

CO-OPERATIVES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

REDUCE – REUSE- RECYCLE

The **3rd ICA/CHINA Training Course on “Co-operative Management and Circular Economy Project Operations”** was held from October 17 – 26, 2011 in Beijing, Changzhou and Shanghai under the aegis of All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives (ACFSMC). The Training Course was attended by twenty five participants who represented eleven countries of the Asia Pacific Region. The extensive week long training carried lectures by experts from Co-operative Guidance Department of ACFSMC, National Development and Reform Commission, China Resource Recycling and Utilization Association and professors and academicians from Beijing University, Renmin University. The Opening Ceremony was graced by Dr. Chan Ho CHOI, Regional Director of ICA-AP and Mr. Li Chunsheng, Vice President of ACFSMC and President of the ICA-AP Board along with Mr. Zhang Wangshu of the International Co-operative Department of ACFSMC and other delegates from its subsidiary recycling companies. The special resource person for the course was Mr. Huseyin Polat who retired from the International Labour Organisation and has worked closely with COPAC and ICA in his tenure. ICA-AP was represented by Mr. P. Santosh Kumar.

The participants were to make country-reports introducing their countries and their respective co-operative movements along with presenting a project proposal that involves wholesome development and utilizes the concept of Circular Economy. Mr. Polat educated the participating co-operators about preparing large scale and effective project proposals. ICA-AP along with ACFSMC are to help the participants in the follow-up initiatives post the Course. The participants were then taken for field visits to the Beijing Hua Jing Yuan Renewable Resource Recycling Market Ltd and to Changzhou Recycling Resource Industry Pilot Park at Changzhou in the Jiangsu province where they witnessed the creation of synthetic cloth with the help of processing waste like plastic bottles apart from recycling of Steel and water. The Course concluded with distribution of certificates and congratulatory remarks by the guests at the valedictory.

