



# Happy National Teachers' Month

## #ThankYouTeacher!

Let's admit it, we all have that teacher who we'll never forget for the rest of our lives – people who have influenced us in ways that greatly defined our attitudes and perspectives towards ourselves and others. It may have been our parents, our favorite school teacher, or even a mentor we've met at work. Not only did they teach us how to read, write, and pronounce the word "fuchsia" with confidence, they also helped us understand important life lessons, how to deal with responsibilities, and most importantly, put us in a better position to be productive citizens for a more equitable society.

This National Teachers' Month, don't forget to say #ThankYouTeacher to all of our beloved parents and second-parents who have been tirelessly rooting for us since the day we first stepped into their classrooms or the time we started showing interest in learning new things. They are the unsung heroes who have created lineages of professionals, chased away ignorance with knowledge, and built strong civilizations through education. #ThankYouTeacher for presenting the past, making us understand the present, and helping us create a sustainable future!

Our September 2016 issue of Connect brings you stories from children and youth all over the country. With the –Ber months rolling in, the Team is preparing for more exciting activities and projects that will make the remaining months more meaningful for all of our stakeholders, partners, and friends.

*- NATCCO Children & Youth Team*

Did you know:   
September 5 to October 5 is the special month for our teachers! The 5th day of October is also celebrated as International Teachers' Day!



**AFLATOUN UPDATE**  
*As of September 2016*

- 213,248** children saving
- 841** partner schools
- 5,816** teachers trained
- P107.6+ M** children savings



## *AFLATOUN, AFLATEACH, AFLATOUCH*

[ **September 2016** ] The Aflatoun flame lights up Pavia, Occidental Mindoro, and Dasmariñas with back-to-back Teachers' Trainings for selected schools in partnership with the three new DepEd Divisions!

### **Compostela Market Vendors Multi-Purpose Cooperative (COMAVENCO) September 2-3, 2016 / Cebu**

We welcome the newest Aflatoun teachers from Buluang Elementary School, Cabadiangan Elementary School, Canamucan Elementary School, Compostela Central School, Estaca Elementary School and Magay Elementary School to the Aflatoun community! COMAVEMCO and the Department of Education Cebu Province Division organized the training facilitated by Mr. Rodolfo Villanueva, Mrs. Nancy P. Amoy, and Ms. Hazel Ann Leñida. Special thanks to Dr. Novie Mangubat, School Governance Operation Division Chief for the support!



### **Bukluran Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BMPC) September 8-9, 2016 / Dasmariñas**

In partnership with DepEd Division of Dasmariñas and NATCCO, teachers and school heads from Paliparan National High School, Paliparan II National High School, Paliparan III Elementary School, Pintong Gubat Elementary School, Paliparan Elementary School, and Salawag Elementary School were invited to participate in the 2-day Aflatoun Teachers' Training organized by Bukluran MPC. The training was held at the Bahay Lingkod Community Center on August 8-9, 2016 with 45 active participants. Schools Division Superintendent and some Division Heads of DepEd Dasmariñas also participated in the training and extended their full support to the program.



### **Pavia Entrepreneurs Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PEMPC) September 9-10, 2016 / Iloilo**

Pavia Entrepreneurs MPC has partnered with the DepEd Division of Iloilo for the initial implementation of Aflatoun in the municipality of Pavia. Forty six (46) teachers and principals from six (6) pilot partner schools participated in the 2-day training held at the Pavia Livelihood Center on September 9-10, 2016. The partner schools are: Pavia Pilot ES, Pavia National HS, Aganan-Ungka 1 ES, Tigum ANP Pilot ES, Mayor Gerardo Gorriceta Sr. Memorial ES, and Cabugao Sur ES. We are sincerely grateful for the strong partnership with the DepEd-Iloilo Division in the leadership and coordination of SDS Myrna Castillo, EPS Atty. Fevi Fanco, and Pavia District Supervisor Ms. Liza Calaor. NATCCO and PEMPC would also like to extend the for the active support of Pavia's LGU in the leadership of Mayor Michael Gorriceta with Sangguniang Bayan Youth Committee Chairman Mr. Jose Trimañez and Sangguniang Bayan Education Committee Chairman Mr. Danilo Hubag.



## Lourdes Multi-Purpose Cooperative September 23-23, 2016 / Occidental Mindoro

The Social and Financial Education Program was introduced in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro organized by Lourdes MPC. Rodolfo Villanueva and Hazel Ann Mangaya, conducted the training on September 23-24, 2016 at Sikatuna Beach Hotel Resort, Occidental Mindoro. Through the support of DepEd Division of Occidental Mindoro, seven (7) schools and more than 50 teachers and school principals were invited for the two-day training. DepEd Occidental Mindoro School Governance and Operation Division participated in the training and one of the facilitators during the demo-teaching session.



