joint opening ceremony of the 5th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum and 8th Regional Assembly was held at My Dinh National Convention Center in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 3rd December 2008. His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, Chairman, National Assembly of Socialist Republic of Vietnam inaugurated the event which was hosted by Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA; Mr. Li Chunsheng, President, ICA - Asia and Pacific; and Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President of VCA addressed the gathering of 900 cooperators from Vietnam and various parts of the world. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA - Asia and Pacific, raised a vote of thanks on behalf of ICA-AP.

The Regional Coop Forum was dedicated on the theme "COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS" along with three related Sub-themes, namely, (a) *Coop Advantages in Ensuring Inclusive Growth of Economy*; (b) *Enhancing Management Capacity in Cooperatives*; and (c) *Business Networking to position Coops as a Preferred Brand*.

Subsequent to the deliberations at the ICA Regional Cooperative Forum, the 8th Meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Assembly was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi (Vietnam) on 5th December 2008. 195 participants from 24 countries and three international organizations attended the Regional Assembly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng, President, ICA-AP and being the Chairman of ICA-AP Regional Assembly opened the meeting and welcomed all the members and special invitees including the ICA global board members. He expressed his happiness for the participation of most of the member organizations' representatives at the Regional Assembly in Hanoi. He was happy to learn about laudable achievements made by the Cooperative Movements in various countries of the Region during the last two years. He also referred to the challenges before cooperatives due to global economic recession. After his brief remarks, he requested Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA, to formally inaugurate the meeting.

Mr. **Ivano Barberini** expressed his pleasure on attending 2008 Regional Assembly of ICA-AP. He thanked all the participants for their participation in various meetings. He said that this was an important meeting. He overwhelmingly thanked the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), particularly its President, Mr. Nguyen Tien Quan, for the excellent arrangements made for the Cooperative Forum and the Regional Assembly. He welcomed all the delegates to the meeting and wished good discussions on the Agenda for consensus.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. **Mamoru Moteki**, the newly elected President of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (JA-ZENCHU) made a brief introductory speech. He said that the world was facing global financial crisis sparked by the US sub-prime loan issue. He also referred to the natural disasters caused by global warming in the world causing great problems to peoples' livelihood. He reaffirmed the need of mutual help as the basic idea of cooperatives so as to reinforce the relationship with members more closely than ever.

AGENDA ITEM 02: *APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

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

AGENDA ITEM 03: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING HELD IN COLOMBO ON 18TH AUGUST 2006

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Regional Assembly held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on 18th August 2006 were circulated to all the delegates/member organizations and no comments/suggestions/amendments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

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

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

At this point, Mr. G.H. Amin, President of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

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

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee referred to the contents of the new Rules of ICA-AP and broadly mentioned a few of the changes like Standing Committee would hence be called as Regional Board and also referred to the constitution, powers and meeting schedule of the Regional Board.

He further said that the Regional Board in its meeting held on 1st December, had decided to amend Article-10.4 (Regional Board) as follows:

A Youth Representative shall be co-opted in the Regional Board. The Asia Pacific members of the ICA Board who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at the Regional Board.

The new Rules of ICA-AP were accordingly proposed for required amendment that was unanimously approved by the Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 06: PROGRESS REPORT FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the activities of the ICA-AP carried out during January to November 2008. He also presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the period January to September 2008. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 10,100 in Delhi office during the year 2008.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee mentioned that the total membership of ICA-AP as on that day was 59 organizations from 23 countries. Sharjah Cooperative Society-UAE, Fiji Cooperative Union Limited-Fiji, and Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC)-India had joined the ICA membership recently.

The Regional Assembly (RA) thanked the Regional Director and his staff for conducting so many important activities. The delegates expressed their happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP. The report was unanimously accepted by the RA.

At this point, Mr. Adi Sasono, President of Dewan Koperasi Indonesia (DEKOPIN) and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 07: APPROVAL OF ICA-AP STRATEGIC PLAN AND MULTI-ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2009-2012

Mr. Rajiv Mehta presented the framework and contents of the ICA-AP Strategic Plan for 2009-2012 synchronizing with the Strategic Objectives of ICA.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the Multi-Annual Budget of ICA-AP for 2009-2012. The delegates took note of the contents and approved the Strategic Plan and Multi-Annual Budget for 2009-2012.

AGENDA ITEM 08: APPROVAL OF WORK PLAN OF ICA-AP FOR 2009

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the ICA-AP Work Plan for 2009. He informed the meeting that the details of the events would be worked out with the concerned member organizations.

He also informed the RA that Mr. Mohammad Al Ansari, Chairman of the Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies in Kuwait had announced a special contribution of US\$ 10,000 to conduct activities in response to global economic crisis.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the ICA-AP secretariat for preparing a very good Work Plan for 2009.

At this point, Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum, Deputy President of ANGKASA (National Cooperative Organization of Malaysia) took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 09: APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA-AP COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting about creation of ICA-AP Youth Committee in last RA at Colombo. ICA-AP had received two proposals for setting up two separate Committees for (a) Cooperative Research and (b) University/Campus Cooperatives. He further informed that the ICA-AP Regional Board, in principle, had agreed to set up these two Committees at its meeting held in Manila in March and in Hanoi on 1st December 2008.

After discussions, the RA unanimously approved the Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on Cooperative Research.

AGENDA ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ICA-AP COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY/CAMPUS COOPS

The RA unanimously approved the Constitution of the ICA-AP Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives with the following amendment:

Article 8-Officers: Para 8.4 (In the absence of the Chairperson in the meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair from among the members present to conduct the proceedings of the meeting) should be deleted since there was a provision for two Vice Chairpersons in the Constitution.

At this point, Dr. Yehudah Paz, President of NISPED and Member of the ICA-AP Standing Committee took over as Chair of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11: RE-CONSTITUTION OF ICA-AP REGIONAL BOARD

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the RA that the term of the current board members would be over by December 2008. As per the new Rules of ICA-AP, the Regional Assembly should elect a maximum of eleven (11) members to the ICA-AP Board for a term of four years.

He confirmed having received 15 nominations from member organizations by the ICA-AP Secretariat. The list was already circulated to the participants at the RA.

Mr. Li Chunsheng opined to elect 11 members out of 15 through election and proposed the name of Dr. Yehudah Paz as Chairman of the Election Committee to conduct the election.

Dr. Paz explained that according to the new Rules, the members of the Regional Board would elect the Chair and the Vice Chairs. So there would be a short meeting of the newly elected board members to elect the Chair and Vice Chairs before the closing of the Regional Assembly so that the delegates had the opportunity to know the names. The RA agreed to hold a short meeting of newly elected Board immediately after the election result was declared.

Dr. Paz elucidated the election procedure and thanked Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his team for the excellent arrangements made for the election. He also wished a good luck to all the candidates contesting the election.

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

S.#	Name of the Member	Country	Position/ Organization
01	Mr. Li Chunsheng	China	Vice President, ACFSMC.
02	Mr. G.H. Amin	India	President, NCUI.
03	Mr. Adi Sasono	Indonesia	President, DEKOPIN.
04	Ms. Hitomi Tanaka	Japan	Board of Director, JCCU.
05	Mr. Won-Byung Choi	Korea	Chairman, NACF.
06	Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum	Malaysia	Dy. President, ANGKASA
07	Mr. Guillermo P. Cua	Philippines	Congressman/NATCCO.
08	Mr. Chan Tee Seng	Singapore	Chairman, SNCF.
09	Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka	Sri Lanka	Chairman, NCC.
10	Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut	Thailand	Chairman, CLT.
11	Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan	Vietnam	President, VCA
12	Mr. Teo Say Hong	Singapore	Youth Representative (co-opted)

A special meeting of the newly elected ICA-AP Regional Board Members was held immediately after the declaration of results. At the special meeting following were elected unanimously:

Mr. Li Chunsheng : ICA-AP President and Chair of the Regional Assembly
 Mr. G.H. Amin : Vice Chair of the Regional Assembly
 Ms. Hitomi Tanaka : Vice Chair of the Regional Assembly

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members of the Regional Board for electing him as Chairman of the Assembly and pledged before the RA to work efficiently in collaboration with the support of board members. All other board members also thanked the RA for electing them.

Mr. Ivano Barberini, Mr. Iain Macdonald and Mr. Shil Kwan Lee congratulated the newly elected board members and wished them best of performance.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT ON 5TH ICA REGIONAL COOP FORUM

The 5th ICA Regional Cooperative Forum was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi (Vietnam) on 4th December 2008, preceded by a joint inauguration of the Forum and the 8th ICA Regional Assembly in the

afternoon of 3rd December at My Dinh National Convention Center by His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, Chairman, National Assembly of Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Forum was hosted by the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). The Forum was marked by an overwhelming participation of more than 195 participants from 24 countries and three international organizations.

The theme of the Forum was “COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS” along with following sub-themes: (a) *Coop Advantages in Ensuring Inclusive Growth of Economy*; (b) *Enhancing Management Capacity in Cooperatives*; and (c) *Business Networking to position Coops as a Preferred Brand*.

Eminent cooperative researchers and practitioners had participated at the Forum. Thematic presentations were made by Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General of ICA and Mr. Chan Tee Seng, Chairman of SNCF. Presentations on sub-themes were made by Mr. Sanjiv Chopra, Mr. Bruno Roelants, Mr. Chan Ho Choi, Mr. Jiro Ito and Mr. Paul Hazen.

The Forum proceedings and presentations were summarized by Dr. Yehudah Paz, former ICA Global Board Member, who presented a report on the Forum at the Regional Assembly.

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

AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT OF 5TH COOP RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 5th Asian Cooperative Research Conference was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi, on 2nd December 2008. 15 researchers from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated at the Conference. The theme of the Conference was “Strengthening Cooperative Advantage under the Competitive Environment”. This time also the Consumer Cooperative Institute of Japan (CCIJ) extended scholarships to six researchers from India and one from the Philippines.

Majority of the presenters were academicians with considerable research experience to their credit. Their papers reflected in-depth analysis of researched data and case studies. They brought out very important findings and revealed facts and figures for future planning.

After the Conference, a Steering Committee Meeting was held which was presided over by Mr. Akira Kurimoto. Dr. G.N. Saxena of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Mr. Akira Kurimoto of Consumer Cooperative Institute of Japan (CCIJ) were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Research Committee respectively for a period of four years. Both Dr. Saxena and Mr. Kurimoto are members of the ICA Global Research Committee.

Mr. Kurimoto and Dr. Saxena thanked the members for electing them as key office-bearers of the Research Committee.

It was decided to hold the next Conference in China in 2010 in conjunction with the next ICA Regional Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORT OF 5TH REGIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM

The 5th Regional Women's Forum was held at Melia Hotel on 2nd December. The theme of the Forum was “Advantage of Gender Integration in the Economy of Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific”. A total of 50 cooperators from eight countries attended the Forum.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Chairperson of the ICA-AP Women's Committee welcomed the guests and participants and thanked them for their presence. Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President of VCA delivered the opening address and declared the Forum open. Mr. Ivano Barberini, President of ICA

and Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP also addressed the Forum and re-affirmed their commitment for achieving total gender integration in cooperatives.

The keynote speech on the theme was delivered by Ms. Bui Thi Lan of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Nepal. She talked about significant contribution of women as food provider to the family as well as to the community and focused on various FAO programs on socio-economic development of women to ascertain food security.

A panel discussion was held after the presentations. The topics of discussion were (a) Joint membership of couple/spouse of the member in agricultural cooperatives for increasing number of women in cooperatives; and (b) 33% reservation of women at all levels, especially at leadership for active participation in cooperative business. Based on the conclusion of the panel discussions, the Forum assigned a number of actions to ICA as well as all the members, partners and stake holders.

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

AGENDA ITEM 15: REPORTS FROM ICA-AP SPECIALISED COMMITTEES

Women's Committee: The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Women's Committee was held at Melia Hotel in Hanoi on 1st December from 14:00 to 17:00 hours. Six members from five countries attended the meeting. In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was presided over by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, Vice Chair of the Committee. The Vice President of VCA addressed the participants and extended a warm welcome.

Ms. Hitomi Tanaka from Japan and Ms. Norma Preyaras from the Philippines were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. It was decided that the 2nd Vice Chair will be filled up by nomination from Singapore.

The Secretary presented the work plan for 2009 which was approved by the Committee. Country reports on gender integration and women development activities in cooperatives were presented by AWCF, Philippines and Vietnam. The next meeting of the Committee would be held in 2009 in conjunction with some important ICA event.

Consumer Committee: The 42nd meeting of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation was held at Melia Hotel, Hanoi, on 3rd December. 15 participants (members and observers) from India, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting. Mr. Nguyen Cuu Quoc, Vice President of VCA delivered the welcome speech at the meeting and Mr. Jiro Ito, Chair of the Committee presided.

In addition to routine agenda, special presentation on Store Development on "Saigon Coop - the way to become Vietnam's leading retailer" was presented by Ms. Tran Thi Kim Quyen. Another special presentation on "How NTUC FairPrice help Consumers cope with the cost of living in Singapore" was made by Mr. Poh Leong Sim, Vice Chair of the Committee and Group Company Secretary/Director (Legal) of NTUC FairPrice, Singapore.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Pune (India) in November-December 2009 along with a regional workshop/seminar.

Consumer Sub-committee on University/College Coops: The 14th meeting of the ICA Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Cooperatives was held on 2nd December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. 12 participants from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam attended the meeting. In addition to routine Agenda, it was confirmed that Sub-Committee would be upgraded to a full-fledged Committee, as approved by the Regional Assembly.

Professor Kokichi Shoji was elected as Chairperson of the full Committee and Professor Mohd. Ali Hasan and Professor Zenaida Diola were elected as Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee unanimously. Mr. T. Kuriki from Japan and Dr. Y. Dongre from India were nominated as Co-Secretaries of the Committee. The term of the office-bearers would be **two years** (from one Regional Assembly to another).

