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NATIONAL COOPERATIVE UNION OF INDIA

(APEX ORGANISATION OF THE INDIAN COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT)

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Subject : Celebration of International Cooperative Day on Saturday 2nd July 2016
at NCUI – Children's Painting Contest and Organising a Symposium - reg.

Dear Colleagues & Cooperators,

The International Cooperative Day of the ICA as well as the UN International Day of Cooperative is celebrated on 1st Saturday of July every year. On this occasion, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) appeals to its members to promote cooperative movement and support their national and local cooperative initiative by organizing events, taking part in campaign etc.

The theme for the year 2016 International Day of Cooperatives is "**Co-operatives : The power to Act for a Sustainable Future**". The theme was chosen to emphasize the co-operative contribution to the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** to achieve three extraordinary things viz. end extreme poverty, fight inequality, fix climate change – over the next 15 years. Cooperatives have a unique role to play in realizing the Goals, as they contribute to sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental responsibility. To commemorate the occasion of International Cooperative Day on **Saturday 2nd July 2016** NCUI have planned the following two events:

- **Children's Painting Contest** at NCUI Auditorium Complex from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM in which the children in a age group 6-15 years (as on 31st December 2016) can participate to draw a painting on any one of the theme viz. Agriculture / Farming Area / Nature / Environment / People / Family.
- **Symposium** on the theme "**Co-operatives : The power to Act for a Sustainable Future**" from 10:30 AM to 01:30 P.M at NCUI Auditorium Complex where eminent persons will be invited to speak on the theme.

Shri Subhash Palekar, Agricultural Scientist and Farmer from Amravati, Maharashtra has kindly consented to be the keynote speaker on the occasion.

We will appreciate, if your organization & the affiliates can actively participate in both the events to commemorate the International Cooperative Day. You may please issue a circular to all your employees for participation of the Children in the age group 6-15 years for the painting contest. Participation Form duly filled may be sent to us by fax 011-26863248 or by email to : riteshdeyncui@india.coop by 30th June 2016. Please note that all the paintings of the children (participating in the contest) will be sent to IE-NO-HIKARI Association of Japan for "The 24th Annual World Children's Picture Contest"

For participation in any of the events or further information and clarification, you may please write or contact : Ritesh Dey, Deputy Director (international Relations), NCUI at his Email - riteshdeyncui@india.coop, Mobile. 9818019750, Smt. Santosh Dutt at 9810217231 / Khursheed Alam at 9213070120 of IR division.

We look forward for your active participation in the above events.

Yours Sincerely,

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