## READY, SET, AFLATOUN LAUNCH!

In coordination with local DepEd Divisions, Aflatoun is welcomed by children, parents, and teachers through school launchings organized by NATCCO and partner Co-ops. School Launchings mark the official start of Aflatoun activities in the partner schools!



## St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Multi-Purpose Cooperative September 28-29, 2016 / Romblon

Learners from San Jose and Sta Fe, Romblon welcomed the Aflatoun Program organized by St.Vincent Ferrer Parish MPC in partnership with NATCCO and Deped Division of Romblon. Dir. Jose Garcia, SVFPMPC BOD and Sta. Fe-San Jose District Supervisor, gave an inspirational message. Ms. Jenebeth Conanán, SVFPMPC CEO and Hazel Ann Mangaya, NATCCO Youth Program Officer II, oriented the children about the social and financial concept of the program.



## Perpetual Help Community Cooperative-Dumaguete

PHCCI-Dumaguete organized a fun-filled Launching activity for ABC Learning Center during its scouting day. Girl scouts and boy scouts enjoyed dancing with the Aflatoun mascot while lining up to open their savings accounts with the Co-op. According to one of PHCCI-Dumaguete's coordinators Ms. Maricar Aranas-Vensuelo, "They are learning the values of saving, exploring, investigating, and acting the Aflatoun way!"



## New Aflatoun Cooperative Partners September 2016

The Children & Youth Team warmly welcomes our new Aflatoun partners for the month of September!

1. Marjanaz Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative
2. Dagohoy Multi-Purpose Cooperative
3. Zamboanga Del Norte Credit Cooperative
4. Kapandesal Multi-Purpose Cooperative



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## FEATURES

NATCCO's Aflatoun & Youth Network concludes the month of September with colorful celebrations inspired by social involvement and financial literacy. Here's what we've been up to for the whole month:



Compostela Market Vendors MPC introduces Aflatoun to Compostela Central School's PTA General Assembly



Sta. Monica of Pangantucan MPC visits kids of GSP Barandias Elementary School for Aflatoun Orientation



Ms. Janet Losinio & Aflatoun Teachers promote "TIPKO: Tipid, Ipon, Plano para sa Kinabukasan Ko"



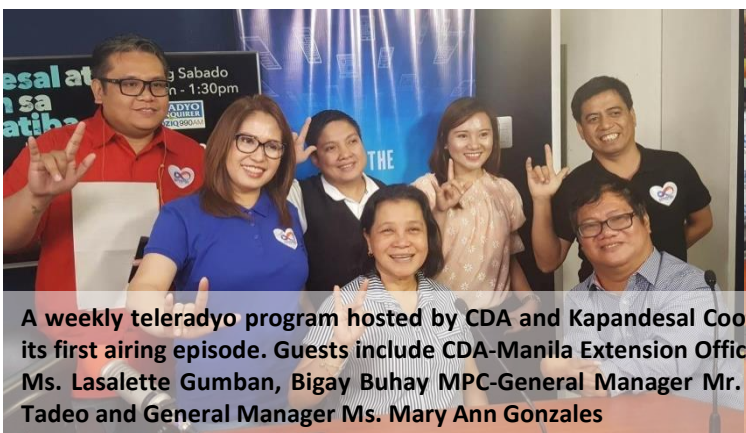
Maco Development Cooperative launches their Aflatoun Program in new partner schools



Meet Perpetual Help Community Cooperative-Dumaguete's Aflatoun boys basketball team!



Check out Sta. Catalina Credit Cooperative's Aflatoun Corner shared by Ms. Jemilee Pleños!



A weekly teleradyo program hosted by CDA and Kapandesal Coop featured the Aflatoun Program and other Youth activities during its first airing episode. Guests include CDA-Manila Extension Office Director Mr. Nonie Hernandez, NATCCO Aflatoun Program Officer Ms. Lasalette Gumban, Bigay Buhay MPC-General Manager Mr. Richard Arceño, and Kapandesal MPC Chairperson Ms. Mel Perez Tadeo and General Manager Ms. Mary Ann Gonzales





## Youth Board Sherwin Celestino represents NATCCO Youth in ICA Cooperative Youth Summit in Bali, Indonesia

*By Sherwin Celestino* | Participants from seventeen (17) partner countries came together for the 2016 Asia Pacific Cooperative Youth Summit in Bali, Indonesia last September 19-23, 2016. They shared best practices and innovative solutions inspired by their wonderful young leaders.