Before the meeting of the Sub-Committee, a Regional Workshop on University/Campus Cooperatives was held in the morning at the same venue. 35 participants from 8 countries attended the workshop. Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, First Vice President of VCA delivered the welcome speech. Prof. Kokichi Shoji, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee presided. The representatives of each country presented country report on the present status of University/College Coops in their respective countries.

Agriculture Committee: The 38th Meeting of the ICA-AP Committee on Agriculture was held on 2nd December at Melia Hotel in Hanoi, soon after the ICAO Conference on "Protection of Small Family Farmers through Co-operatives" The theme of the Conference was Quality Production-Quality Food and Quality Trade through Cooperatives. 30 delegates from eight countries, namely, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the conference and the committee meeting.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Chan-Ho-Choi, steered the meeting as per the agenda and following decisions were made: (a) UCCS Kuwait would be inducted as a new member of the Committee; (b) A conference would be held in early 2009 to assess the "Impact of Global Economic Meltdown on Food Security and Agricultural Cooperatives". The conference would be a joint sponsorship of IFFCO, UCCS Kuwait and ICAO.

Mr. N.P. Patel, Vice Chairman of IFFCO (India) and Mr. Sunil Silva, General Manager of NCC (Sri Lanka) were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee for a term of four years.

The meeting ended with remarks from newly elected Chairman of the committee, Mr. N.P. Patel who thanked Mr. Chan-Ho-Choi, Secretary General, ICAO for hosting the 38th Meeting of the Committee and also thanked the participants and resource persons for making impressive and thought provoking presentations.

Regional Cooperative Banking Association (RCBA): The 10th meeting of RCBA was held on 1st December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. 13 participants (members and observers) from India, Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Vice President of VCA, Mr. Nguyen Xuan Hien, was requested to chair the meeting. In his opening speech he said "although in Vietnam there has not been any cooperative banking association, we hope that at this meeting we can share valuable experience, accumulate useful information to establish a cooperative bank in the future".

Mr. B.D. Sharma introduced the working of the RCBA as well as the coop credit and banking institutions in Asia-Pacific region. He said that the RCBA was established to exchange views from time to time on the contemporary issues.

Mr. Deepak Kumar made a presentation on "Role of NABARD in the Development of Coop Banks in India". Mr. B. Subrahmanyam highlighted on the issues such as need for networking among coop banks and the need for appreciating the concept, importance in identifying the indicators and implementing corporate social responsibility. The representatives of other countries present verbally informed about the trends in cooperative credit and banking sector in their countries.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the meeting resolved that the existing Chairman and Vice Chairman should continue to hold their positions until the next meeting.

HRD Committee: The seminar on New Dimensions of Cooperative HRD Institutions in the Globalised Environment and the 21st Meeting of ICA Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD) for Asia and Pacific and was held in the forenoon of 3rd December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. 37 participants from ten countries, namely, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the seminar/meeting.

The opening session was attended by Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, Vice President of VCA; Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director of ICA-AP; and Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of NCUI. The following four presentations were made at the seminar: (a) Global HRD Networking Centre by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chief Executive of NCUI, India; (b) Networking among Cooperative HRD Institutions – Significance and Challenges by Mr. Yuzri Suhud, Secretary General of DEKOPIN, Indonesia; (c) Strategies for Networking by Ms. Julia Bee Bte Ramjan, Deputy Director, Cooperative College of Malaysia.; and (d) Role of HRD Institutions in Capacity Building for Good Governance and Professionalisation by Mr. Zulkifli Mohammad, Chief Executive, SNCF, Singapore.

The seminar was followed by the 21st meeting of HRD Committee which was presided over by Mr. Bhagwati Prasad, Chairman of the Committee. He welcomed the presence of the members and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He stressed the importance of Global HRD Networking (www.hrd.coop) developed and maintained by National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VMNICM) in collaboration with ICA. He also said that the HRD portal was restructured with 11 languages and registration of experts of cooperatives were also included in the new portal.

Mr. K.K. Ravindran, Managing Director of National Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks Federation, India, offered to host the next seminar on “**Role of HRD Institutions in Changing Economic Scenario**” and meeting in Mumbai sometime in 2009. The meeting unanimously accepted the proposal.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that the Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) would be managed by the Asian region. After discussions, it was decided that a detailed project report should be prepared by the HRD Committee and be placed before the next meeting for its approval. If some funds could be raised through HRD institutions, an external consultant could be appointed. Otherwise, the project report would be prepared internally.

Youth Conference: The Youth Conference was held on 1st December at Melia Hotel, Hanoi. More than 60 delegates from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated. Many youth delegates from the College of Technology and Management, College of Vocational Training, Technical and Fine Art belonging to Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) and other affiliated units of VCA also participated.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President of VCA. The theme of the Conference was Cooperatives and Youth Entrepreneurship. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the ICA.

Dr. T. Paranjothi, Secretary, NCCT; Dr. A. Fronda from the Philippines; Mr. Rajiv Mehta, Director (Development), ICA-AP and Mr. Teo Say Hong, Chairperson of the ICA-AP Youth Committee made presentations on various aspects related to youth and their employment, etc.

After the Conference the 2nd meeting of the Youth Committee was held. The meeting discussed the activities held since the last meeting in Singapore and the action plan for the coming year. Mr. Teo Say Hong was re-elected as Chairperson of the Committee, while Ms. Nguuyen Thi Thu Hao of VCA and Mr. Ilham Nassai from Kopindo, Indonesia were elected as Vice Chairs.

Mr. Teo Say Hong also suggested that the Chairperson of the Regional Committee should represent at the proposed Global Youth Committee, for which the Regional Youth Committee would extend all

help. Participation of the Chairperson of the Regional Committee would help in continuity of youth activities globally. The meeting agreed to the suggestion.

The next meeting of the Committee was decided to be held in Singapore during 2009. The next Youth Conference would, however, be held in China in conjunction with the next RA in 2010.

**AGENDA ITEM 16: *REPORT OF THE 8TH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
HELD IN MALAYSIA FROM 12TH TO 15TH MARCH 2007***

The 8th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy and Legislation was held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) from 12th to 15th March in collaboration with the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development (MECD) and ANGKASA. The opening ceremony of the Conference was held in the afternoon of 12th March at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC). Around 900 people attended the inauguration. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The inaugural session was also addressed by the Hon'ble Minister of the MECD and the ICA President.

The theme of the Conference was "Fair Globalisation through Cooperatives". Around 316 participants and observers, including 10 ministers, from 21 countries and four international organizations attended the Conference.

The Conference was quite successful in terms of achieving its core objective of sensitizing the Governments to the need of realizing full potential of cooperatives in building national economy, especially in the context of globalization, demanding the legislative cum policy support for the cooperatives to play an important role in equitable distribution of the benefits accruing from the liberalized global economy.

The Conclusions and Recommendations of the Conference were circulated to the governments and member organizations of ICA in Asia-Pacific region for taking appropriate action on the Recommendations. The Kuala Lumpur Declaration adopted by the Conference was read out by Mr. Rajiv Mehta for the benefit of the participants present at the RA.

AGENDA ITEM 17: *ANY OTHER BUSINESS*

Mr. Rajiv Mehta made a presentation on *Myanmar Post Cyclone Reconstruction Program for Cooperatives*. He said that ICA had received US\$ 72,270 for the reconstruction of disaster affected cooperatives in Myanmar from the following agencies: IFFCO-India; ACFSMC-China; JCCU-Japan; ZENROSAI-Japan; JJC-Japan and Teachers Coop-Singapore.

A Statement on the Increasing Role of Cooperatives in Recent Global Economic Crisis aimed at containing the ill effects of the global economic recession, and calling on political leaders to recognize the important role that cooperatives could play in existing crisis, was distributed among the members for their approval. The Statement was unanimously approved by the RA.

Mr. Iain Macdonald said that the Statement was well written and informed the importance of it. He requested the members to send the Statement to their respective governments.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the meeting that the Statement would be sent to all ICA-AP member organizations, governments and media for wider circulation. He also requested the members to widely circulate it in their countries.

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

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee informed the RA that All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) had agreed to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in China in 2010. The

meeting accepted the offer of ACFSMC and decided to host the next meeting in China in 2010. The date and venue would be decided in consultation with the ACFSMC. The RA thanked the ACFSMC for agreeing to host the ICA events in 2010 in China.

AGENDA ITEM 19: CLOSING SESSION

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

Mr. Ivano Barberini said that the 2008 RA was concluded with good results, especially with the Statement on the Increasing Role of Cooperatives in Recent Global Economic Crisis that was approved by the RA. The ICA global Board at its meeting held in Hanoi had decided to continue the relation with the governments and accordingly ICA would be sending a letter to G20 countries because China and India were not included in the G8. He also congratulated the VCA for its efficiency and great hospitality. He specially congratulated the members of the ICA-AP Regional Board.

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee said that a total of 16 different meetings were held in Hanoi from 1st to 6th December and he thanked the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) for making excellent arrangements and the kind hospitality.

The RA proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Shil Kwan Lee and his able staff for carrying out the ICA-AP's work with success. The RA also thanked Mr. Ivano Barberini, ICA President for coming and spending his valuable time.

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

ANNEXURE-2

Minutes of the four ICA-AP
Regional Board Meetings.

Annexure-2

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 2008 elected Regional Board of ICA-AP held on 1st June 2009 at the Conference Hall in JCCU, Tokyo.

The meeting was attended by the following members and observers:

1. Mr. G.H. Amin, President, NCUI, India - Vice Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan - Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, Chairman, SNCF, Singapore - Member
4. Mr. Adi Sasono, President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Member
5. Mr. Bandupala Ranawaka, President, NCC, Sri Lanka - Member
6. Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, Chairman, CLT, Thailand - Member
7. Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, President, VCA, Vietnam - Member
8. Dr. Mohd Ali Baharum , Dy. President, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Member
9. Mr. Teo Say Hong, SNCF, Singapore - Youth Representative
10. Mr. Rong Jun, ACFSMC, China - Alternate Member
11. Mr. Chan Ho Choi, NACF, Korea - Alternate Member
12. Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, Chairman, IFFCO, Member Global Board of ICA
13. Mr. Toshifumi Yamashita, President, JCCU, Japan - Observer
14. Dr. Gopal N. Saxena, Director (Coop Dev), IFFCO, India - Observer
15. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China - Observer
16. Mr. Soeryo Bawono, Vice President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
17. Mr. Yuzri Suhud, Secretary General, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Observer
18. Mr. Aharuyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan - Observer
19. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand - Observer
20. Ms. Tran Thu Hang, Interpreter, VCA, Vietnam
21. Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA, Geneva.
22. Mr. Jan-Eirik Imbsen, Director Development, ICA, Geneva.
23. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, RD, ICA-AP, New Delhi - Secretary
24. Mr. Rajiv Mehta, DRD, ICA-AP, New Delhi.
25. Mr. Yoshimitsu Nakamura, ICA-AP (SBO).

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

At the beginning Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP welcomed all the delegates and thanked JCCU for hosting the meeting. He requested Mr. G.H. Amin, President, NCUI cum Vice Chairman of the ICA - AP Regional Board to Chair the meeting due to indisposition of Mr. Li Chunsheng, President of the ICA - Asia and Pacific. Pursuant to the request of RD, Mr. Amin chaired the meeting.

At the very outset Mr. Amin greeted the participants and mourned sudden and untimely death of Mr. Barberini on 6th May in Italy. He shared the grief of Indian Cooperative Movement with all his fraternal colleagues duly mentioning that it was in the month of February that he had the privilege to listen to Late Mr. Barberini's Vaikunth Bhai Memorial Lecture on Role of Cooperatives in Global Economic Crisis that Mr. Barberini had very gracefully delivered at NCUI.

Mr. Amin mentioned that he had no idea that he would never meet Mr. Barberini thereafter and termed it a tragic loss for the cooperative world when we had needed him most. He termed Late Mr. Barberini as a great scholar, leader and above all a noble human being. Mr. Amin then requested all the participants to stand and observe a two minute silence as a mark of respect to noble cooperative leader and urged upon all to pray to God to bestow peace to the departed soul of Late Mr. Barberini.

After having observed silence for two minutes, the Board resumed the agenda for the day.

Mr. Yamashita, President of JCCU welcomed all the Regional Board members present at the meeting and thanked them for having flown all the way to Japan despite the swine flu fear. He referred to doing away with neck tie due to summer room temperature being kept at 28 degree Celsius so as to reduce carbon emission in the air. Therefore, new dress code in JCCU had no neck-tie. Mr. Yamashita paid rich tributes to Mr. Barberini. He referred to the economic meltdown and termed global economic crisis as the crisis of confidence. He also emphasized the need of world peace and nuclear disarmament and proposed a resolution for the cooperatives to contribute significantly in this context of global importance and welfare.

Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA expressed his happiness on coming to Japan after 14 years and fully endorsed the views expressed by Mr. Yamashita. He informed the members about the sad demise of Mr. Barberini who was quite eager to come to Japan. He said that Mr. Barberini was working until two hours before his death. He had finished a book on Cooperatives the day he had died. According to Mr. Barberini the root cause of the economic crisis was capital greed and going beyond the board. He said that Mr. Barberini had termed the crisis as huge but with huge opportunity for cooperatives and accordingly the theme of Geneva General Assembly of ICA in November 2009 would be “**Global Crisis - Cooperative Opportunity**”.

Mr. Jakhar, Chairman IFFCO cum Board Member of ICA greeted the participants and expressed his deep sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. Barberini. He termed him as the crusader against cooperative imperfections and a great philosopher cum cooperative conservationist of the century. He referred to his last meeting with him at his residence in Chandigarh, India where Mr. Barberini had very freely explained the logic behind the shift in criteria of ICA membership from turnover to membership basis. He remembered Mr. Barberini for his profuse liking for the Asia-Pacific region in general and India in particular because of the size of membership.

