



ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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1. **Project Code:** 12-IN-106-GE-RES-B
2. **Project Title:** Development of the APO certification system
3. **Duration:** Up to 6 months
4. **Venue:** APO Secretariat, Tokyo, Japan
5. **Implementing Organization:** APO Secretariat
6. **Objectives:**

To study the feasibility and identify opportunities to develop an APO certification system.

7. **Background:**

During the past half-century, the APO has organized numerous training courses to catalyze productivity movements in member countries and accumulated extensive knowledge and abundant content. Some courses are organized annually and can be considered as core or foundation projects of the APO, e.g., development of productivity practitioners: basic and advanced, and training of trainers in Green Productivity.

Several APO member economies expressed the desire for the APO to develop a certification/accreditation system that would be globally recognized, which is also in line with the new APO vision statement, i.e., to be the leading international organization on productivity enhancement, enabling APO economies to be more productive and competitive by 2020.

This project aims to discuss the feasibility and possible approaches and mechanisms of the certification system for APO to adopt. The project plans to invite resource persons experienced in certification system to provide guidance, knowledge and expertise to the APO.

8. **Scope and Methodology:**

- a) Assign experts who have knowledge and expertise in certification systems to share their viewpoints and experiences of the various forms of certification systems;

- b) Convene expert meetings and workshops to identify feasible areas to develop the APO certification system; and
- c) Compile the recommendations of experts and propose the future direction of the APO certification system program.

9. Implementation Procedures:

The APO Secretariat will be the focal point of the relevant activities. It will prepare specific Project Implementation Plan(s) for the expected expert meeting and other initiatives to be undertaken. The Secretariat will inform member countries of the specific activities through separate communications, highlighting information on the topic, scope, date/duration, venue, and logistical arrangements.

10. Financial Arrangements

To be borne by the APO

- a) All assignment costs of experts and NPO representatives; and
- b) Local implementation costs including conference rooms, documentation, and other preparatory costs if applicable.

To be borne by the host country or NPO

Part of the local implementation costs, if any.



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