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## Tagum Cooperative grabs Asian Icons Awards 2022

**T**agum Cooperative has once again made waves in the cooperative industry as it was awarded the "Most Innovative and Progressive Large-Scale Cooperative of the Year" at the Asia's Golden Icons Awards 2022. The event was held at Okada Hotel in Manila on October 8, 2022. This achievement is a testament to the cooperative's dedication to excellence and innovation in the industry.

Representing Tagum Cooperative at the event was the Chairperson of the Board, Dir. Janet T. Matuguinas, and the Vice Chairperson of the Education Committee and member of the Board of Directors, Dir. Nenita R. Malbas. The event was attended by various individuals and business entities that have made significant contributions to their respective industries and communities.

The Asia's Golden Icons Awards is a highly competitive and transparent awards ceremony that recognizes individual achievers and business entities that significantly impact the community or have shown excellence in various areas of expertise. The awards bring together a diverse community of business experts and individuals from various networks to share the same motivation of contributing to society.

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Asia's Golden Icons Awards also provide a unique opportunity for like-minded organizations and big players from different industries to do business, learn, and contribute to solving significant challenges. The awards emphasize the importance of business in creating more robust, successful, innovative, and ethical communities through inspiring achievers and organizations.

The "Most Innovative and Progressive Large-Scale Cooperative of the Year" is a testament to Tagum Cooperative's commitment to excellence and its dedication to serving its members. The cooperative has shown that it can succeed by continuously improving and innovating in the industry. Tagum Cooperative's success is a source of inspiration for other cooperatives, showing that anything is possible with hard work, dedication, and innovation.



# Coop Month 2022: Highlights solidarity, economic empowerment

**T**he nationwide celebration of cooperatives in the Philippines unified across the Province of Davao del Norte as the kick-off activity commenced on October 02, 2022 at the Multi-Purpose Tourism Cultural and Sports Center with the local dialect theme, "Koopratiba: Kabahin sa Kabag-ohan, Para sa Katawhan, Kinaiyahan ug Kalinaw".

The Coop Month celebration is an annual opportunity for cooperatives with its stakeholders to raise awareness and solidify the essence of cooperativism, and purposely boost the trust and confidence of cooperatives in elevating business operations. These key indicators of performance are identified as a roadmap for navigating or uplifting the lives of members and the community as a whole.



Legislatively, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) is the governing body of cooperatives in the country, leading the call of celebration, bannerizing the national theme of the year, "KoopPinas: Nagkakaisang Lakas Para sa Makabuluhan at Sama-samang Pagunlad".

The Cooperative Development Authority in strong collaboration with cooperative development councils, local and national cooperative federations, and other government agencies exhibited various fun-filled activities and learning programs to augment cooperative values and principles and amplify cooperative movement.



Meaningfully, the Coop Month celebration set motion with a kick-off activity with the spearheading of the Provincial Development Cooperative Council (PCDC) and the City Cooperative Development Council (CCDC). Tagum Cooperative took the lead and initiative to manifest support and actively contribute to cooperative-building projects, activities, and programs.



In attendance, the chief executive officer of Tagum Cooperative Juris D. Perez forefronted the kick-off activity together with members of the board, committees, and management. Several cooperative members dignified the event. The ceremonial opening and motorcade activity were the highlights of the kick-off program.

Indeed, Cooperative Month is an opportunity to highlight the role of cooperatives in promoting solidarity, economic empowerment, and social inclusion. This serves as a vehicle for building a more equitable and sustainable local economy that brings together a wide range of stakeholders, including government, business, civil society, academia, and cooperative sectors. Truly, Cooperatives play a vital role in economic and social progress.