Mr. Jakhar also paid rich tributes to late Mr. Guillermo P. Cua, Regional Board Member from the Philippines and hailed his role as a true cooperator who not only enriched the policy content on cooperatives in the Philippines, but also used his influence in streamlining the critical section of Cooperative Act in the Philippines.

Mr. Jakhar highlighted the role of ICA in the present global economic crisis and committed full support of IFFCO in the resurgence of cooperative movement across the globe.

Mr. Amin thanked Mr. Yamashita, Mr. Iain Macdonald and Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar for their remarks. Mr. Amin also wished Mr Li Chunsheng a speedy recovery.

Mr. Amin began the meeting on the note of severe economic crisis that had engulfed the whole world that had affected cooperatives as well. He laid emphasis on the fact that the right time had matured to show the world about the advantages and strengths of cooperatives in standing tall during crisis. Mr. Amin reminded the ICA Regional Board about great challenge that lied ahead and important role ICA could play in advocating the importance of cooperatives in insulating the global economy from such turmoil. Mr. Amin expressed his happiness about the ICA-AP for having planned an important conference next month in Bangkok on Enhancing the Role of Cooperatives in Faster Recovery from Economic Crisis. He expressed his confidence about the success of the conference that would certainly show right direction to both the governments and the cooperatives in forming the strategy to revive economic growth with due inclusions through cooperatives. He appreciated the role of ICA- AP Regional Director Mr. Shif Kwan Lee in this context.

Agenda Item 02 : Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Amin requested all the members to please approve the Agenda for the meeting and welcomed suggestion in this regard. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item 03 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Hanoi on 1st December 2008

Mr. Amin asked the members if they had received the minutes of our last meeting held in Hanoi. He sought comments from the members on the minutes brought by ICA -AP. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 04 : Presentation on Cooperatives in Japan

Mr. Amin requested Madam Tanaka to make a presentation on Cooperative Movement in Japan. Ms. Tanaka made an impressive presentation on the Japanese Cooperatives with special reference to Consumer Coops catering to 25 million members with a turnover of 34.1 billion USD for the services ranging from retail sale to home delivery, medical, insurance and housing. She also covered the fisheries coops, university and campus coops, forest owners' coops and workers' coops. Mr. Higuchi from JA-Zenchu made presentation on the Agricultural Coops in Japan.

Agenda Item 05 : Review of Cooperative Development in the region

Mr. Amin requested Mr. Lee to facilitate presentations on the Review of Cooperative Development in the Region. Representatives from China (Mr. Rong Jun), Indonesia (Mr. Adi Sasono), Malaysia (Mr. Ali Baharum), Singapore (Mr. Seng Chan Tee), Sri Lanka (Mr. Bandu Ranawaka), Korea (Mr. Chan Ho Choi), Thailand (Mr. M. Pukanut) and Vietnam (Mr. N.T. Quan) made presentations on the latest status of cooperative movement in their respective countries.

Agenda Item 06 : Presentation on International Accounting Standards

Mr. Satoshi Takano, Deputy Director, Management Planning Department, Zenrosai, Japan made a presentation on the IAS and touched upon the peripheral issues relevant to cooperatives focusing on the basic aspect as to how should we tackle with the convergence on "Financial Instruments with characteristics of Equity" between FASB and IASB? He said that ICA IAS working group still had to work to ensure full recognition and understanding of the special nature of the co-operative enterprise by the international accounting standard setters. Mr. Lee desired that the IAS working group recommendations could be shared with the members of ICA-AP by the ICA HQ.

Agenda Item 07 : Interim Report on ICA-AP Activities and Discussion on 2009 Important Activities

Mr. Amin requested Mr. Lee to present interim report on ICA-AP Activities and about activities of ICA in the region during 2009. Mr. Lee made a presentation on the interim activity report of ICA - AP during first part of year 2009 and proposed following revised activity schedule for the rest of the year 2009.

- Exploratory Mission to Kazakhstan, 9-12 June.
- National Conference on Cooperative Development, Myanmar, 16-18 June.
- Exploratory Mission to Mongolia, 23-28 June.
- Management Capacity Building of Women for Cooperative Development, Malaysia, 29th June to 3rd July.
- Conference on Enhanced Role of Cooperatives in the Recovery from Global Economic Crisis, Thailand, 2-4 July.
- National Workshop on Development of University/Campus Coops, Thailand, 11-13 July.
- 1st Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 28th July to 22nd August.
- 4th Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women, Vietnam and

Japan, 20th August to 25th September.

- Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Coops, Singapore, 24-26 Aug
- 3 Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives, Miyagi/ Tokyo/Kobe, July/Sept./October.
- ICA Conferences on Cooperative Development, Brunei/Iran/Bhutan/ Maldives/ Pakistan, Aug-November.
- Study Tour to Agricultural Cooperatives, Korea, 21 - 25 September.
- Workshop on Enhancing Role of Women in Coop Business, Philippines, 8-10 September.
- 2nd Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 2-27 November.
- Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives, India, 8-11 December.
- Re-construction of Cyclone Affected Cooperatives in Myanmar, January-October.
- Project on Women and Youth Empowerment through Coops in Sri Lanka, January-October.
- Project on Promotion of Sustainable Model of Agricultural Cooperatives for Poverty Alleviation of Farmers, Afghanistan, Cambodia and Laos, January-December.
- Project on Mainstreaming of HIV Issues in the Education and Training System of Cooperatives, India, January-December.

All the members expressed their happiness with regard to the performance and accepted the activity plan as above.

Agenda Item 08 : Financial Report of ICA-AP

Mr. Lee made a presentation on the interim financial report of ICA-Asia and Pacific for 2008 and also presented a forecast on the overall financial status of ICA-AP during 2009. During 2008 the ICA-AP could have surplus of 1,429 CHF as against anticipated surplus of 5,416 CHF. During 2008 ICA-AP received special contributions from MAFF, Japan (926,464 CHF), JCCU Japan (100,100 CHF), ACFSMC, China (55,000 CHF), IFFCO India (38,500 CHF), NACF, Korea (33,000 CHF) and SNCF, Singapore (23,622 CHF).

For the year 2009, ICA-AP had spent 59,957 CHF until March 2009 and expected to utilize full budget available for 2009.

Agenda Item 08 : Discussion on ICA-AP Membership Status

Mr. Lee presented a report on the membership status and stated the fact that the total membership of ICA-AP consists of 61 Organizations from 23 Countries. He named the two newly entered members namely: iCOOP Solidarity of Consumer Coops, Korea; and National Labour Coops Federation (NLCF), India. He said that two cooperatives, namely, Republican Union of Consumer Societies, Tajikistan and National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Limited (FISHICOPFED), India had applied for the membership. Mr. Lee explained about the membership expansion strategy and introduced a new brochure titled "JOIN ICA" recently published to market the benefits of joining the ICA network.

Agenda Item 09 : Other Business Matters Arising

Before deciding the venue and date for the next meeting, Mr. Shil Kwan Lee announced his decision to retire from the services of ICA after 31st December 2009 despite the fact that his contract was valid until December 2010. He advised the members of the Regional Board to suggest name of suitable candidates to the Director General of ICA for the appointment of his successor.

Agenda Item 10 : Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Board was decided to be held in Geneva on 17th November 2009 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

The meeting concluded with thanks to Mr. G.H. Amin for chairing and conducting the meeting.

Minutes of the Special ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting Held in Beijing on 12th October 2009

Special meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Minzu Hotel, Beijing (China) on 12th October 2009 mainly to transact the Agenda of stronger regional representation of the Asia-Pacific region in the ICA Global Board and selection of the Regional Director, ICA AP. Following were present at the Special Regional Board meeting.

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China - Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan - Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India - Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. Won-Byung CHOI, NACF, Korea - Member
5. Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, IFFCO - Global Board Member
6. Mr. Naoki Higuchi, JA Zenchu, Japan - Global Member Representative
7. Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed, SNCF, Singapore - Member Representative
8. Mr. Adi Sasono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Member
9. Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, CLT, Thailand - Member
10. Mr. Ismail Bin Nordin, ANGKASA, Malaysia - Member Representative
11. Mr. Chan-Ho CHOI, General Manager, NACF, Korea - Regional Director Select
12. Mr. Kwang-Seok HONG, NACF, Korea - Accompanying Delegate
13. Mr. Kyu-Ha YEON, NACF, Korea - Accompanying Delegate
14. Dr. Gopal N Saxena, Director (Coop Dev.), IFFCO - Accompanying Delegate
15. Mr. Nasir Khan Yahaya, ANGKASA - Accompanying Delegate
16. Mr. Soeryo Bawono, DEKOPIN, Indonesia - Accompanying Delegate
17. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand - Accompanying Delegate
18. Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA - Special Invitee
19. Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP
20. Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta, Deputy Regional Director, ICA-AP

Opening Remarks by the President, ICA-AP

Mr. Li Chunsheng extended a hearty welcome to all the participants. Citing reasons for the Special Regional Board Meeting, he referred to the election of Global ICA Board Members in the forthcoming General Assembly in Geneva and recruitment of Regional Director following the retirement of Mr. Shil Kwan Lee by the end of this year.

He further elaborated the need of improved representation of Asia-Pacific region in the Global Board and also explained the process adopted for the recruitment of Regional Director.

He extended a special thanks to the Director General of ICA for having made it possible to attend the Special Board Meeting and also for facilitating selection of new Regional Director.

Approval of the Minutes of last RB meeting in Japan

Minutes of the last meeting of the Regional Board held on 1st June 2009 in Tokyo were approved by the members present.

Review of Cooperative Movement in the region

The country papers on recent cooperative developments in China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Japan were presented by the following representatives:

1. China by Mr. Li Chunsheng
2. India by Mr. G.H. Amin

3. Indonesia by Mr. Adi Sasono
4. Korea by Mr. Won-Byung CHOI
5. Singapore by Mr. Zulkifli Mohammed
6. Malaysia by Mr. Ismail Bin Nordin
7. Thailand by Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut
8. Japan by Ms. Hitomi Tanaka.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the members for making the presentations and requested the members of the ICA Global Board from the region for their contribution and thoughts.

Mr. S.K. Jakhar, Chairman, IFFCO thanked the ACFSMC leadership for hosting the special RB meeting. While showing his happiness over the immunity of coops from the ill effects of global economic recession he conveyed his serious concerns on various types of natural disasters that had posed a serious threat to the agriculturists in the affected countries. India was one among them where the erratic and untimely rainfall had reduced the sown farm area causing sharp decline in the agriculture production in the ensuing season. Cooperatives would be most affected and vulnerable and there was a need to ponder over the problem. He asked ICA to organize subject specific brainstorming to find a new system of sharing from each others' lessons and experiences.

Mr. Naoki Higuchi, Deputy General Manager, JA Zenchu mentioned about the JA National Congress that was held recently on 8th October and attended by more than 4,000 delegates from Japan. The Congress had discussed new strategy for agri coops in Japan in the background of new government in Japan. The Congress had unequivocally agreed to the need of rejuvenating agri coop movement in Japan. The Congress had also taken serious view on the global economic crisis and impact on coops in Japan.

Discussions on 2010 Activities of ICA-AP

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee first presented the progress made against the activity plan for 2009 and then briefed on the activities planned for the rest of 2009. He thereafter assured the members that the suggestions made by them would be incorporated in the 2010 plan of ICA-AP. The draft activity plan for the year 2010 would be ready by mid of November for the approval of Regional Board and the final 2010 plan duly aligned with the ICA global plan would be ready by mid of December 2009. The year 2010 would have some additional member centric activities through the newly inducted members from Kazakhstan and Tajikistan in the CIS sub-region of ICA-AP and Mongolia in the Central Asian sub-region.

Mr. G.H. Amin advised the Regional Director to ensure timely monitoring and evaluation of the activities for greater impact. The Director General while appreciating the need of impact assessment hailed the activities of ICA-AP region and appreciated the role of Regional Director and the Deputy Regional Director together with their efficient team.

Mr. Adi Sasono, President, DEKOPIN, Indonesia conveyed the decision of DEKOPIN to organize international seminar on Food security & Bio-energy in Jakarta in the first week of December 2009 and extended warm invitation to all the members present. He asked ICA AP to incorporate this activity in the 2009 plan of ICA-AP. Similarly, Dr. Saxena informed about the special seminar of ICA AP Research Committee in New Delhi on 23rd and 24th October in Gurgaon (India) and advised ICA-AP to include it in the 2009 activity schedule.

Governance Agenda

General Assembly in November 2009 in Geneva

DG, Mr. Macdonald shared detailed information on the programs and events during the course of ICA GA in Geneva in November 2009. He asked the Members of the RB and the staff of ICA-AP to expedite registration of the delegates from the Asia Pacific region.

Election of the members of ICA Global Board

Concerning the constitution of the Global Board of ICA, the Chairman ICA-AP RB Mr. Li Chunsheng referred to the membership power and accordingly sought opinion of the RB Members on the need of issuing a statement on the rights of the members to vote according to the voting system and vote in favour of the nominees from the AP region so as to have greater representation of the cooperatives from the region in the larger interest of the cooperative community from the biggest and fastest growing region of the world. He also asked RD to issue a letter to all the prospective nominees advising them to prepare a small introductory speech for two minutes at the GA to impress upon the representatives of the ICA Members from the world about their suitability and utility at the ICA Global Board. Mr. Amin seconded the proposal and advised RD to issue the letters to all the members of ICA from the Asia Pacific region.

Mr. Higuchi asked the RD to make sure that the voting system is properly understood by the members.

Mr. Zulkifli stated the need of assessing the prospects of each nominee and accordingly issuing an advisory to weaker candidates to withdraw so as to strengthen the chances of other strong candidates.

Mr. Lee agreed with the advice of Mr. Higuchi and sought opinion of the members on the suggestion made by Mr. Zulkifli.

