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TO: ALL ICA-ASIA AND PACIFIC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Fellow Cooperators,

Appeal for Flood Relief in Thailand

We have followed with growing horror the accounts of the terrible situation of flood disaster in Thailand which is considered a serious crisis as heavy water is flowing and will hit Bangkok within two days. At this point it appears that the death toll is in the hundreds, with tens of thousands left homeless. According to the latest report, more than 300 people have died so far. Our thoughts instantly run to our cooperative colleagues and we send our heartfelt condolences to them for their losses.

The most affected farming areas estimate losses and damage is at around 3,868,290 Acres - 51,371 Acre of fish and shrimp ponds and 9.9 million of livestock. Transportation routes are totally damaged by 57 main high ways, 15 provincial main roads, and 162 rural roads in 33 provinces are not passable. All the north-bound routes of the railway are cancelled. Underground water resources of around 32,501 wells and 5,953 enclosed well were affected.

As regards the coop sector, 187 cooperatives societies have been totally damaged and around 450,000 individual members are directly affected. CLT made the "Disaster Relief Packages" and gave away to the affected areas. Majority of the flood victims in the affected areas had already been evacuated but they are all waiting for the water to go.

For the long term rehabilitation program, CLT has launched the center as "*CLT National Flood Relief Center*" at CLT central office in Bangkok to provide emergency operation as a central point to help all cooperative members that affected from floods, storm, and landslide. The main aims of the center are to act as a central point and immediate communicate with the floods victims in cooperative sector, providing coordinating operational, and support needs of the cooperative members. It also assists in coordination and communication between donors and victims of the floods, storm, and landslide as emergency response and recovery operations. To achieve and relief the flood victims in cooperative sector, CLT set up long-term plan to relief and recovery of all victims in cooperative sector.

In order to achieve the needs and goals to relief and recovery of the flood victims in cooperative sector, CLT need to mobilize a huge amount of fund. Since CLT is a membership-based organization, all extra activities to be done are only relied on

annual membership fee. The CLT has kindly requested for financial assistance and support from the national and international cooperative organizations.

The CLT has set up the "**CLT Fund for Natural Disaster**" for relief and recovery of the flood victims in cooperative sector in Thailand. You may kindly send your generous contributions to CLT whose bank details are given below:

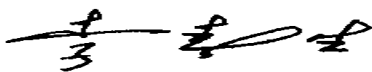
Name of the Bank : Bangkok Bank (Public Ltd.)
Address of Bank : 844-6 Samsen, Nakhonchisri, Dusit,
Bangkok-10300, Thailand.
Branch of the Bank : Sriyan
Bank A/c Number : 110-0-92344-8
Beneficiary : The Cooperative League of Thailand
(CLT Fund for Natural Disaster)
Swift Code : BKKBTHBK

The contact details of person responsible at the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT) are given below for your information.

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The Co-operative Movement has a long and proud record of helping one another. We hope that you will now be able to assist our colleagues in Thailand who have been so terribly affected by this flood disaster.

With best regards,



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