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The 2nd Quarter Education Session for the Inspection Group of Production Area



On April 29, iCOOP Inspection Center held 2013 2nd quarter education program for the inspection group of production area, which is composed of members of iCOOP KOREA.

The program began with case presentations by the inspection group. Inspection members from iCOOP Gunpo co-op and Mujin co-op presented how to prepare for inspection in advance and shared their views on the most difficult

part of inspection process.

In the afternoon, additional education session was held based on what inspection members found difficult by staffs of iCOOP Inspection Center. Educations on reporting and inspection manuals were also included. After the program, SHIN Sin-il, the executive director of the center appreciated members' efforts, and the participants discussed their future activities and empowerment for a better inspection strategy together.

Attended 21 members of total 27 gave positive comments that the education program was very helpful to understand inspection process into more detail and that they were willing to attend education programs more frequently.

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iCOOP Training Course for New Chairpersons of Member Co-ops Was Held

From May 10 to 11, 2013 the final training program for newly appointed chairpersons was held in the Dae-jeon KT Human Resources Development



Center. The 4-week training course having run every week from April 12, conferred certificates to 15 of total 19 chairpersons who attended more than 75% of total program and participated in the final training program in Dae-jeon.

This training course is newly set up from 2013, reflecting the opinions that new chairpersons need to understand their roles more thoroughly and work effectively for their member co-ops.



The first lecture was “(Consumer) co-operative movement and the vision of iCOOP KOREA’s activities” by OH Hang-sik, the executive-director of COOP SERVICE. For 2 hours, he emphasized new chairpersons should set their own goals through self-analysis process and build up long-term prospects from members’ point of view.



OH Mi-yea, the chairperson of iCOOP Consumer Activities gave a lecture on “The role and leadership of chairperson”. Based

on her long experience as a voluntary activist in iCOOP KOREA, she said the chairperson’s most important requirement is to communicate with members and to operate member co-op efficiently.

Group discussion for 2 and half hours followed after 2 lectures. With each chairperson’s action plan report submitted in advance, they shared their member co-ops’ future activities and vision. Also they discussed their own challenges and found solutions together.

The 1st training course closed with presenting the results of group discussions.

<The Contents of Training Course >

- 1stweek: iCOOPKOREA’s policy
- 2nd week: the principle of democratic operation
- 3rd week: accounting and intranet education, and personnel management
- 4thweek:lectures in Dae-jeon as above

The 6th Korea Fair Trade Festival was held on May 11 at Gwanghwamun Square in Seoul. As the World Fair Trade day is celebrated every second Saturday in May across the world to encourage people to know and participate in fair trade idea Korean fair trade movement presented its own program.

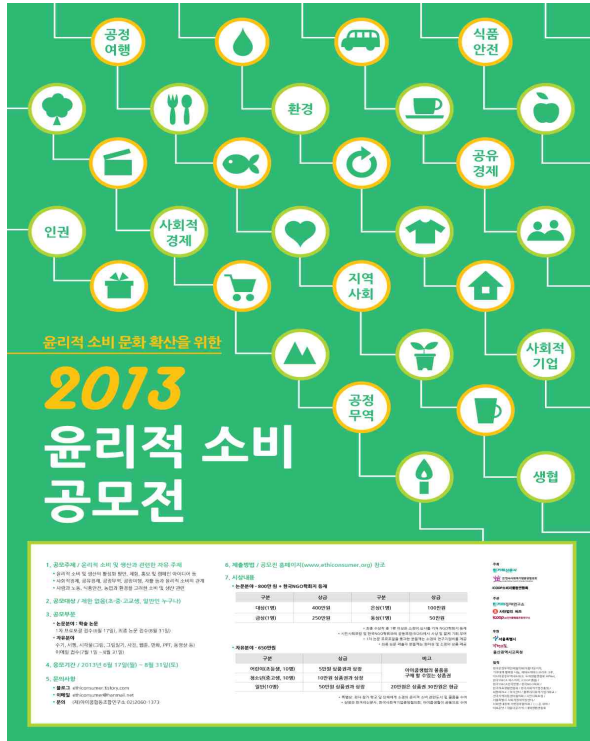
The festival was co-held by the Korea Fair Trade Council (iCOOP KOREA, Sharing Happiness, Dure Co-op, APNet, Beautiful Store, Fair Trade Korea Guru, Korea YMCA, Korea FPC, and Asia Fair Trade Network) and Seoul Metropolitan Government.



9 fair trade clubs such as Incheon City Fair Trade Campaign, 7 multicultural & NGO organizations, 4 food organization and 13 fair trade organization including iCOOP KOREA participated in this festival.

In the booth of iCOOP KOREA, citizens enjoyed tasting fair trade products free samples including wine, photo exhibitions of fair trade producers, and various games (dart, bowling, puzzle games, making fair trade balls, and painting with fair trade coffee beans)

Particularly, iCOOP KOREA introduced South African Thandi Wines, the first fair trade certified wine at the day. Currently, the FLO (Fairtrade International) certified wine is on sale at iCOOP KOREA's Natural Dream stores. Established in 1995, Thandi means "nurturing love" in Xhosa (The Xhosa people living in south-eastern part of Republic of South Africa) and its logo of a mother embracing a child emphasizes the meaning of fair trade to support the socially and economically underprivileged.



The 6th ethical consumption contests with total KRW 14.5million worth prizes started. By August 31, as long as it is about ethical consumption, anybody can submit an entry with any style or form such as essays, book reviews, photo, painting, design, poster, PPT, animation or video.

The subjects is about any ideas to develop ethical consumption and production or public relations and campaigns to promote ethical consumption; social and sharing economy, fair trade and fair travel, and support people's independence; people and labor, food safety, agriculture and the environment.

Beside prize, final winning works will be published in the Journal of NGO Studies after passing a screening and winners are given

the opportunity to present their works at the joint forum of Civil Society Forum and The Korean Association of NGO Studies (September 26).

Sponsored by iCOOP KOREA Natural Dream, the contest is co-held by iCOOP Co-operative Institute, Hankyoreh Economic Research Institute and Seed:S, an organization for supporting youth social enterprisers. Sharing Happiness, Dure Co-op, APNet, Beautiful Store, Beautiful Coffee, Civil Society Forum, Fare Trade Korea Guru, Korea YMCA, Asia Fare Trade Network, Korea Fare Trade Council, The Korean Association of NGO Studies, Korea Social Enterprise Promotion Agency, Eroun Net, and Grass-root Social Enterprisers School participate in the contest.

Ethical consumption is a consumer activism purchasing goods or services in accordance with the ethical value.

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