Mr. Lee thereafter reiterated the need of more seats in the ICA Global Board from the Asia Pacific region and besides called upon the members of the RB to even look for new DG from the Asia Pacific region subsequent to retirement of Mr. Macdonald by the mid of next year.

Responding to the suggestion of Mr. Lee, the DG Mr. Macdonald appreciated the feelings of RD on the Eurocentric Global Board of ICA and supported the idea of Mr. Lee about the DG from this region. He further substantiated it by saying that changes are on the anvil and when ICA could have first woman President then why not a new DG from AP region.

Appointment of Regional Director of ICA-AP

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the ICA Director General for working hard on the recruitment process of the Region Director for the ICA Asia Pacific region.

The Director General after having shared the details about the process adopted for the recruitment of Regional Director announced the name of **Mr. Chan Ho Choi** as the next Regional Director of ICA-AP with effect from 1st January 2010. He congratulated Mr. CHOI on his selection. All the board members endorsed his appointment.

Mr. Chan Ho Choi addressed the members of the Regional Board and committed to serve ICA on the lines of the Strategic Objectives set for the ICA.

2010 Regional Assembly of ICA-AP

Highlighting 2010 important activities in the region, Mr. Lee mentioned about the ICA Expo 2010 in India in December 2010 and ICA-AP Regional Assembly in China in September 2010. He proposed to hold Coop-Government Dialogue together with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly and Coop Forum to follow the implementation of the steps pronounced in the 8th Ministers Conference Declaration held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March 2007. He sought the opinion of the members in due course of time so as to finalize the schedule of events in China in 2010.

Mr. Li Chunsheng appreciated the functioning of the Regional Office and agreed to the proposal put forth by the Regional Director and also agreed to the suggestions made by Members of the RB.

Mr. Macdonald further added the need of inter-regional coordination and collaboration for learning from each other's experiences.

Any other business matter

Earthquake in Indonesia

Mr. Adi Sasono gave a brief account of the devastation caused by earthquake last month in Indonesia. He was requested by the Regional Director to send broad figures on the damage caused to cooperatives and type of assistance required to restart the operations of coops.

UN General Assembly – Year of Cooperatives

DG informed the delegates that the global economic crisis had shaken the confidence of investors and consumers in profiteering corporate structures thereby opening the doors for value based economic models. The UN had accordingly launched a campaign to declare 2012, the Year of Cooperatives. The UN General Assembly would be soon making a formal decision to this effect and the scope and value of cooperatives would grow many folds.

Next Meeting of the Regional Board

The next meeting of the Regional Board would be held in Geneva on 18th November 2009.

The Special Regional Board meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair and the ACFSMC for making all out efforts in seeing to the comfort and convenience of the delegates.

Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting held at
International Convention Center, Geneva (Switzerland)
18th November 2009: 09:00~13:00 hours

Meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Geneva on Thursday, the 19th November 2009. Following leaders and the officials attended the meeting.

- 01 Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
- 02 Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
- 03 Mr. Haruyoshi Amano, JCCU, Japan – Representative - Vice Chairperson Ms. Tanaka
- 04 Mr. Won-Byung CHOI, NACF, Korea – Member
- 05 Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, IFFCO – Global Board Member
- 06 Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, CLT, Thailand – Member
- 07 Prof Dr Mohammed Ali Baharum, President, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
- 08 Mr. Nguyen Van Bien, Vice President, VCA, Vietnam – Alternate Member
- 09 Ms. Dolly Goh, CEO, SNCF – Representative of Mr. Chan Tee Seng, President, SNCF, Singapore – Member
- 10 Mr. Seah Kian Peng, Singapore – Observer
- 11 Mr. M.G.S. Silva, GM, NCC, Sri Lanka – Representative of President, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
- 12 Mr. N.P. Patel, Vice Chairman, IFFCO, India – Observer
- 13 Mr. D.P. Baskota, Chairman, NCF, Nepal – Observer
- 14 Mr. Iain Macdonald, Director General, ICA
- 15 Mr. Jan Erik Imbsen, Director Development, ICA
- 16 Mr. Chan-Ho CHOI, General Manager, NACF, Korea – Regional Director Select
- 17 Dr. Gopal N Saxena, Director (Coop Dev.), IFFCO – Accompanying Delegate
- 18 Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand – Accompanying Delegate
- 19 Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, Regional Director, ICA-AP
- 20 Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta, Deputy Regional Director, ICA-AP

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board. Broaching the objective of the meeting, he highlighted the need of a coordinated action by the members of ICA from the Asia-Pacific region in the voting for election of members for the ICA Global Board. He sought cooperation of the ICA-AP board members in mobilizing effective and meaningful voting by the members from AP region. Mr. Li Chunsheng extended a warm welcome to Ms. Dolly Goh, the Chief Executive of SNCF and introduced her to the members of the regional board.

Agenda Item 02: Approval of the Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was approved.

Agenda Item 03: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting held in Beijing on 12th October

The minutes of the Special Regional Board Meeting held in Beijing (China) on 12th October 2009 were also approved.

Agenda Item 04: ICA-AP Activities Carried Out/Planned in 2009

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee gave a brief account of the activities carried out by ICA-AP during 2009 until the end of October 2009 and planned for the remaining period. He appreciated the support of IFFCO in supporting special project on women & youth empowerment in Sri Lanka and also supporting pertinent conference on role of cooperatives in mitigating the impact of global economic crisis that was held in July in Bangkok. Referring to termination of the AGRITERRA project, he made a mention about the cooperative law in Laos that would soon be passed by the Parliament. He also made a special mention of Mongolia for its networking initiatives for 2012 as the UN year of cooperatives. He referred to his visits to Kazakhstan and Mongolia and mentioned about three new members of the ICA from central Asia.

Mr. Lee briefed about the need of reconstructing the disaster affected cooperatives in Indonesia and shared the contents of the appeal issued by ICA in this context. Mr. Imbsen referred to the protocol on reconstruction being developed with the NISPED of Israel.

Mr. Seah advised the ICA-AP to motivate Fiji, Australia and New Zealand to participate in the events of ICA.

M. Rajiv Mehta presented a report on the reconstruction support given to cooperatives in Myanmar and highlighted major interventions. Mr. Li Chunsheng desired to have a completion report on the post disaster coop reconstruction program of ICA in Myanmar.

Agenda Item 05: ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented statement of expenditure incurred by ICA-AP until the end of October 2009.

Agenda Item 06: ICA-AP Membership Situation

Mr. Macdonald appreciated the efforts made by Mr. Lee in expanding the membership base of ICA in the Asia-Pacific region. He further advised the ICA-AP office to explore possibilities of bringing Bhutan, Jordan, Yemen, Syria, islands in Fiji and a few more countries from central Asia in the network of ICA.

Mr. Amin, Vice President ICA Asia Pacific endorsed the views of the DG. Highlighting the importance of Arabian countries, Dr. Ali Baharum advised Mr. Lee to induct a staff fluent in Arabic so as to have more members from GCC countries. Mr. Imbsen offered the services of ICA HO staff till the arrangements are made.

Mr. Li Chungsheng also stressed the need of enrolling more members from the AP region of ICA.

Agenda Item 07: ICA-AP Work Plan/Budget for 2010

Mr. Shil Kwan Lee presented the first draft of 2010 budget and activity plan of ICA-AP.

Mr. Jakhar advised ICA-AP to pay more attention on Agriculture cooperatives and sought support of ICA-AP in facilitating a pilot initiative of MARKFED, Punjab to import agriculture machinery from Korea at a subsidized rate. Mr. Choi, Chairman of NACF proposed to set up a machinery bank for the coops.

Mr. Pukanut, Chairman of CLT stressed the need of educating leaders, bureaucrats and members of coop community in Laos and Cambodia to learn about Thai model of cooperatives so as to wash away their notion about government controlled coops.

Dr. Ali Baharum desired to have real trade facilitation by ICA-AP and advised a special supplement on trade on the ICA-AP website.

Answering the question posed by a few board members about the membership fee distribution between HO and Regional Office, the DG replied that by 2012 the percentage share will be 50:50 between the HO and RO.

Agenda Item 08: Election of the Members of ICA Global Board

The election procedure was briefly explained by the DG. Mr. Lee requested all the members of the board to do canvassing for the candidates from AP region and elect them.

Agenda Item 09: ICA-AP Regional Assembly, Beijing, September 2010

Mr. Li Chunsheng made an impressive presentation on the 9th Regional Assembly of ICA-AP in Beijing (China) in September 2010.

Agenda Item 10: Other Business Matters Arising

Mr. Baskota expressed the need of a larger representation of Asia-Pacific in the Global Board of ICA.

Mr. Lee informed the members of the Regional Board about the proposal of Iran to host next Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Policy & Legislation. The members advised RD to take the decision after carefully consulting the Iranian authorities.

Mr. Lee sought permission of the Chair to say good bye with a special thanks to the RB members. He expressed his deep sense of appreciation to all the members of ICA from the region for their kind support and cooperation in making his tenure quite successful and rewarding. He advised the leadership of the region to take coops a step higher by taking best advantage of the Asianization process. He reposed his confidence in the team of ICA Asia Pacific. Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked Mr. Lee for his good role and requested him to share his valuable experiences with Dr. Choi in making this region progress continuously.

Referring to the amendments to the ICA-AP rules, Mr. Li Chunsheng asked Regional Office to submit it to the Regional Board for authorization and seek approval of Regional Assembly.

Agenda Item 11: Date and Place of Next Meeting

Next meeting of the ICA AP Regional Board was fixed for early April 2010 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Minutes of the ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting

Seoul (Republic of Korea): 19th April 2010

The meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board was held at the premises of National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) in Seoul on Monday, the 19th April 2010 from 09:30 to 16:30 hours. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Li Chunsheng, ACFSMC, China – Chairperson
2. Ms. Hitomi Tanaka, JCCU, Japan – Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. G.H. Amin, NCUI, India – Vice Chairperson
4. Mr. Benny A. Kusbini, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Alternate Member
5. Mr. Won-Byung Choi, NACF, Korea – Member
6. Prof. Data Dr. Mod. Ali Baharum, ANGKASA, Malaysia – Member
7. Mr. Artemio M. Jose, NATCCO, Philippines – Alternate Member
8. Mr. Chan Tee Seng, SNCF, Singapore – Member
9. Mr. Bandupala Ranaweka, NCC, Sri Lanka – Member
10. Mr. Mongkalut Pukanut, CLT, Thailand – Member
11. Dr. Nguyen Tien Quan, VCA, Vietnam – Member
12. Mr. Surinder Kumar Jakhar, IFFCO – ICA Global Board Member
13. Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, JA-ZENCHU, Japan – Observer
14. Mr. Nobumasa Kitajima, APHCO, Japan – Observer
15. Mr. Mr. Luxiao Hao, ACFSMC, China – Observer
16. Mr. Zhang Wangshu, ACFSMC, China – Observer
17. Mr. Li Shun, ACFSMC, China – Interpreter
18. Dr. Gopal N Saxena, IFFCO, India – Observer
19. Mr. Bachrul Chairi, DEKOPIN, Indonesia – Observer
20. Ms. Makiko Sakurai, JCCU, Japan – Interpreter
21. Mr. Sang Chul Kim, NACF, Korea – Observer
22. Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, CLT, Thailand – Interpreter
23. Mr. Hoang Nghia Trung, VCA, Vietnam – Interpreter
24. Mr. Chan-Ho Choi, RD, ICA-AP
25. Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta, DRD, ICA-AP
26. Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, ICA-AP

Agenda Item 01 : Opening Remarks

Mr. Won-Byung Choi, Chairman of National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) thanked the members for accepting the invitation and coming to attend the Regional Board Meeting in Seoul. He said that NACF had made good arrangements for the meeting. He specially thanked Mr. Li Chunsheng and Dr. Chan Ho Choi for holding the Regional Board meeting in Seoul. He wished the participants a fruitful meeting and a comfortable and memorable stay in Seoul.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Li Chunsheng welcomed all the participating members of the ICA-AP Regional Board. He also extended a warm welcome to Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, former Regional Director of ICA-AP; Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU, Japan and Mr. S.K. Jakhar, ICA Global Board Member for having made it possible to attend the meeting in Seoul. He said that we were meeting after six months and lot of changes had taken place since then. He informed the meeting that Indonesian Cooperative Council (DEKOPIN) had constituted a new board and Mr. H.A.M. Nurdin Halid was elected as President of DEKOPIN. Since Mr. Halid was very busy he had sent Mr. Benny A. Kusbini, the Vice President of International Relations to this meeting. Mr. Benny introduced himself and thanked the Chairman. Mr. Li Chunsheng requested Mr. Benny to convey the best wishes of Regional Board to the new President of DEKOPIN.

Dr. Chan Ho Choi extended a warm welcome to the members of ICA-AP Regional Board. He specially thanked Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JA-ZENCHU and Mr. S.K. Jakhar, ICA Global Board Member for making it possible to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 02: Approval of the Agenda

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

Agenda Item 03: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting held in Geneva on 18th November 2009

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 18th November 2009 were circulated among the members and no comments/suggestions were received. The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 04: Plan and Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010

Dr. Chan Ho Choi gave a brief account of the activities carried out by ICA-AP from January to March and scheduled for the remaining period of 2010. He also presented the ICA-AP budget for 2010. He said that a surplus of CHF 2,048 was expected during the year 2010.

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

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

Agenda Item 05: ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009

Dr. Chan Ho Choi presented the financial report of ICA-AP for the year 2009. The members noted that there was a surplus of CHF 1,330 in Delhi office for the year 2009. All members expressed happiness with regard to the outstanding performance and positive financial results of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi also presented the details of contribution received from development partners/members for the year 2009. He thanked the members for their contribution in kind for organizing various activities. He also informed the meeting that the JCCU had seconded a person at Singapore Business Office and NCUI had seconded a person at New Delhi office.

