

“NO” to Hindrances and “YES” to New Opportunities for SEMCO New Normal Life

Semirara, Antique. The SEMIRARA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (SEMCO) was nurtured by the changes in its environment. Nevertheless, SEMCO was able to say ‘no’ to hindrances and ‘yes’ to new opportunities for growth and developments and meted out its crucial role in maximizing the benefits for the members and the community.

The cooperative indicates its expanded membership from the employees and subsidiaries of Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) and island based private and public school teachers, school staff, business owners, market vendors, and operator-members of SEMTODA.

Like any organizations, SEMCO went through a series of challenges that almost threatened its stability. The changed in Semirara Coal Corporation Management in 1998 greatly affected SEMCO’s operation. Retrenchment program of the company, resulted to decrease in SEMCO’s membership and members’ equity.



SEMCO MAIN BUILDING

Eventually, the turn of the century in year 2000 brought good vibes to the cooperative for the new Management of Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) who is committed to continue supporting the cooperative on its collection through payroll deduction.

The cooperative is one of the awardees of the Gawad Parangal in 2014 as Most Outstanding Cooperative (Medium Category)-Provincial Level and Most Outstanding Cooperative- Regional Level in 2015 in which the General Membership of SEMCO were proud of it.



SEMCO LENDING OFFICE

SEMCO’s services include in-house lending, Island Mart, CATV-Internet System and Cable Antennas. With the new technologies enable the islanders of Semirara get connected and updated with the changes in the entire world.

For twenty-nine (29) years of various socio-economic services to its members and the community SEMCO prospered into a multi-million cooperative by increasing its authorized capital from P1 Million to P50 Million now.



SEMCO WAREHOUSE

SEMCO perseveres to move on and succeeded even on these trying and uncertain times due to covid-19 pandemic which brought sudden change in the cooperative operation. The monthly sales exceeded target compared to the normal trading operation. The Cooperative ensures that SEMCO Island Mart have available basic commodities to cater the panic buying shoppers in the community for there is shortage of stocks within the locality. The CATV-Internet is also adaptable to the situation of quarantine days, the stay at home seniors, school kids and teens below 20 years old make life still enjoyable and not so boring.



CATV- INTERNET HEADEND

In today's so-called "new normal" life, the cooperative strictly observed the minimum health protocol such as wearing of face mask, handwashing and keep distancing at least one (1) meter apart. SEMCO Island Mart is still maintaining up to now only ten (10) shoppers in the selling area, dispensing of alcohol, washing of hands, dry hands with paper towels, log-in log-out of customers in a record book, and use thermal scanner before entry of shoppers, officers, personnel and visitors. The Treasury Assistant, Cashiers and Personnel who received sales cash and payments from customers, pouches and packages from commercial vessels maintain to disinfect their hands prior and after receipt. Necessary precautions were executed by the cooperative staff and officers to stop the spread of COVID 19 virus. The Board of Directors acknowledged SEMCO Staff for facing the risk as frontliners by giving them an Incentive Pay.



SEMCO ISLAND MART

SEMCO shall continue to strive for management and financial stability in order to fulfil its Vision - Mission – Goals of transforming the lives of its members and to sustain productivity in the community for a new normal life.

With grateful heart, SEMCO was very thankful to God for the graces and mercies in the continuity of the cooperative operation and all its business partners the CDA, the AFCCUI, FICTAP, SMPC and LGU for coaching, guidance and leading the cooperative activities during this pandemic.

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