

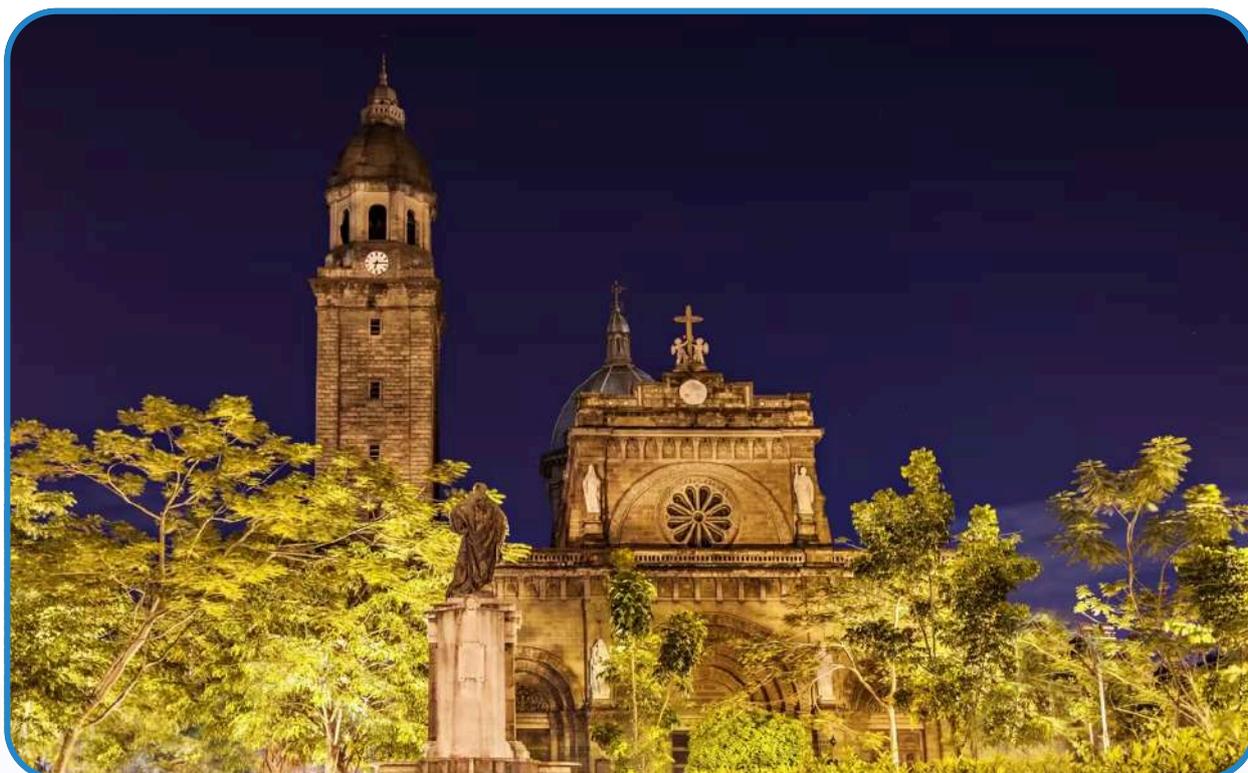


The Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia Pacific

Strengthening Cooperative Partnerships by Adopting Filipino Cooperative Models for Sustainable Growth

NEDAC
DELEGATION VISIT
TO

PHILIPPINES



Registration open till 13th March 2026

Date: 13-18 April 2026

Location: Manila, Philippines

NEDAC International Study Tour

Manila, Philippines | Five Days of Learning & Partnership



The Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC) was established with the support of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).

NEDAC works closely with governments across the Asia–Pacific region and international development partners to promote cooperative development, strengthen trade linkages, and advance inclusive economic growth. Under the leadership of Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS, (Additional Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India & Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation, India), NEDAC has successfully organized numerous national and international study tours and delegation meetings across Asia and Africa, in collaboration with more than 30 leading cooperative and development organizations.

Advancing Cooperative Excellence

The NEDAC Delegation is organizing a five-day international study tour to Manila, Philippines, aimed at fostering knowledge exchange, strengthening strategic partnerships, and exploring globally recognized best practices in cooperative development.

This immersive study visit will provide:

- Structured peer-to-peer learning
- High-level policy dialogues with the Government agency Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)
- Field visits to leading cooperatives
- Institutional partnership-building opportunities

Why the Philippines?

The Philippines has been an active member of NEDAC since its inception and is widely recognized as one of Asia's most dynamic and well-structured cooperative ecosystems.

Key Highlights of the Philippine Cooperative Sector:

- 18,000+ registered cooperatives operating nationwide
- 14+ million cooperative members across diverse sectors
- Strong regulatory and institutional framework under the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)
- Highly successful credit and savings cooperatives driving financial inclusion
- Robust cooperative presence in agriculture, finance, housing, transport, health, and consumer services
- Significant contribution to rural development, community empowerment, and grassroots entrepreneurship

The Philippine cooperative model stands as a benchmark for inclusive finance, member-driven governance, and sustainable community-based economic development.