Responding to above, Dr. G.N. Saxena said that we should also thank NACF for the secondment of Dr. Chan Ho Choi at New Delhi. He, however, requested Dr. Choi to reflect the RD's salary contribution made by NACF in the financial report of ICA-AP.

Dr. Choi responded that the NACF was providing special contribution of US\$ 30,000 to ICA-AP for special activities instead of salary.

Agenda Item 06: ICA-AP Membership Situation

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the following five organizations were admitted into ICA Membership since last Regional Board Meeting. (a) All China Federation of Handicraft and Industrial

Cooperatives (ACFHIC); (b) International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (ICIC); (c) Korean Association of Social Economy Enterprises (KASSE); (d) Iran Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Processing Factories Cooperative Company (Farda Co.); and (e) Supervision and Coordination Central Union of Rural and Agricultural Cooperatives of Iran (SCURA). The total membership of ICA-AP as such was 69 member organizations from 25 countries.

He also informed the meeting that China Fisheries Association (CFA) and VICTO National of the Philippines had applied for membership of ICA.

Highlighting the importance of Arabian countries, Dr. Ali Baharum advised Dr. Choi to induct a staff fluent in Arabic so as to have more members from GCC countries.

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

Agenda Item 07: Discussion on Rules of the ICA-Asia and Pacific

Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta presented the proposed amendments in the Rules of ICA-AP. He informed that the ICA Governance Committee was given the mandate to review the Rules of the ICA regions so as to ensure that those were in conformity with the ICA Rules approved by the Special 2008 General Assembly held in Rome.

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

Responding to proposed amendments, Mr. Amin said that we should not delete the Articles 2 (Objects); 4 (Membership); 5 (Rights of Member Organizations); 6 (Obligations of Member Organizations); 11 (Powers of Regional Board); and 12 (Regional Director) from the existing Rules of ICA-AP which were approved by the Regional Assembly in Hanoi in 2008. He also referred to the filling up of elected position which should be replaced by election only and not nomination.

Ms. Tanaka said that under Article-9: Regional Director - 2nd sentence should be amended as "His/Her" as a woman could also be the Regional Director of ICA-AP in the future. The members unanimously agreed to this suggestion.

Commenting on Article-3 concerning Structure where it was mentioned that a regional office in New Delhi, India and a sub-regional office in Singapore. Dr. Ali Baharum suggested that we should take out the name of the countries since the office could be located anywhere in the region.

Dr. Choi said that the Rules could be amended by the Regional Board and Regional Assembly whenever necessary.

Mr. Li Chunsheng requested the members to send their proposals to the Regional Director and this could be further discussed at the next Regional Board Meeting in Beijing on 1st September.

After lunch a video presentation on Introduction of NACF Core Business Activities (marketing, mutual credit, guidance) was made by the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) for the benefit of members. The members appreciated the presentation and a copy of the same was distributed at members' request.

Agenda Item 08: Discussion on setting up of a new Committee Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization (APHCO) and its Constitution

Mr. Nobumasa Kitajima, Chief of Secretariat of Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO) made a presentation about APHCO. He said that at the moment eight countries (Japan, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Korea, Mongolia, India and Malaysia) were members of APHCO.

Dr. Choi said that to become a member of the Committee, the organization had to be a member of the ICA as per ICA Geneva rules. However, at the regional level ICA had not yet taken a decision on this matter. He requested the members to approve the setting up of this Committee and also said that at the next meeting he would bring proposal for Fisheries Committee for the consideration of the Regional Board.

Dr. Saxena said that the ICA global board had not taken a decision on collecting subscription or giving of funds from the central budget to specialized committees and this issue was still pending. So as a rule APHCO might be allowed to collect subscription from members. Likewise, all Committees could be allowed to collect subscription from members.

Dr. Choi said that all Committees should not be treated the same way and ICA-AP would allow new Committees to collect subscription, if they so desire on case by case basis. He also said that the members of the Thematic Committees are mainly from the member organizations and they did not collect any money. But members of all sectoral organizations are not members of ICA.

Mr. Kitajima said that APHCO needed some money for the activities and also to pay to the ICHO subscription.

Mr. Quan said that the rules and structure were not very clear. Dr. Choi suggested that Article 5 and 6 should be inter-changed.

Mr. Kitajima said that he would report it to the APHCO Board. Mr. Kitajima was further requested to submit the revised Rules at the Regional Board meeting in Beijing for its consideration.

Agenda Item 09: Discussion on Important Events in the Year 2010

ICA-AP Regional Assembly, Beijing, September

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that the 9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly together with the 6th Asia-Pacific Cooperative Forum and other related events would be held at the Beijing International Convention Centre (BICC) in Beijing, China from 1st to 5th September 2010 under the auspices of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC).

Mr. Zhang Wangshu of ACFSMC made an impressive presentation about the preparations of the Beijing events for the benefit of the members.

A note on the theme of the Assembly/Coop Forum “**Cooperatives-The Sector of Global Importance**” was circulated at the meeting and the members were requested to send their suggestions to ICA-AP as soon as possible.

Mr. Phanuwat said that the members from CLT may be allowed to attend the joint opening ceremony on 3rd September without paying the registration fee.

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

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the meeting that ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December 2010 in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy.

The first ICA Expo was held in Oct 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal and the event attracted nearly 8,000 visitors. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair promoted the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

Dr. Saxena made a brief presentation on the preparations for the ICA Expo 2010. He said that 11 organizations had already confirmed their participation and another 12 organizations were in dialogue with the organizers.

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

UN Declaration on 2012 International Year of Cooperatives

Dr. Chan Ho Choi informed the members that the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution - "Cooperatives and social development" - in which it proclaimed the *International Year of Cooperatives (IYC)* to be celebrated in 2012. A Press Release issued by the United Nations and the ICA declaring 2012 International Year of Cooperatives was circulated at the meeting for the benefit of members. Dr. Choi requested the members to take necessary initiatives on this matter as early as possible.

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

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that the year 2010 marks completion of 50 years of ICA-AP and there was every reason to celebrate the history and glory of ICA-AP that had been serving the cooperative members in the biggest and most vibrant region of the world. There would not be a better way to unravel the contributions made by the ICA-AP during last 50 years in this region than releasing a Book containing salient features of ICA's evolution to present form. It was proposed to start 50th anniversary celebrations at the 9th Regional Assembly in Beijing. The culmination of anniversary celebrations would be at the 2nd ICA Expo in Bangalore (India) in December 2010.

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

Agenda Item 10: Other Business Matters Arising

1. Mr. Rajiv I.D. Mehta presented the Terminal Report on ICA's Cooperative Reconstruction Program for Cyclone Affected Cooperatives in Myanmar. He informed the meeting that the total collection was US\$ 85,790 that was disbursed through Central Cooperative Society (CCA) to identified nine most marginalized primary cooperatives. In addition, two major interventions - the Conference on Cooperative Development in Myanmar and Lessons Learned Workshop were also made jointly by ICA-AP and CCS.

2. On behalf of Japanese Joint Committee (JJC), Mr. Hiroshi Tsuchiya, Executive Director of JAZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan) offered to host the next meeting of ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Japan in the last quarter of 2012 for 5 days.

Dr. Choi informed the meeting that last year ICA-AP had approached Japan to host the Regional Assembly in 2010 and at that time they wanted more time to take a final decision. The members accepted the invitation and agreed to put up this issue to the Regional Assembly in Beijing for its approval.

3. The ACFSMC made a presentation on the proposed *International Cooperative Promotion Center of China*. The Center would be operational from 2nd half of next year. They hoped to get the cooperation of all members on this matter.

Agenda Item 11: Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the ICA-AP Regional Board in Beijing (China) in the forenoon of 1st September 2010 in conjunction with the ICA-AP Regional Assembly.

Mr. Li Chunsheng thanked the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) of Korea for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and the kind hospitality.

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

ANNEXURE-3
Rules of ICA-Asia and Pacific

RULES OF ICA-ASIA AND PACIFIC

(Existing Rules are approved by ICA-AP Regional Assembly in Hanoi on 5th December 2008)

EXISTING RULES	CHANGES PROPOSED
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 1: Mission Statement</p> <p>The International Cooperative Alliance - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) shall strive to promote and strengthen the Cooperative Movement in the Asia-Pacific region in the spirit of ICA Cooperative Identity Statement (ICIS).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 2: Objects</p> <p>ICA-AP is a regional representative of cooperative organizations of all kinds that has the following objects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote the cooperative movement in Asia-Pacific region and facilitate its global integration; 2. To promote and protect cooperative values and principles; 3. To facilitate the development of economic and other mutually beneficial relations among its member organizations; and 4. To promote sustainable human development and gender equity to further the economic and social progress of people, thereby contributing to peace and security in the region. <p>The ICA-AP shall not affiliate itself to any political or religious organization and shall maintain independence in all its activities.</p>	<p>The International Co-operative Alliance - Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) is the ICA region that serves members of the International Co-operative Alliance in the Asia and Pacific region.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article-1: Mission Statement</p> <p>The ICA-AP shall implement the ICA Mission as stated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance at the regional level.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 2: Objects</p> <p>The ICA-AP will promote the Objects of the International Co-operative Alliance as stated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance at the regional level.</p>

<p>Article 3: Structure</p> <p>The ICA-AP is organized at the regional, sectoral and thematic levels and comprises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a central office in New Delhi, India • a sub-office in Singapore <p>The ICA-AP is open to all cooperative organizations in Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p>Regional Assembly is the supreme body of ICA-AP and all the decisions are monitored and supervised by the elected Regional Board.</p> <p>The Regional Director through a team of technical staff implements the plans and actions approved by the Regional Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 4: Membership</p> <p>The decision to admit to membership of the ICA lies with the ICA Global Board. Organizations are eligible for two types of membership: (a) Members (full members with voting rights); and (b) Associate Members (without voting rights). Members of ICA from Asia-Pacific region automatically become members of ICA-AP.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 5: Rights of Member Organizations</p> <p>Subject to fulfillment of financial obligations to ICA, Members and Associate Members have the right to: (a) receive from ICA-AP all appropriate services, information and assistance; and (b) participate in any global/ regional sectoral organization or thematic committee of ICA in accordance with its Constitution.</p> <p>Members also have the right to: (a) take part in formulating ICA global/regional policies and work programs of ICA</p>	<p>Article 3: Structure</p> <p>The ICA-AP is structured at the regional, sectoral and thematic levels and comprises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a regional office in New Delhi, India • a sub-regional office in Singapore <p>The ICA-AP serves all ICA members in Asia and Pacific region.</p> <p>The Regional Assembly is the highest authority of ICA-AP and all the decisions are monitored and supervised by the elected Regional Board.</p> <p>The Regional Director through a team of technical staff implements the plans and actions approved by the Regional Assembly.</p> <p>Deleted</p> <p>Deleted</p>
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<p>authorities; and (b) appoint representatives to the ICA General and Regional Assemblies and to nominate candidates for election to the Global/Regional Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 6: Obligations of Member Organizations</p> <p>Members and Associate Members have the following obligations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To observe the aims and policy of ICA and ICA-AP and to conform in its activity to the ICA Cooperative Identity Statement; 2. To take all such actions as may be recommended by the Authorities of ICA-AP in support of its policy decisions; 3. To supply ICA and ICA-AP with their membership data, annual report and a complimentary copy of all its relevant publications, as well as regularly inform ICA and ICA-AP on significant national cooperative developments, changes in its rules and bylaws, and all actions of the public authorities which affect the cooperative moment; and 4. To pay annual subscription to ICA in accordance with ICA Rules. <p style="text-align: center;">Article 7: Regional Authorities</p> <p>The regional authorities of ICA-AP are: Regional Assembly, Regional Board and Regional Director.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 8: Regional Assembly</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There shall be a Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific region, consisting of representatives appointed by the ICA member organizations in the region; 2. Regional Assembly, being the highest authority of ICA-AP, deals with the development of cooperatives in the region and 	<p style="text-align: center;">Deleted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 4: Regional Authorities</p> <p>The regional authorities of ICA-AP are: Regional Assembly, Regional Board and Regional Director.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 5: Regional Assembly</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There shall be a Regional Assembly for Asia and Pacific region, consisting of representatives appointed by the ICA members in the region; 2. The Regional Assembly, being the highest authority within the ICA-
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<p>formulates policies on major issues beneficial and relevant to the ICA and the cooperative movements in the region;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, meet every second year. Extra ordinary meetings of the Regional Assembly may be convened on the decision of the Regional Board or at the request of one-fifth of members; and 4. All questions on which the Regional Assembly votes are decided by a majority of the votes cast, unless specified otherwise. Voting procedures for election shall be in accordance with the ICA Voting Rules 	<p>AP, is stipulated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance with the following added provisions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Regional Assembly further deals with the development of co-operatives in the region and formulates policies on major issues beneficial and relevant to the ICA-AP and the co-operative movements in the region; 3. The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, meet every second year. Extra ordinary meetings of the Regional Assembly may be convened on the decision of the Regional Board or at the request of one-fifth of members; 4. All questions on which the Regional Assembly votes are decided by a majority of the votes cast, unless specified otherwise. Voting procedures for election shall be in accordance with the ICA Bye-Laws.
<p>Article 9: Powers of Regional Assembly</p> <p>The powers of the Regional Assembly shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the decisions of the General Assembly in the region; 2. Approve the ICA Regional Strategic Plan; 3. Elect a maximum of eleven (11) Members to the Regional Board from among the candidates proposed by the member organizations in the Region; 4. The term of office-bearers of the Regional Board is four years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsoring member organization, the sponsoring organization may nominate a replacement for the remaining term and the decision on 	<p>Article 6: Powers of Regional Assembly</p> <p>The powers of the Regional Assembly are stipulated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance with the following additional provisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The President of the region shall, as a rule, be the Chairperson of the Regional Assembly and the Regional Board; 2. The Regional Assembly shall elect two Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall preferably be a woman. They shall also be the Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Assembly; 3. The Regional Assembly shall establish Sectoral and Thematic Committees at the regional level and approve their Constitutions.

the replacement rests with the Regional Board;

5. Draw up business procedures and representation rules for the ICA-AP, subject to approval by the General Assembly; and
6. Establish Sectoral Organizations and Thematic Committees and approve their Constitutions.

