

New Officer in the Secretariat

On 1 April, Dr. Jose Elvinia started at the APO Secretariat as a new program officer in the Research and Planning Department. The Filipino national was connected with the Department of Trade and Industry in the Philippines, where he had extensive professional experience in SME development and small business consultancy, SME productivity training, microfinance, trade promotion, and sector-based development. He also worked in universities in both Japan and the Philippines before joining the Secretariat. He has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Master's degrees in Business Administration and International Development. He earned a PhD in International Development from Nagoya University in 2008. Citing a major free-time interest as music, he hopes to enjoy musical performances while in Tokyo. As a program officer, Elvinia hopes to bring in new ideas on the research front.

