

ARTICLES OF COOPERATION
of

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

We, the undersigned duly authorized representative(s) of our respective cooperatives, all of legal age and Filipino citizens, have on this day voluntarily agreed to organize a (Secondary/Tertiary) Union of cooperatives, under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein after referred to as the Cooperative Union.

AND WE HEREBY CERTIFY:

Article I
Name of the Cooperative Union

That the name of this Cooperative Union shall be _____
_____.

Article II
Purpose(s)

That the purpose(s) for which this Cooperative Union is organized are:

a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

Article III
Goals

The goals of this Cooperative Union are to help improve the quality of services of its affiliates and in furtherance thereto shall aim:

- a. To represent its affiliate organizations;
- b. To acquire, analyze, and disseminate economic, statistical, and other information relating to its affiliates and to all types of cooperatives within its area of operation;
- c. To sponsor studies in the economic, legal, financial, social, and other phases of cooperation, and publish the results thereof;
- d. To promote the knowledge of cooperative principles and practices;
- e. To develop the cooperative movement in their respective jurisdictions;
- f. To advise the appropriate authorities on all questions relating to cooperatives;
- g. To raise funds through membership fees, dues and contributions, donations, and subsidies from local and foreign sources whether private or government; and
- h. To do and perform such other non-business activities as may be necessary to attain the foregoing objectives.

Article IV
Powers and Capacities

This Cooperative Union registered under RA 9520 shall have the following powers, rights and capacities:

1. To the exclusive use of its registered name;
2. To sue and be sued;
3. Of succession;
4. To amend its articles of cooperation in accordance with the provisions of RA 9520;
5. To adopt bylaws not contrary to law, morals or public policy, and to amend and repeal the same in accordance with RA 9520;
6. To purchase, receive, take or grant, hold, convey, sell, lease, pledge, mortgage, and otherwise deal with such real and personal property as the transaction of the lawful affairs of the cooperative may reasonably and necessarily require, subject to the limitations prescribed by law and the Constitution;
7. To enter into division, merger, or consolidation, as provided under RA 9520;
8. To avail of loans, be entitled to credit and to accept and receive grants, donations and assistance from foreign and domestic sources subject to the conditions of said loans, credits, grants, donations or assistance that will not undermine the autonomy of the cooperative. The Authority, upon written request, shall provide necessary assistance in the documentary requirements for the loans, credit, grants, donations and other financial support; and
9. To exercise such other powers granted under RA 9520 or necessary to carry out its purposes as stated in this articles of cooperation.

Article V
Term of Existence

The term for which this Cooperative Union shall exist is _____ () years from the date of its registration with the Cooperative Development Authority.

Article VI
Area of Operation

That the membership of this Cooperative Union shall come from _____. Its principal office shall be located at _____.

Article VII
Name and Address of Cooperators

That the name and complete postal address of the cooperators are as follows:

Name of Cooperator/ Affiliate	Postal Address of Cooperator/Affiliate	Name of Representatives

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Article VIII
Board of Directors

That the number of Directors of this Cooperative Union shall be _____() and the name and address of the Board of Directors who are to serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified as provided in this by-laws are:

Name
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

ARTICLE IX
Capital Contribution

That the capital contribution of the Cooperative Union shall be _____Pesos (Php____.00).
That the amount of capital contribution of affiliates is, as follows:

Names of Cooperator/Affiliate	Amount of Contribution
Total	

ARTICLE X
Arbitral Clause

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Articles of Cooperation, the cooperative law and related rules, administrative guidelines of the Cooperative Development Authority, including inter-federation disputes and related concerns, and any question regarding the existence, interpretation, validity, breach or termination or the business relationship shall be exclusively referred to and finally resolved by voluntary arbitration under the institutional rules promulgated by the Cooperative Development Authority, after compliance with the conciliation or mediation mechanisms embodied in this Articles and in such other pertinent laws.

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

_____ has been elected as Treasurer of this Cooperative Union to act as such until her/his successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified in accordance with the by-laws. As such Treasurer, he/she is authorized to receive payments and issue receipts for membership fees, capital contribution and other revenues, and to pay obligations for and in the name of this Cooperative Union.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names this _____ day of _____ in _____, Philippines.

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF COOPERATORS/AFFILIATE

Cooperator/Affiliate	Name of Representative	Signature of Representative

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Signature Over Printed Name

Signature Over Printed Name

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
Prov./City/Mun. of _____) S.S.

Before me, a Notary Public for and in the Province/City/Municipality of _____ on this _____ day of _____ the following persons personally appeared with their Proof of Identity as indicated opposite their respective names:

Name of Cooperative Affiliate and its representative	Proof of Identity	Date and Place of Issuance

All known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Cooperation, and acknowledged to me that the same is their free will and voluntary deed.

This instrument known as Article of Cooperation of _____, consists of _____ pages including this page where the acknowledgment is written signed by parties and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal this day and place first above mentioned.

Notary Public

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