In celebration of the UN International Year of Cooperatives in 2012, the University of the Philippines School of Labor and Industrial Relations (UP SOLAIR), through the Center for Labor and Grassroots Initiatives (CLGI) in cooperation with Center for Labor, Advocacy, Research and Development, Inc. (CLEARED, Inc.) are proud to invite you to an international conference on the theme:

“Forging Greater Solidarity Among Cooperatives, Trade Unions and Social Enterprises”

Bonifacio Hall
UP SOLAIR on September 20-21, 2012.

The conference brings together recognized and experienced cooperative and trade union leaders from here and abroad who will speak on themes around the following objectives:

1. Highlight good practices of cooperatives from here and abroad and share the lessons, insights and experiences.
2. Generate dialogue, consultation and collaboration among trade unions, cooperatives and other sectors on issues and policies that relate to economic equity, social justice and inclusive growth.
3. Explore and promote transformative practices that espouse a pro-people, pro-environment, pro-nationalist and fair-sharing development strategies.
4. Learn from the managerial and operational practices of successful trade union managed cooperatives in the Asian region (Japan, Singapore, Philippines, etc.) and show the benefits that can be derived from trade union and cooperative collaboration.
5. Illustrate the following concepts and practices: solidarity, cooperation and social inclusiveness; economic equity and fair sharing; democratic governance and participation; transformative institutional and organizational processes and environmentally sustainable utilization of local materials and human resources.

Particulars: Conference fee of P4,500 for local participants and US$150 for foreign participants shall include a conference kit, certificate, lunch and two snacks. Payment is payable to University of the Philippines School of Labor and Industrial Relations in cash or cheque. For reservations and inquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat: Mayet, Eric, Jerwin or Fina at tel. Nos. (+632) 9286396; (+632) 9207693; Telefax: (+632) 9207717; UP Trunkline: 9818500 local: 4069 or you may contact CLEARED, Inc. at tel. no. (+632) 9289206. You may also email us at rmercado2000@yahoo.com or ianecruz@yahoo.com.

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