Article 10: Regional Board

1. There shall be a Regional Board consisting of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and eight Members elected by the Regional Assembly. Not more than one person from one country can be elected to the Regional Board;
2. Elect a person as **President** of the region who shall also serve as global ICA Vice-President, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. The President of the region shall, as a rule, be the **Chairperson** of the Regional Assembly and the Regional Board. The person to be eligible for election as President of the region must have served on one or more ICA governing bodies for at least two years;
3. Elect two Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall preferably be a woman. They shall also be Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Assembly;
4. A Youth Representative shall be co-opted in the Regional Board. The Asia Pacific members of the ICA Board who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at the Regional Board;
5. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Board whose organization has ceased affiliation with the ICA;
6. A quorum of the Board shall be

Article 7: Regional Board

1. There shall be a Regional Board of **11** persons consisting of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and eight Members elected by the Regional Assembly. Not more than one person from one country can be elected to the Regional Board;
2. The term of office-bearers of the Regional Board is **4** years. In case any elected person ceases to represent or is withdrawn by his/her sponsor, the sponsor may nominate a replacement for the remaining term and the decision on the replacement rests with the Regional Board;
3. A Youth Representative shall be co-opted in the Regional Board. The Asia and Pacific members of the ICA Board who are not members of the Regional Board, shall have the right to attend and speak at the Regional Board;
4. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Board whose has ceased affiliation with the ICA;
5. A quorum of the Board shall be constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a two-third majority of members present and voting;

constituted when more than half of its members are present. Acceptance of a resolution shall be on a two-third majority of members present and voting;

7. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote;
8. Formulate rules for the election of regional board members and office bearers;
9. To manage the affairs of ICA-AP between the meetings of the Regional Assembly;
10. The Board shall meet at least once a year. The meetings shall be convened by the President or at the request of one-third of the members; and
11. The Regional Director of ICA-AP shall be the Secretary of the Regional Board.

Article 11: Powers of Regional Board

The powers of the Regional Board shall be:

1. To work within the ICA Strategic Plan and decisions laid down by the Regional Assembly;
2. To convene the meeting of the Regional Assembly;
3. To reinforce member organizations' active participation in ICA activities in the region;
4. To promote sustainable cooperative development in the region;
5. To build relations between other bodies of the ICA;
6. To enhance the image of ICA and the cooperative movements within the region;
7. To establish committees and working groups where appropriate;

6. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote;

7. The Board shall meet at least once a year. The meetings shall be convened by the President or at the request of one-third of the members;

8. The Regional Director of ICA-AP shall be the Secretary of the Regional Board.

Article 8: Powers of Regional Board

The powers of the Regional Board are stipulated in the Statutes of the International Co-operative Alliance.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. To provide recommendations on membership issues from the region to the ICA Board; 9. To be responsible for appointment of the Regional Director In conjunction with the ICA Director-General; and 10. To approve the annual work plan/ budget prepared by the Regional Director before submitting to the Director-General for integration into the global work plan/budget. 	
<p>Article 12: Regional Director</p>	<p>Article 9: Regional Director</p>
<p>The Regional Director shall be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion and protection of cooperative values and principles at the regional level; 2. Implementation of ICA Strategic Plan within the region; 3. Representation on request of member organizations on policy concerns to governmental bodies and the public; 4. Organization of the Regional Assembly and support elected bodies; 5. Recruitment of staff at ICA-AP; 6. Carrying out any other activities as may be requested by the Director-General or Regional Board; and 7. Submitting annual work program and budget, as approved by the Regional Board, to the Director-General for inclusion in the overall global budget of the ICA. 	<p>The Regional Director is the Chief Executive of the Asia and Pacific region. His/Her responsibilities are stipulated in the Rules of the International Co-operative Alliance.</p>
<p>Article 13: Sectoral Organisations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Regional Assembly may establish or dissolve Sectoral Organisations and Thematic 	<p>Article 10: Sectoral and Thematic Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Regional Assembly may establish or dissolve Sectoral and

<p>Committees;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Regional Sectoral Organizations may be established in areas of economic and social activity of cooperatives as considered desirable; 3. Regional Thematic Committees may be established based on requirements of the region; and 4. The sectoral organizations and thematic committees will draw up rules for approval by the Regional Assembly. They will work within the Regional Strategic Plan and will submit annual work plans/ budgets to the Regional Director. 	<p>Thematic Committees;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Regional Sectoral Committees may be established in areas of economic and social activity of co-operatives as considered desirable; 3. Regional Thematic Committees may be established based on requirements of the region; 4. The sectoral and thematic committees will draw up rules for approval by the Regional Assembly. They will work within the Regional Strategic Plan and will submit annual work plans/ budgets to the Regional Director.
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 14: Official Language</p> <p>The official language of the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board is English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article 11: Official Language</p> <p>The official language of the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board is English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters</p>
<p>Article 15: Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delegates or their sponsoring organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly/ Regional Board; 2. Participation in the Regional Assembly and other related meetings will be subject to payment of Registration Fee as prescribed by the Regional Board; 3. In line with ICA tradition, Regional Assembly shall be hosted by the member organisations in the region who may take care of logistic and other related costs as mutually agreed upon; & 4. The budget and financial resources for implementing the work plan of ICA-AP 	<p>Article 12: Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delegates or their sponsoring organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly/Regional Board; 2. Participation in the Regional Assembly and other related meetings will be subject to payment of Registration Fee as prescribed by the Regional Board; 3. In line with ICA tradition, Regional Assembly shall be hosted by the member organisations in the region who may take care of logistic and other related costs as mutually

<p>shall be derived from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-distribution of membership subscription to the region; • Funds provided through agreements with development agencies including governmental organizations; • Special contributions and income from other sources. <p style="text-align: center;">Article 16: Others</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to these Rules and any subsequent alterations shall be subject to the approval by the Regional Assembly. 2. For all other matters, which are not covered by these Rules, ICA Rules shall apply. 	<p>agreed upon;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article 13: Others</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to these Rules and any subsequent alterations shall be subject to the approval by the Regional Assembly; 2. For all other matters, which are not covered by these Rules, ICA Statutes shall apply.
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30th April 2010

ANNEXURE-4

Report of Important Activities carried out in 2009
and Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010.

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Report of Important Activities Carried out in 2009

1. **Dr. Hosseini Nia**, Deputy Minister of Cooperatives, Islamic Republic of Iran along with 20 officials of most successful cooperatives from Iran visited ICA-AP in January 2009 to have meeting with the Regional Director. The main objective of the visit was to understand the collaboration between Government and Cooperative Movement for the development of cooperatives.
2. **Mr. Ivano Barberini**, President of ICA visited India from 9th to 12th February 2009 in response to the invitations extended by Hon'ble Captain Kanwal Jeet Singh, Cooperative Minister of Punjab, Government of Punjab to inaugurate the National Conference on **Revival of Rural Cooperative Credit in India** in Chandigarh on 9th February and Mr. G.H. Amin, President of NCUI to deliver Vaikunth Bhai Mehta Memorial Lecture in New Delhi on 12th February. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICA and the Punjab Government to establish an International Centre for Promotion and Development of Cooperatives in Punjab. Mr. Barberini also delivered the 15th Vaikunthbhai Mehta Memorial Lecture on **Role of Cooperatives in Economic Recession** at NCUI auditorium on 12th February 2009 which was organized by NCUI.
3. The 3rd Training Course on **Enhancement of Farmers' Income and Poverty Reduction through** Cooperatives was held in India/ Iran/Japan from 8th January to 18th April in collaboration with IFFCO in India, ICC in Iran and JA ZENCHU/IDACA in Japan. Twelve participants from 9 countries attended the Training Course. The focus of the Course was on strengthening of farm guidance method, joint collection, shipment, safety and improvement in quality of farm products aimed at increasing farmers' income as a new development for the training course.
4. A Conference on Consumer Cooperative Profile Raising was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) from 17th to 19th March in collaboration with Consumer Cooperative Societies Federation of Sri Lanka (COOPFED). Around 50 participants from Sri Lanka attended the Conference.
5. A joint workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives was held in Vietnam on 8-9 April in collaboration with Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). 45 leaders from 15 cooperatives of Thua Thien Hue Province attended the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to improve the knowledge and skills on business of consumer cooperatives especially in the context of current global economic recession.
6. The Regional Director visited the following organizations in Japan from 20-23 April to hold discussions on various activities: Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA); Japanese Consumers Cooperative Union (JCCU); and National Federation of University Cooperative Associations (NFUCA). He also participated in the inaugural ceremony of the new building of JA-ZENCHU (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives).
7. With the support of ICA-AP a joint international workshop for cooperative rural financial services in Asia-Pacific region was organized by ACFSMC and Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (NISPED) of Israel in Shandong Province of China from 20th to 24th April. About 30 participants including three international participants from Israel, Mongolia, Nepal and Vietnam attended the workshop.
8. The Regional Director attended the 42nd Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB) held in Bali (Indonesia) from 2nd to 5th May 2009.
9. ICA-AP supported the organization of a national seminar on Finalization of Cooperative Decree to provide legal framework for cooperatives in Laos. The seminar was organized from 18th to

20th May in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAFF) of Laos. Nearly 50 participants attended the seminar.

10. The Ministry of Social Affairs in Saudi Arabia organized The Cooperative Societies Forum in Riyadh from 24th to 26th May with the objective of promoting the scope and potential of cooperatives in the biggest country in the GCC sub-region. ICA was invited to the Forum to add a global perspective to the deliberations at the Forum. It was attended by more than 150 delegates from Saudi Arabia and other countries of the GCC sub-region like UAE, Kuwait, Yemen, Bahrain and Oman.

11. The meeting of ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Tokyo (Japan) on 1st June followed by field visits on 2nd June. The meeting reviewed the work plan for 2009 and membership issues. The members presented the latest status of cooperative development in their respective countries. A presentation on International Accounting Standards was also made for the benefit of the members. The next meeting of the Regional Board will be held in Geneva on 17th November in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

12. The Regional Director, Mr. Shil Kwan Lee, visited Kazakhstan from 9-12 June. The purpose of his visit was to hold discussions with Union of Consumer Societies on strengthening the role of ICA-AP for cooperative development in Central Asia.

13. An ICA Conference on Cooperative Development was organized in Myanmar from 16th to 18th June in collaboration with the Central Cooperative Society (CCS). The objective of the conference was to garner policy support from the Government of Myanmar for promoting cooperatives as an alternative of significance. More than 70 participants attended the conference.

14. The Regional Director also visited Mongolia from 23-27 June. He held detailed discussions with the President and senior officers of National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Cooperatives (NAMAC). As a result of his visit, NAMAC has applied for membership of ICA.

15. A workshop on Management Capacity Building of Women for Cooperative Development was held in Malaysia from 29th June to 3rd July in collaboration with ANGKASA. 50 participants (including 4 persons from China, Philippines and Vietnam), both men and women cooperative leaders and trainers attended the workshop.

16. A conference on Enhanced Role of Cooperatives in Recovery from the Economic Crisis was organized by ICA-AP in collaboration with Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) in Bangkok from 2nd to 4th July. The objective was creating a shared vision on the scope and role of cooperatives in the global economic crisis so as to devise a common strategy to REPOSITION cooperatives as preferred form of enterprises and Global Alternative of Significance. 75 participants from Cooperatives and Governments of 16 countries in the Asia-Pacific region attended the conference.

17. A national workshop on Development of University/Campus Cooperatives was organized by NFUCA in Thailand from 11th to 13th July in collaboration with Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT). The workshop was attended by more than 70 participants from Thailand. The 1st meeting of the University/Campus Cooperative Committee was also held in Thailand and that was attended by 15 members from seven countries.

18. The 1st Training Course of 2009 on Capacity Building for Marketing was held in Japan from 28th July to 22nd August in collaboration with JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. 18 participants attended the training course. The training course was designed to give participants the skills to help organize the marketing activities of primary cooperatives in their own countries.

19. The ICA-AP in collaboration with the JA-ZENCHU and IDACA held the 4th Training Course on "Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women" from 20th August to 25th September in Vietnam and Japan. Twelve women participants from six countries attended the Training Course.

The main objectives of the Training Course were (a) to learn methods of enterprise development by rural women through case studies; (b) to study management methods of micro-enterprises by rural women; and (c) to learn methods of encouraging women to be involved in rural communities' development.

20. The 9th Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives was held in Singapore from 24th to 26th August. The workshop was hosted by the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) and supported by NTUC FairPrice. 17 managers of consumer cooperatives from four countries (Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) participated in the three-day workshop.

21. A Workshop on Enhancing Role of Women in Cooperative Business was held in the Philippines from 8th to 10th September in collaboration with NATCCO. 15 participants from five countries attended the workshop.

22. A joint workshop on Enhanced Cooperative Role in Rural Development was held by ICA-AP in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 21st to 25th September in collaboration with the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF). 11 participants from five countries (India, Iran, Mongolia, Philippines and Vietnam) attended the workshop.

23. The Summit of Asian Economic Cooperative Organization was held by All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) in Nanning from 20th to 21st October in collaboration with ICA-AP. 9 cooperative leaders from other Asian countries attended the Summit together with Chinese cooperative leaders.