Objectives

- Strengthening leadership, governance, and board effectiveness in large and complex co-operatives.
- Gaining insights into export-oriented co-operative value chains, logistics, storage, and quality management systems.
- Understanding approaches to capital mobilisation, financial sustainability, and risk management in farmer-owned enterprises.
- Exploring co-op-to-co-op trade, international collaboration, and market diversification opportunities.

Delegation Overview

1. **Duration:** April 13- April 18, 2026
2. **Departure to home Country:** 18 April 2026 (Saturday)
3. **Focus Area:** Co-operatives, Agriculture and Farming policies
4. **Extended Stay Option:** Delegate may extend their stay at personal Expense

Why Participate

- **Two-Way Knowledge Exchange & Innovation Sharing:** A platform for Indian cooperatives to share innovations, practices, and scalable models with Philippines cooperatives, fostering cross-border learning and growth.
- **Cooperative Leadership & Governance Workshop:** A focused workshop on leadership, governance reforms, and member engagement, tailored for Indian cooperatives and apex institutions to strengthen strategic decision-making.
- **Technical & Institutional Exchange:** Structured interactions with Philippines agricultural cooperatives to explore governance, operations, export systems, and regulatory practices.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning & Knowledge Exchange:** Interactive sessions where Indian and Philippines cooperative leaders exchange experiences, explore transferable practices, and identify new opportunities for cooperation and trade.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced leadership, governance, and strategic capacity among Indian cooperative leaders.
- Improved understanding of export markets, logistics systems, and value-added cooperative enterprises.
- Strengthening institutional linkages between NEDAC member countries in the Asia-Pacific region and agricultural cooperatives in the Philippines.
- Identification of concrete opportunities for international collaboration, co-op-to-co-op trade, and knowledge exchange.

Tentative Program



S. no	Date	Day	Agenda
1	13 April 2026	Monday	Arrival in Manila, Philippines
2	14 April 2026	Tuesday	Philippines and India stakeholder meeting with cooperatives
3	15 April 2026	Wednesday	Cooperarive visit to Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative (SIDC) and ACDI Multi Purpose Cooperative Society , Philippines.
4	16 April 2026	Thursday	Cooperative Visit to the Federation
5	17 April 2026	Friday	City Tour
6	18 April 2026	Saturday	Dispersal and return to home country

Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative

Founded on March 19, 1969 by Victoriano E. Barte, Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative (SIDC) began as the Sorosoro Ibaba Farmers' Association with 59 pioneering members.

As of November 2025, SIDC has grown to 56,297 regular members and 23,743 associate members, becoming one of the country's leading cooperatives. Today, SIDC delivers a sustainable lifecycle of services in Agriculture, Financial Services, Retail, and Wholesale—all driven by active member participation and shared success.

ACDI Multipurpose Cooperative (ACDI MPC)

ACDI Multipurpose Cooperative (ACDI MPC) founded in 1981 by 26 Philippine Air Force pilots, has grown from a small credit union into the largest, premier cooperative in the Philippines, serving over 110,000 members of the Armed Forces, including uniformed personnel and dependents, with 144+ offices and over 33 billion in assets.

Registration Fee

The fees below are applicable per participant. There is no limit on the number of participants from one organization; more than one official can also participate.

Registration Fee

- 1700 USD



Note: Full Registration Fee must be submit March 13, 2026

- Visa is free for Indian nationals for up to 14 days for tourism and business purposes. Please check the visa criteria for other nationalities.

Payment Details-option 1

A/c Holder's Name : Auvjan Tour Planner Ltd.
Bank Name : AXIS BANK A/C
A/c No. : 921020007418853
Branch & IFS Code: Noida Sector 62 & UTIB0004497
Swift Code : AXISINBB022

Payment Details-Option 2

Account Holder Name: NEDAC
Account Number: 003-200028-9-840
Bank Name: Siam Commercial Bank (SCB)
Branch Address: Banglumpu Branch, 135 Phra Sumen Road, Bangkok 10200, Thailand
Swift code: SICOTHBK

Inclusions

- Hotel Holiday Inn Suits Makati or similar
- Local transportation (for institution and Cooperative Visits)
- Meals (veg and non-veg)
- Official invitation letter from NEDAC for visa support
- Transport for City tour

Exclusions

- International air-fare and visa charges
- Travel insurance (not mandatory)
- Entry tickets for city tours or any other attractions (If entry is not free)
- Airport transfers
- Family members expenses will be borne by the official itself

Important Travel Information – Manila, Philippines (April 2026)

Payment & Visa

- **Visa Assitance:** Visa-free entry for Indian nationals for up to 14 days for tourism and business purposes

Pre-Arrival Requirement

- **eTravel Registration: Mandatory:** The eTravel registration is mandatory for all travelers entering the Philippines, regardless of nationality. Travelers must complete it at least 72 hours before arrival. This is part of the Philippines' entry requirements for smooth processing and contact tracing.

Weather & Climate

- April falls during the dry season in Manila and the Average temperature: 33–34 °C

Electronics & SIM

- Airtel international roaming can be used abroad (activation required before departure)
- Carry a power bank for extended outdoor travel
- Travel adapter: Philippines uses Type A/B plugs with 220 V

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