The International Co-op Alliance organized the Cooperative Youth Summit to bring together experts in the fields of ethical entrepreneurship and youth-at-large. This aims to involve discussions in the co-op enterprise model among others. The participating youth heard inspirational stories of different Co-op speakers from all over the world. Rich Bartlett owned a technology co-operative that specializes an online tool for collaborative decision-making, built by a team of technologists, activists, and social entrepreneurs. Sangay Rinchen has the vision to improve the conditions of rural life in Bhutan and to provide opportunities for the younger generation. There is also François Hastir, the young executive leader from Canada and Sébastien Chaillou, President of France's first national level student-owned and led Cooperative. Teepee Gile is the young founder and manager of a cooperative in our country that has drawn its distinct fusion of artistry, passion, and teamwork by engaging in the business model of Cooperativism. The 5 day summit was filled with cultural interactions and an immersion to the nature of the wonderful country of Indonesia. The participants went to the village to experience the lifestyle of Indonesian people. Delegates also enjoyed a traditional lunch called Megibung. Food were spread on a mat on the floor and four people would share a single mat and use their bare hands to eat. The villagers also taught them the traditional dance involving chants and a romantic story of a couple. Environment appreciation involved outdoor activities such as cycling and water rafting. They also tasted different flavors of coffee such as mangosteen, durian, mocha vanilla, herbal, and ginger tea in the Ecotourism Coffee House.

The Summit is a venue for youth leaders to discuss their ideas for a sustainable future and country development. These innovations are shared through an intensive Co-op Pitch where they can present their solutions for brainstorming. The participants who joined in the pitch all have interesting insights on different issues such as environment, immigrants, entrepreneurship, and farming.

Santosh Kumar, Senior Programme Officer of ICA Asia and Pacific, presented the Asia Pacific Co-operative Youth Statement 2016 Road to 2030: Co-operatives for Sustainable Development. It concluded that the youth is urged to: enhance their engagement in Cooperatives and further their awareness on the co-op enterprise model by mainstreaming themselves in Co-op movements worldwide; increase their participation in Co-op management and leadership boards to affect inclusion and to prepare for the future of Cooperatives; advocate for international, regional, national, and local youth development programs through Co-ops to develop skills and value-based entrepreneurship along with exchange programs and apprenticeship for youth; and advocate for efficient use of technology and resources to help spread the message of Cooperatives.

The ICA-AP Youth Summit 2016 made an excellent learning experience for all the delegates. This serves as an opportunity and inspiration for the youth to engage in and promote the cooperatives, not only in their countries but also around the globe.



EVENTS

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## NATCCO Youth Leaders and Cooperators are in for an exciting feat as we take part in discussing bright ideas and finding creative solutions to issues that matter.

Whether you're in Luzon, Visayas, or Mindanao, you can be part of the celebrations by joining the first ever Regional Cooperative Youth Forum to be held simultaneously in Vigan, Cebu, and Davao!

The NATCCO Youth Team brings you a two-day event of engaging workshops and discussions on three important national issues: 1) drug awareness, prevention, and rehabilitation, 2) modern-day sustainable farming - youth's call to action for national food security, and 3) youth gearing up for disaster risk reduction and management. As Youth Leaders in the Co-ops, let's learn about the basics of the country's campaign against drugs, the promising future of agri-businesses, and experience what it's like to be emergency youth responders!

The Regional Youth Forums are designed to raise awareness about critical issues affecting the social and economical development of the country, and instigate strategies among youth cooperators that can positively address these concerns through creative, high-impact, and inclusive solutions. NATCCO commits itself to mobilizing the youth and equipping them with the right understanding, tools, and connections that can open opportunities for them to create strong and unified efforts towards nation-building.

Check out our Facebook Page, Aflatoun Philippines and Facebook Group, Aflatoun sa Pinas for updates. Pre-register now and be one of NATCCO's Game Changing Millennials! For questions and more information, please feel free to contact the NATCCO Youth Team.

# GAME CHANGERS CHANGE MAKERS

**What:** NATCCO Regional Cooperative Youth Forum

**Who:** Youth Cooperators & Advocates (at least 13 years old)

**When:** November 12-13, 2016

**Where:** *This is a simultaneous event for the three island regions*

- **Luzon:** NSCC Plaza Hotel, Vigan, Ilocos Sur
- **Visayas:** Hidden Valley Mountain Resort, Lamac, Pinamungajan, Cebu
- **Mindanao:** Loleng's Mountain Spring Resort, Toril, Davao City

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