24. The special meeting of ICA-AP Regional Board was held in Beijing (China) on 12th October followed by field visits on 13th October. The meeting discussed the following: election of global board members from Asia-Pacific region; work plan for 2010; 2010 regional assembly; and appointment of new regional director. The selection committee, comprising with ICA DG, Mr. Iain Macdonald, having interviewed the six short-listed candidates, selected Dr. Chan Ho CHOI as new Regional Director. The members presented the latest status of cooperative development in their respective countries. It was decided that the next meeting of the Regional Board will be held in Geneva on 18th November in conjunction with the ICA General Assembly.

25. A Seminar of ASEAN Agricultural Industrialization Management was held by All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) from 18th to 22nd October in Guilin (China).

26. A seminar on "Cooperatives a Better Business Model: Emerging Opportunities" was held at FMDI, Gurgaon (India) from 23rd to 24th October in collaboration with Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO). 45 participants from 4 countries attended the seminar.

27. As the third stage of China-Israel Cooperative Training Course, Chinese Cooperative Movement sent a 12-member delegation of primary cooperative leaders for a study visit to Israel cooperatives from 24th October to 3rd November. The key-note speech was delivered by Mr. J.N.L. Srivastava, Ex. Secretary, Agriculture, Government of India. He dwelled upon the values that cooperatives adhere to in terms of developing human capital that remains one of the biggest challenges before societies at large.

28. The 1st ICA-SNCF Business Seminar for Cooperative Leaders was held by ICA-AP in Singapore from 23rd to 24th October in collaboration with Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF). 18 cooperative leaders from eight countries attended the seminar. The main objective of this seminar was to provide cooperative leaders, especially from ASEAN countries, with an insight of competitive cooperative business that will catapult their careers even on this global economic crisis and forge and foster camaraderie and integration with the different cooperatives within the region.

29. The 2nd Training Course of 2009 on Capacity Building for Marketing was held in Japan from 2nd to 27th November in collaboration with JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. 23 participants from 9 countries attended the training course. The training course was designed to give participants the skills to help organize the marketing activities of primary cooperatives in their own countries.

30. The 43rd meeting of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperatives was held on 9th December at Pune (India). 28 participants from Japan, India, Korea, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the meeting. The meeting was hosted by the National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF) of India. In addition to routine agenda, a special report on Consumer Cooperatives in Korea was presented by iCOOP Korea.

31. The Deputy Regional visited Bangladesh from 21st t 24th December to meet the newly elected board members of Bangladesh Jatiya Samabaya Union (BJSU) and also to meet the high ranking officials of the government dealing with cooperatives in Bangladesh. The background of the visit was a long silence from the BJSU and their non-participation in many of ICA's important events. They also had not paid their subscription for two years consecutively.

32. ICA-AP organized a training program on "Capacity Building of Women Cooperative Leaders for Entrepreneurship Development" for the women cooperative leaders and extension staff of Ministry of Agriculture, Laos. The training was held from 21-25 December in Vientiane city.

33. ICA-AP along with NCUI and NCCT implemented a project on HIV/AIDS to holistically address and sustain the burden of HIV/AIDS. The 1st phase had three critical components - sensitization workshops, training of trainers, and awareness campaigns for the coop leaders. Out of which sensitization workshops were carried out in seven targeted states in India covering 400 cooperative leaders and decision-makers. This initiative of ICA proved to be a serious attempt to provide a platform to the cooperative leaders and policy makers to discuss openly on the facts about the disease and make policy decisions to implement all effective means of prevention.

Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010

4th Training Course on Enhancement of Farmer' Income and Poverty Reduction through Cooperatives, India, India, Japan, 7th January-17th April

This training course was the 4th year program by the financial support of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan, and with the institutional supports and cooperation of the JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. During the 100 days of training, 12 participants from 10 countries, namely China, India, Iran, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam undertook their training course in the 4 institutions/organizations namely FMDI/IFFCO(13days) and IRMA of India (30 days), CURACI of Iran (8days), IDACA of JA-ZENCHU (45 days). As an integral part of the course, participants had to submit their country reports and project proposals for their own use of developments. Therefore it was a comprehensive, integrated and very practical training course for the selected participants, as they evaluated by the participants themselves. A follow up study has been discussed with IDACA and MAFF of Japan so that two parties of cooperative program can assess the effects and things to improve for further development.

Exploratory Mission to Iran, 15-18 February

A delegation consisting ICA-DG Mr. Iain Macdonald, Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director and Mr. Rajiv Mehta visited Iran from 15th to 18th February by their invitation. The purpose of the visit was to understand the vision of Islamic Republic of Iran on cooperative and their strategy to increase the share of coops in the GDP. Meetings with Honorable Minister and Dy. Ministers were held on the premise of ICA's technical support to Ministry of Cooperatives in realizing full potential of cooperatives in Iran. The Ministry of Cooperatives sought ICA's support in setting up an international center for cooperative development in Teheran. The Minister of Cooperatives was also proposed to hold the 9th Minister's Conference in Iran together with their proposing 'International Coop Trade Exhibition' in the year of 2011.

Exploratory Mission to Thailand, 15-16 March

The Regional Director visited Thailand from 15th to 16th March to be acquainted himself to the cooperative movement of Thailand; to sensitize the 2012 UN International Year of Cooperatives and ICA EXPO in December; and to hold discussions with the Chairman and Executive Director of CLT on the regional participation of CLT in the various activities of ICA-AP, especially on the sectoral representations. He also visited CLT's Training Center where he found that there is a great need to make a network among training centers in the Region to share their curriculums, facilities, trainers and visitors.

Exploratory Mission to the Philippines, 26-27 March

The Regional Director also visited the Philippines from 26th to 27th March in order to be acquainted himself on the current status; to sensitize the 2012 UN International Year of Cooperatives and ICA EXPO in December; and to hold discussions with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO) regarding their alternative ICA-AP Board membership. He also met the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of VICTO National in Cebu when they already applied for the ICA membership.

ICA-AP Regional Board Meeting, Seoul Korea, 19th April

As seen in the Meeting Minutes important items discussed were: Plan and Progress of ICA-AP Activities in 2010; ICA-AP Financial Report for 2009; ICA-AP Membership Situation; Discussion on Rules of the ICA-Asia and Pacific; Discussion on setting up of a new Committee Asia-Pacific Health Coop Organization (APHCO) and its Constitution; Discussion on Important Events in the Year 2010 (ICA-AP Regional Assembly, Beijing, September, ICA Expo 2010, Bangalore (India), 8-10 December, UN Declaration on 2012 International Year of Cooperatives, 50th Anniversary of ICA-AP (1960-2010)); and Other Business Matters.

Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumers Coops, Singapore, 28-29th April

The 10th regional workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives was held from 28th to 29th April in Singapore. It was hosted by the Singapore National Cooperative Federation (SNCF) and supported by NTUC FairPrice. 23 managers of consumer coops from seven countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, attended the workshop. Four important areas of retail business, i.e. store management; merchandising; store comparison and staff training were covered by the resource persons. The participants also visited 3 super markets of NTUC FairPrice and a competitor. They learnt about practical techniques for operating stores such as merchandise assortment, display, pricing and store comparison by using a check list.

Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Women in Coop Business, Iran, 25-27 May

This workshop was held in Tehran (Iran) from 25th to 27th May. The program was organized by ICA-AP and hosted jointly by Central Organization for Rural Cooperatives (CORC) and Central Union or Rural and Agricultural Cooperatives of Iran (CURACI). Men and women cooperative leaders from six countries, namely, China, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India, attended the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to provide a common meeting ground to cooperative women leaders/persons responsible for gender and women development in coops for sharing information and experience about success stories and best practices of their coops and most importantly help women to establish a network for mutual cooperation and business interest across the A-P region.

Special Workshop of Campus/University Coop Committee, Indonesia, 21-25 June

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

Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 26th July to 20th August

This training project is being implemented by ICA in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Government of Japan; JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. Two training courses are held every year since 2006 in which 40 participants dealing with agriculture and farmers' organizations from ASEAN countries are trained. The participants learn about marketing methods for farm products and methods of rural development. The objective of the project is to train human resources for organizing farmers and strengthening marketing activities of cooperatives/farmers' organizations. The 1st Training Course on Capacity Building for Marketing was held in Japan from 26th July to 20th August. 18 participants from 9 countries attended the training course.

4th VCA Congress

The Regional Director participated in the 4th National Representative Congress of the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) held in Hanoi on 13th August and made a presentation at the Congress. The representatives from cooperatives of all sectors - provincial and municipal cooperative alliances, agencies and mass organizations of Vietnam attended the Congress.

Planned Activities

Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives, Korea, 30-31 August

ICA-AP in collaboration with iCOOP Korea is organizing a 2-day regional workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives in Asia in Seoul from 30th to 31st August. The workshop is expected to strengthen the network of consumer cooperatives in Asia through discussion/dialogue. Around 50 participants from 10 countries in the region are expected to attend the workshop. Field visits to consumer coop stores in Seoul would also be organized on 31st August.

Meeting of ICA-AP Sectoral and Thematic Committees, China, 1-2 September

The meetings of the following ICA-AP Sectoral and Thematic Committees would be held in Beijing (China) on 1st and 2nd September in conjunction with ICA-AP Regional Assembly.

1. ICAO/ICA-AP Agriculture Committee joint seminar on “Climate Change, Food Security and Sustainability of Agriculture.
2. Joint seminar of ICBA and RCBA (Regional Coop Banking Association) on Financial Inclusion through Coop Banking-Variou s Forms & Comparative Advantages & RCBA Meeting.
3. Meeting of ICA-AP Youth Committee
4. Meeting of ICA Regional Women’s Committee
5. ICA-AP Research Conference on Innovation and Expansion - The Opportunity for Cooperatives to Grow.
6. Meeting of ICA-AP Committee on HRD
7. Meeting of ICA-AP Consumer Committee
8. Meeting of ICA-AP Fishery Committee
9. Meeting of Asia-Pacific Health Cooperative Organization (APHCO)
10. Preparatory meeting on setting up Coop Tourism Committee.

ICA-AP Women’s/Youth Forum, China, 2nd September

The 6th ICA Regional Women’s Forum and 5th Regional Cooperative Youth Conference would be jointly held on 2nd September in Beijing. The theme of the Conference is “Cooperatives: The Sector for Empowerment of Women and Youth”. Resource persons from UNDP/FAO based in China and the Chairperson of the Gender Equality Committee are expected to address the Forum.

Cooperative-Government Dialogue, China, 3rd September

The Dialogue is held every alternate year. The main objective of the Dialogue is to sensitize the governments to the need of realizing full potential of cooperatives in building national economy. To validate the recommendations of last Ministers’ Conference held in 2007 in Malaysia and to draw strategies to incorporate the recommendations in the development plans of the governments and the cooperatives, an interactive Dialogue between the policy-makers and the cooperative officials will be held on the 3rd September. The theme of the Dialogue is “Socio-economic Development and Cooperatives”. The year 2012 will put spotlight on the functioning of cooperatives world over and the Dialogue will certainly help various governments and cooperative movements in the region to prepare well for the grand occasion.

6th ICA-AP Cooperative Forum, China, 4th September

The 6th Asia-Pacific Coop Forum would be held on 4th September a day before the Regional Assembly. The Forum will have presentations by eminent cooperative experts and leaders on the theme “Cooperatives - The Sector of Global Importance”. The sub-themes that would underpin the objective of the main theme are (a) Visibility of Cooperatives and Year 2012; (b) Cooperatives - A Responsible Civil Society; (c) Corporate Governance in Cooperatives; (d) Level Playing Field for Cooperatives; and (e) Cooperatives in Social Development. The deliberations at the Forum will help delegates have a deeper insight into the most relevant and crucial contextual issues important to cooperatives and enable them deliberate effectively during the course of Regional Assembly. Around 300 participants are expected to attend the Forum.

9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly, China, 5th September

The 9th ICA-AP Regional Assembly would be held at the Beijing International Convention Centre (BICC) in Beijing, China on 5th September under the auspices of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC). Deliberations at the Regional Assembly will be based on the theme “Sustainable Innovations - Opportunities for Cooperatives to Grow”. The Regional Assembly this time will have a special significance because of the Cooperative-Government Dialogue slated for 3rd September immediately after the joint inauguration of the Asia-Pacific Coop Forum and the Regional Assembly. This will afford an opportunity to ICA-AP to show case the strength of its membership base and the vibrancy of ICA in the region to the representatives of the governments and

make a case for the ICA as the networking forum for exchange of information, knowledge and business interests.

5th Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women, Japan and Vietnam, 12th September-16th October

The ICA-AP in collaboration with the JA-ZENCHU and IDACA would be holding the 5th Training Course on “Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women” from 12th September to 16th October in Japan and Vietnam. Part-I of the program would be held in Japan from 12th September to 7th October (27 days) and Part-II (field study visits) in Vietnam from 8th to 16th October (8 days). Twelve women participants from six countries, namely, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have been selected to attend the Training Course. The main objectives of the Training Course are (a) to learn methods of enterprise development by rural women through case studies; (b) to study management methods of micro-enterprises by rural women; and (c) to learn methods of encouraging women to be involved in rural communities’ development. This is the only training course ICA-AP is offering exclusively for women. The financial assistance for this program is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries [MAFF], Government of Japan.

Coop Forum, Saudi Arabia, 3-5 October

Propelled by ICA-AP’s interventions in the GCC countries, namely, UAE and Kuwait, the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will hold special Coop Forum of GCC countries from 3th to 5th October in Jeddah. The purpose of the Forum is to develop synergy among coops in the GCC sub-region of Asia and seek policy support of the GCC Secretariat in developing coop initiatives. ICA-AP has been asked to extend technical support. The ministry of social affairs has directed the National Cooperative Council of Saudi Arabia to initiate a dialogue on obtaining membership of ICA.

