

# 1844

Founders of the  
Co-operative Principles

Developed by the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers in Rochdale England, the founding of the Rochdale Principles are a set of values and ideals for co-operative enterprises, which form the basis on which co-operatives around the world operate to this day.



# 1925

Birth of Singapore's  
First Co-operative

The Singapore Government Staff Credit Co-operative Society was Singapore's first co-operative, founded on 7th October 1925 against the backdrop of unscrupulous money lenders profiteering from low wage earners. The co-operative offered safe banking and affordable loans to employees in the Civil Service, Statutory Boards and Government-Owned Companies. To this day, the co-operative continues to champion this social mission for Civil Service employees, including numerous benefits for members.



# 1969

Birth of the NTUC  
Co-operatives

As a result of the NTUC seminar on "The Modernization of the Labor Movement", the NTUC Co-operatives were born. Inspired by Singapore's founding fathers, the late Deputy Prime Minister Dr Goh Keng Swee, and the country's late President Mr C.V. Devan Nair, these co-operatives were founded to help moderate the cost of living for the common man, provide access to affordable essential products and services, and help each worker 'stretch the dollar'. Some of these co-operatives continue to make significant impact at the national level.

# 1980

Birth of the Singapore National  
Co-operative Federation

By an Act of Parliament, the Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF) was registered on 18 September 1980 as the national body for the Singapore's Co-operative Movement. Its mission is to promote and develop co-operatives as sustainable enterprises that address social and economic needs through the principle of self and mutual help so as to foster a more resilient society.

# 2012

Singapore Celebrates United Nations  
International Year of Co-operatives

The United Nations proclaimed 2012 as the International Year of Co-operatives, in recognition of the exemplary model of co-operative enterprises, through which a better world may be realized. Led by SNCF, Singapore joins the world community in celebrating the International Year of Co-operatives 2012.

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理事長 田原 憲次郎 様

貴社ますますご盛栄のこととお慶び申し上げます。

シンガポールでは、2012年の国際協同組合年（IYC）を記念する切手が限定発行されましたので、ここにお送りいたします。

今回発行された記念切手は、5枚1組で協同組合運動の歴史的出来事が描かれています。

1. 1844年：今日に至るまで協同組合運営の手本とされている、ロッチデール原則の誕生。
2. 1925年：シンガポール初の協同組合である、シンガポール国家公務員協同組合スリフト&ローン協会の設立。
3. 1969年：シンガポールの労働者のためのNTUC協同組合の設立。
4. 1980年：協同組合運動の業界団体である、シンガポール協同組合連合会の設立。
5. 2012年：国際協同組合年。

なお、NTUC協同組合の設立者には、第2代副首相のゴー・ケンスイ（Goh Keng Swee）、第3代大統領のデバンナイヤー（C.V.Devan Nair）が含まれており、NTUCインカムはシンガポール初の協同組合であることに誇りを持っています。

同封させていただいた記念切手が、皆さまに86年の歴史を持つシンガポールの協同組合運動をご理解いただく一助となれば幸いです。



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Dear Kenjiro *San*

I am pleased to present you with a set of the limited edition Singapore stamps issued to mark the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives (IYC) 2012.

The first-of-its-kind stamps feature the following 5 milestones:

1. 1844: Founding of the Rochdale Principles in England, which form the basis on which co-operatives round the world operate to this day.
2. 1925: Birth of Singapore's First Co-operative, the Singapore Government Servants' Co-operative Thrift and Loan Society.
3. 1969: Birth of the NTUC Co-operatives to especially benefit the workers of Singapore.
4. 1980: Birth of the Singapore National Co-operative Federation, the national body for the Singapore co-operative movement.
5. 2012: Singapore celebrates the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives

The architects of the NTUC co-operatives were also two of Singapore's founding fathers, namely the late Deputy Prime Minister Dr Goh Keng Swee, and Singapore's late President Mr C V Devan Nair. NTUC Income has the honour of being the labour movement's first co-operative.

NTUC Income is proud to celebrate 86 years of the co-operative movement and I am glad for the chance to be able to share a small slice of our local history through this commemorative set of stamps.

Yours sincerely

