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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION FEDERATION
OF KOREA ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Seoul, 7 September 2010

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It is a pleasure to send greetings to all who have gathered from across Korea and Asia to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Credit Union Federation of Korea.

Cooperatives play a vital role in human progress. From farming and manufacturing to financial services and many other realms, they create job opportunities, facilitate entrepreneurship, improve working conditions, promote social integration and help people to overcome obstacles to commercial and market opportunities. At times of economic distress, they can strengthen the resilience of the poor and vulnerable.

Cooperatives are based on the principles of self-help, burden-sharing and reciprocity. With an egalitarian ethos, participatory decision-making, common ownership and commitment to goals beyond the profit motive, they remind the international community that it is possible to pursue both economic viability and social responsibility.

Recognizing the importance of cooperatives, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2012 to be the International Year of Cooperatives. As we prepare for that observance, I urge Governments to adopt policies that support the establishment and development of cooperatives. Consumers can help by buying food produced by small-holder cooperatives and using the credit unions that are an important part of the movement. Together, by cooperating, we can achieve the Millennium Development Goals and build a better world.

Please accept my congratulations on this anniversary, as well as my best wishes for many productive years to come.

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**Secretary-General's message for the Korean Credit Union's 50th anniversary,
7 September 2010**

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Dear Mr. Zhang,

We are pleased to send you the Secretary-General's message for the 50th anniversary of the Korean Credit Union.

Best regards,

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Subject: Request for video message from the Secretary-General for Korean Credit Union's 50th anniversary, 7 September 2010

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Yours sincerely,

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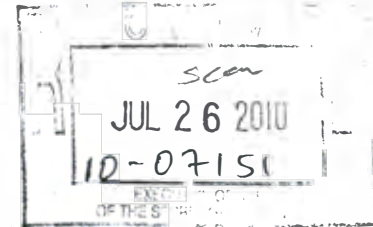
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Mr. Ban, Ki-moon

Secretary-General

United Nations

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At this coming September 7th, 2010, Korean credit union is going to have its 50 years celebration. Personally I would like to invite you to this meaningful event, but I'm afraid your schedule wouldn't allow you to visit us this September.

May I politely ask you a favor instead? Could you send us a video message for Korean credit cooperatives which contains your congratulations on Korean Credit union's Golden Jubilee's celebration?

Please find the attached file for a brief overview concerning Korean credit union history for the last fifty years and please feel free to ask any questions. Please let me know your excellent opinion at your most convenient time.

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**ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF CREDIT UNIONS**

Our Ref.: 112

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Mr. Kim
Assistant Secretary-General
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New York, NY, 10017, USA

**Re: UN Secretary General Message for the 50th Anniversary
of Credit union in Korean Credit Union Movement**

Dear Mr. Kim:

Greetings from the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions!

Attached are two letters for the Secretary General Mr. Ban, Ki-moon inviting him to deliver a video message on the celebration of the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the Korean Credit Union Movement.

We would greatly appreciate your kind help to receive the inspirational video message of His Excellency in time for the celebration on September 7, 2010.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

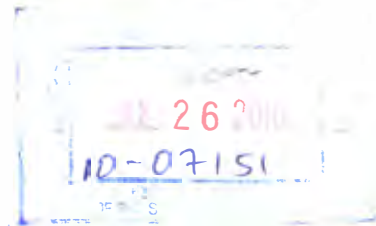
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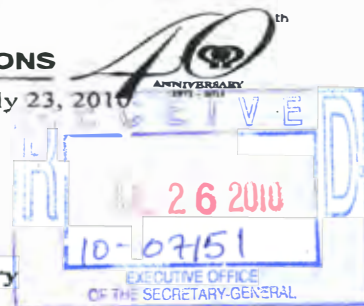
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Dear Mr. Ban, Ki-moon:

We are pleased to inform that our largest member in Asia and 3rd largest credit union movement in the world, the National Credit Union Federation of Korea (NACUFOK) is celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 7, 2010. The occasion will be witnessed by more than one thousand credit union delegates across Korea and delegates from 23 countries in Asia.

The Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCUCO) received the special consultative Status from the United Nations on July 2007.

The Chairman and President of NACUFOK, Mr. Tae-jong Zhang requested us to convey their invitation to His Excellency, the Secretary General of the United Nations for an inspirational video message that will be played at the celebration.

I have attached the request letter of NACUFOK. It would be a great honor for the Korean and the Asian credit union movement to hear your inspirational message.

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