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CLOSING REMARKS

For
ONLINE WEBINAR

On
WOMEN IN COOPERATIVE: EMBRACE EQUITY

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY:
ICA ASIA AND PACIFIC MALAYSIA BUSINESS
OFFICE
ASEAN CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION (ACO)
&
MALAYSIA NATIONAL COOPERATIVE
MOVEMENT (ANGKASA)

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN COOPERATIVE
DAY

8TH MARCH 2023

BISMILLAHIRRAHMANNIRAHIM

ASSALAMULAIKUM WARAHMATULLAHI WABARAKATUH AND A VERY GOOD MORNING

- MS CHITOSE ARAI, BOARD MEMBER ICA-AP
AND CHAIRPERSON OF ICA-AP WOMEN
COMMITTEE

MADDAMME MODERATOR

- DR HAYATI MD SALLEH
CHAIRPERSON OF JOHOR WOMEN
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

DISTINGUISH SPEAKERS

- ✓ Ms Chikako Futamura from Japanese
Consumers' Cooperative Union (JCCU)
- ✓ Ms Farah Savira from Indonesian Women
Entrepreneurs Cooperative (INKOWAP)
- ✓ Ms Janette Romero from Bohol Community
Multi-purpose Cooperative Philippines
- ✓ Dr Yoo Hyoung Suk from National Agricultural
Cooperatives Federation (NACF)

✓ Ms Saleha P. Sacar from National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF)

✓ Ms Chitra Kumari Thamsuhang Subba from National Cooperative Federation of Nepal (NCF)

● PARTICIPANTS FROM MEN AND WOMEN COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA, SOUTH EAST ASIA AND ASIA PACIFIC REGION

● AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

✓ **I wish you a HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN COOPERATIVE DAY today, 8 march 2023.**

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME PARTICIPANTS, MEN AND WOMEN TO THIS WEBINAR ENTITLED WOMEN IN COOPERATIVES: EMBRACE EQUITY, ORGANIZED BY A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF THE ICA-AP MALAYSIA BUSINESS OFFICE, THE ASEAN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION (ACO) AND ANGKASA.

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THIS WEBINAR are:

1. TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVES

AND

2. TO RECOGNIZE OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP IN COOPERATIVES.

3. IN MEETING WITH THESE OBJECTIVES, WE FIRST EMBRACE ISSUES ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURE AND GOVERNANCE THAT HAVE RESTRICTED WOMEN PROGRESSION IN COOPERATIVE.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE,

A GOOD SUPPORT SYSTEM OR NETWORK LIKE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY, FUNDING, FRIENDLY LEGISLATION AND POLICIES ON WOMEN ADMISSION TO COOPERATIVE AND TO THE COOPERATIVE PYRAMID,

RIGHT FROM ADMISSION AS A MEMBER, AND WAY UP TO THE PRESIDENT OR CHAIRPERSON OF THE COOPERATIVE NEED EMPOWERMENT.

5. WOMEN AT DECISION MAKING PROCESS IS STILL LOW. IN MALAYSIA, FOR INSTANCE, AT COOPERATIVES, WOMEN ARE ONLY AT 1.8 PERCENT AT THIS DECISION-MAKING LEVEL,
6. HOWEVER, IN AUSTRALIA, MYNMAR, PAKISTAN, INDIA, SOUTH KOREA AND THE PHILLIPINES THE PERCENTAGE IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 10 PERCENT.
7. THUS, STRATEGIES NEED TO BE SET TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE TO ENSURE EQUITY.
8. BUILDING UP KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN SPECIFIED AREA OF WOMEN'S INTEREST, ENHANCE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE, EQUIP THEM WITH GOVERNANCE OF COOPERATIVE SKILLS, LEGAL AND POLICIES OF COOPERATIVE
9. TO ADD MORE, FINANCIAL HELP IS A MUST, MAN POWER RESOURCES MUST BE AVAILABLE, RELAX ON INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION POLICIES - EMPLOYED MORE WOMEN TO TOP MANAGEMENT POSITION, ENCOURAGE CONTINUOUS LONG LIFE LEARNING AND TRAINING.

10. ALL THESE WILL HELP IMPROVE WOMEN EQUITY ISSUES, AND INDIRECTLY, WILL ENCOURAGE LARGE NUMBER OF WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVES.

11. BEFORE I END, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE ORGANIZERS FOR THIS WEBINAR, AND I WOULD LIKE

TO RECORD MY APPRECIATION TO MS CHITOSE ARAI, THE BOARD MEMBER OF ICA-AP AND CHAIRPERSON OF ICA AP WOMEN COMMITTEE,

THE MODERATOR, DR HAYATI SALLEH,

THE PANELISTS OF BOTH DISCUSSION SESSIONS,

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN COOPERATORS

AND

TO THE PARTICIPANTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES AND COOPERATIVES FROM TAKING YOUR TIME OUT TO ATTEND THIS WEBINAR.

MAY THIS WEBINAR BRINGS OUT EXCELLENT OUTCOMES THAT MEET THE OBJECTIVE OF INCREASING WOMEN IN COOPERATIVES: EMBRACE EQUITY.

THANK YOU

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DATA: KOPERASI MALAYSIA PADA TARIKH
JANUARI 2023

KOPERASI WANITA AHLI ANGKASA (JANUARI
2023)

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| AKTIF | 123 BUAH |
| DOMAN | 34 BUAH |
| TIDAK AKTIF | 33 BUAH |

SUMBER: SEKRETARIAT ANGKASA

KOPERASI WANITA BERDASARKAN
PERANGKAAN GERAKAN
KOPERASI INTERIM 2022

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| KOPERASI WANITA | 250 BUAH |
| KOPERASI IBU TUNGGAL | 26 BUAH |
| KOPERASI WANITA AKTIF | 164 BUAH |

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