

MPC's Lean Performance Excellence Asian Summit 2013

he Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) in collaboration with Lean Applied, a company of established lean and Six Sigma practitioners in Malaysia, organized a summit to acknowledge the exceptional achievements and Lean Six Sigma journeys in various companies in Malaysia, held in Selangor, 26–27 February. Approximately 150 individuals from Malaysia and ASEAN countries representing various corporations and industry groups attended the summit. A parade of knowledgeable speakers from the Sime Darby Group, Petronas Gas, Kuwait Finance House, Malaysia Airports, MPC, CCM Fertilizers, and Lean Applied's global partners Valeocon Management Consulting from Italy and Japan shared their experiences and best practices in the area of lean production and management systems. The keynote address was delivered by MPC Director General Dato' Mohd. Razali Hussain, who



MPC Director Razali Hussain officiating at the opening ceremony of the summit.

has tirelessly championed the lean concept in Malaysia and throughout the APO membership.

The theme of the summit was Solidifying Operational Excellence via Convergence of Mindsets in Continuous Improvement and the objectives were to ensure that outstanding top managers emphasized continuous improvement as a routine practice and to provide a platform to discuss the most effective tools and techniques to promote a continuous improvement culture and share success stories of performance excellence. Summit delegates were also exposed to performance excellence modules in their par-



MOU signing by representatives of the MPC (R: Ahmad Fadzil), Valeocon Management Consulting (L: Massimo Appiotti) and Lean Applied Sdn. Bhd. (Shahril Goh Fadhil).

ticipants' kits as well as ideas and knowledge suitable for immediate application.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony also took place between Lean Applied–MPC–Valeocon to spread the lean approach worldwide. This agreement will intensify cooperation in and exchanges of continuous improvement knowledge, best practical experiences, and know-how among parties in the Americas, Europe, and Asia. The MOU will open the gateway for more meaningful collaborations on Lean Six Sigma hands-on projects and allow access to specialized tours of corporations leading the way in lean adoptions.