2nd Business Seminar for Cooperative Leaders, Singapore, 20-22 October

ICA-AP in collaboration with the Singapore National Cooperative Federation Limited (SNCF) is organizing a 3-day business seminar for cooperative leaders in Singapore from 20th to 22nd October. The main objective of this seminar is to offer cooperative leaders, especially those from ASEAN countries, a depth of understanding what social media is really all about and how it is changing the way we do business and offer fresh insight how to use social media to promote their products and services without having to spend too much time on it. 25 participants from the region are expected to attend the seminar.

Study Visit to Agricultural Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea, 25-30 October

A study visits program to agricultural cooperatives in the Republic of Korea would be held from 25th to 30th October in collaboration with the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of Korea (NACF). The main objectives of the program are to familiarize the participants from the region to the well developed agricultural cooperative system (agriculture marketing, banking) and role of cooperatives in Korean economy. Around 15 participants from the region are expected to attend the program.

Training of Trainers for Leadership Development of Women in Coops, Myanmar, October

Men and women cooperative leaders and trainers are being trained in this program on various skills of gender mainstreaming in cooperatives with an objective to create a pool of trainers/leaders who are gender-sensitized. These skilled human resources are expected to further spread awareness on gender sensitization and train women on various skills of cooperative management in order to enhance their participation at all levels of cooperatives.

Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives, Miyagi, 1-17 October and Kobe, 29 October-14 November

The training programs for managers of consumer cooperatives have been implemented since 2001 in collaboration with the Japanese Consumers’ Cooperative Union (JCCU). This year, 4 managers (2-India, 1-Philippines, 1-Singapore) for Miyagi and 3 managers (2-Vietnam and 1-Singapore) for Kobe training programs are expected to attend. The entire costs of the training programs are covered by the Japanese Consumer Cooperatives.

Training Courses on Capacity Building for Marketing, Japan, 3-28 November

The 2nd Training Course of 2010 on Capacity Building for Marketing would be held in Japan from 3rd to 28th November in collaboration with MAFF, JA-ZENCHU and IDACA. 22 participants from 10 countries are expected to attend the training course. The objective of the training course is to train human resources for organizing farmers and strengthening marketing activities of cooperatives/farmers' organizations.

ICA Conference on Cooperative Development, Pakistan, November

This Conference would be held in Karachi in November in collaboration with Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union Limited. ICA-AP will provide comprehensive technical input on the above issues. However, the host organization is expected to make all the local arrangements related to the conference e.g. conference venue, conference menu, audiovisual support, secretarial and support services. It is also expected of the host organization to take care of the international and local travel and other local costs of the resource persons. The conference is proposed to deliberate on the success stories of the developed co-operatives, the policy framework governing regulation of cooperatives in the countries with strong cooperative movement and policy framework of the host country to promote and develop cooperatives. The conference will help host movement to draw a suggestive framework for sustainable growth of the cooperatives through a set of recommendations for the consideration of the government and the co-operative institutions.

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

ICA Expo 2010 would be held in Bangalore (India) from 8th to 10th December in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). ICA Expo 2010, as such would be a real opportunity to show our values, achievements, growth, importance and, most of all, highlight how much of a player the Cooperative Movement could be in the global economy. The first ICA Expo was held in October 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal and the event attracted nearly 8,000 visitors. Intended mainly for professionals of the sector, the fair promoted the growth of cooperative business, the practice of inter cooperation among participants and the implementation of strategic alliances.

Conference on Strategic Initiatives for Socio-Economic Development through Cooperatives, Bangalore (India), 8th December.

The global trade fair of cooperatives in December 2010 in Bangalore organized by ICA will bring huge opportunity for cooperatives to leverage on cooperative advantages in building trade partnership with cooperatives and using the network of cooperatives in expanding trade outreach of cooperatives across the globe. A conference is proposed to be organized in conjunction with the ICA Expo 2010 to find sustainable trade networking solutions for cooperatives instrumental in socio-economic development.

Sub-Regional Workshop on Development of Consumer Coops, India, 13-15 December

A sub-regional workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives would be held in Mumbai (India) from 13-15 December in collaboration with the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF). 25 participants are expected to attend the workshop. The main objective of the workshop is to strengthen the network of consumer cooperatives through discussion/dialogue. Around 20-25 participants from the SAARC countries are expected to attend the workshop.

ANNEXURE-5

Financial Report of ICA-AP for 2009 and 2010

Annexure-5

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ICA-AP FOR 2009

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-Dec.
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Total Subscription Re-distribution	288,575	263,553
Administrative Contribution	66,000	65,798
Other Income (meeting revenue)	0	-
TOTAL	354,575	329,351
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Personnel Expenses	206,000	192,097
Travel Expenses	47,000	54,200
Premises & General Office Expenses	21,000	19,032
IT and Telecommunication	10,000	14,158
External Services (including audit fee)	18,000	30,006
Meeting Expenses	40,575	12,431
Other Expenses (contingency)	12,000	6,097
TOTAL	354,575	328,021
SURPLUS	0	1,330

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SBO FOR 2009

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-Dec.
INCOME:		
SNCF, Singapore	23,077	23,077
TOTAL	23,077	23,077
EXPENSES:		
Premises and General Office Expenses	11,000	8,197
Seminar/Workshop Expenses	12,077	14,880
TOTAL	23,077	23,077

Contribution Received from Partners/Members in 2009

Name of Partner/Member	Amount (CHF)
MAFF, Government of Japan	876,379
JCCU, Japan	84,000
ACFSMC, China	44,000
IFFCO, India	50,000
NACF, Republic of Korea	30,000
SNCF, Singapore	24,000

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ICA-AP FOR 2010

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-June
INCOME:		
Total Subscription Re-distribution	275,625	136,817
Administrative Contribution	63,495	33,512
Other Income (meeting revenue)	35,778	-
TOTAL	374,898	170,329

<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Personnel Expenses	218,333	105,922
Travel Expenses	53,778	30,553
Premises & General Office Expenses	21,022	7,670
IT and Telecommunication	14,000	3,492
External Services (including audit fee)	12,733	888
Meeting Expenses	39,384	695
Other Expenses (contingency)	13,600	-
TOTAL	372,850	149,220
SURPLUS	2,048	21,109

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SBO FOR 2010

DESCRIPTION (All amounts are in Swiss Francs)	Total Budget	ACTUAL Jan-June
<u>INCOME:</u>		
SNCF, Singapore	22,727	22,727
TOTAL	22,727	22,727
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Premises and General Office Expenses	11,000	6,485
2nd Business Seminar for Coop Leaders	11,727	-
TOTAL	22,727	6,485

ANNEXURE-6
ICA-AP Work Plan for 2011

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ICA-AP WORK PLAN FOR 2011

S.#	Activity Details	Time Frame	Venue	S.O	K.R.A
01	5th Training Course on Enhancement of Farmers' Income and Poverty Reduction through Coops.	8th January to 19th April	India-Malaysia- Japan	Development	3.01
02	Two Training Courses on Capacity Building for Marketing.	July/August & November	Japan	Development	3.01
03	Training Course on Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises for Rural Women.	September	Japan	Development	3.01
04	Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives (Miyagi & Kobe).	Sept.-November	Japan	Development	3.01
05	11th Regional Workshop for Managers on Management of Consumer Cooperatives.	July/August	Singapore	Development	3.01
06	Workshop on Development of Consumer Cooperatives.	Oct-December	Philippines	Development	3.01
07	Study on Consumer Cooperatives in Asia	January-June	Selected countries	Development	3.01
08	Study on Cooperative Trade among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific region.	January-June	Selected countries	Development	3.01
09	Study on Technical Cooperation among Cooperatives in Asia-Pacific region.	July-December	Selected countries	Development	3.01
10	Study on Communication Strategy for Cooperatives.	July-December	Selected countries	Development	3.01

11	Conference on Strategic Business Alliances among Cooperatives.	April/May	To be decided	Development	3.01
12	Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Women in Cooperative Business.		To be decided	Development/ Influence	3.01 2.01
13	Training for Management Capacity Building of Women Cooperatives.		To be decided	Development/ Influence	3.01 2.01
14	Two ICA-AP Regional Board Meetings		To be decided	Governance	4.02
15	Meetings of ICA-AP Sectoral and Thematic Committees.	April-December	To be decided	Governance	4.02
16	Study Visit to Agricultural Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea.	September	Korea	Influence	2.01
17	Publication of Quarterly Newsletter (ASPACON) & Annual Report and Information Services to members	Jan-December	ICA-AP	Influence/ Membership	2.02 1.01
18	3rd ICA-SNCF Business Seminar for Cooperative Leaders.	October	Singapore	Development	3.02 3.03
19	9th Ministers' Conference on Cooperative Legislation and Policy.			Governance/ Influence	4.02 2.03
20	Interventions on UN Cooperative year Strategy in 2012	Jan.-December	Selected countries	Influence	2.02
21	ICA Conferences on Cooperative Development in Selected Countries.	April-December	Brunei/Kyrgyzstan/ Kazakhstan/ Mongolia/Saudi Arabia/Philippines	Development/ Influence	3.01/3.02 2.01/2.03

ANNEXURE-7
Rules of APHCO (Asia-Pacific Health
Cooperative Organisation)

Annexure-7

THE ASIA-PACIFIC HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION (APHCO)

RULES

8. 26. 1997 enacted

9. 5. 2010 amended

1. Name and Status

This body shall be called the Asia-Pacific Health Co-operative Organization (APHCO). It has the status of a representative organization of health co-operatives in the Asia-Pacific region.

2. Role and Structure

The APHCO is a voluntary association of consumer (user) - owned health co-operatives which seek to provide high-quality and cost-effective health care, of producer (provider) - owned health co-operatives which are based on ethical working conditions, conditions and of the integrated health co-operative organizations.

3. Objectives

- 1) To promote the development of health co-operatives in the Asia-Pacific region
- 2) To provide a forum for the discussion to its member organizations and work for mutual exchange and solidarity among them
- 3) To provide information about member organizations, health and medical care, and activities of the APHCO to its member organizations and other affiliated organizations
- 4) To collaborate with other organizations within the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), including the International Health Co-operative Organization (IHCO).

4. Membership

- 1) Membership shall be open to co-operative organizations which have, as their main objectives, the provision of health services to their members or the provision of related services to self-employment for health professionals or the integration of consumers' and producers' health co-operatives in a first or higher degree co-operative structure.
- 2) Educational and research institutions which promote activities of health co-operatives or health services are also eligible for membership.
- 3) Associate membership status is available for co-operatives whose main operations are not health services but related services.
- 4) Members and associate members shall normally be national or regional organizations, except in countries where these structures do not exist.

5. General Meeting

- 1) The APHCO shall convene a General Meeting (GM) of members every two years. Extraordinary GMs may be convened upon decision of the APHCO Board, and be called at the request of two-third of the APHCO's affiliated organizations.
- 2) A quorum for the GM is formed by a majority of delegates. The agenda shall be circulated at least six weeks before the meeting.
- 3) The GM shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and four other Board members.
- 4) Based on the Board subscription formula, each full member organization shall be entitled to one, two or three delegates with one, two or three voting rights with a maximum three delegates with three voting rights.
- 5) In order to maintain an appropriate equilibrium among or within members' countries, the total number of votes per country shall be established five. And three votes for organizations

- on a regional or local level.
- 6) Associate members may attend the GM without voting rights.
 - 7) Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
 - 8) The GM shall approve the reports on the APHCO's activities, finance, work programme and budget.

6. Board

- 1) The Board shall consist of a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons, and three other Board members.
- 2) A Meeting of the Board shall be called at least once per year by the Chairperson.
- 3) The Board shall approve the admission of new members.
- 4) The Board shall decide upon a subscription formula.
- 5) The Board shall provide the GM with reports on the APHCO's activities and finance, work programme and budget, and shall seek to implement any resolutions passed by the GM.

7. Board Members

- 1) The APHCO shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and other Board members for a two-year term. Re-election shall be permitted.
- 2) The Chairperson is the chief representative of the APHCO and shall provide organizational leadership of the APHCO. The Chairperson shall preside over the General Meeting and Board of the APHCO.
- 3) The Vice-Chairperson shall assist and support the Chairperson in every possible way. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 4) The Board members shall participate in the management of the APHCO. Vacancies shall be filled through election by the Board for the remainder of the original term of office.

8. Secretariat

- 1) A Secretary shall be appointed at the Board. The Secretary shall conduct organizational affairs according to the decisions of the Board, and shall provide the Board with the reports on the APHCO's activities and the state of finance.
- 2) The Secretariat shall be located where the Board decides.

9. Finance

- 1) The APHCO shall be financed by the subscription payments of its members and associate members, based on a subscription formula decided by the Board. A share of expenses and a contribution may be sought for special activities.
- 2) The financial year shall be the calendar year.
- 3) Expenses incurred through attendance at meetings shall be borne by the member organizations.
- 4) Funds to cover the expenses of the Secretariat shall be included in the biennial budget, which is presented by the Board for approval of the GM.

10. Dissolution

- 1) The APHCO may be dissolved by a three-quarters majority of votes at the GM.
- 2) The Board shall be in charge of financial issues after the APHCO's dissolution.

11. Implementation and Amendments

The Rules shall come into effect upon their approval at the founding meeting of the members of the APHCO. They may be amended by a two-thirds majority of votes at the GM.

ICA Co-operative Identity Statement

DEFINITION

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

VALUES

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

PRINCIPLES

The Principles of Co-operation are guidelines by which Co-operatives put their values into practice.

First Principle: Voluntary and Open Membership: Co-operatives are voluntary organisations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

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

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

Fourth Principle: Autonomy and Independence: Co-operatives are autonomous, self-help organisations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organisations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their Co-operative autonomy.

Fifth Principle: Education, Training and Information: Co-operative provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees, so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their Co-operatives. They inform the general public – particularly young people and opinion leaders – about the nature and benefits of Co-operation.

Sixth Principle: Co-operation among Co-operatives: Co-operatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the Co-operative Movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

Seventh Principle: Concern for the Community: Co-operatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.

