



Model Projects for Green Productivity

The APO Center of Excellence on Green Productivity (COE on GP) held a workshop on Development of Model Projects for Green Productivity 4–8 November 2013 in Taipei. Experts from Asia and Europe attended along with 23 representatives of APO member countries and 60 industrial leaders from the ROC. ROC President Ying-Jeou Ma joined participants and experts to witness the launch ceremony for the APO COE on 5 November. Secretary General Dr. Chiou-Huey Chiou of the Industrial Development Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs spoke at the opening ceremony of the workshop, kicking off the enhancement of GP through the sharing of knowledge and activities among national representatives and experts.

The workshop focused on four areas: resource recycling; green energy; green factories; and ecoagriculture. The attendees divided into four units based on these categories for intensive group work. On the final day of the workshop, the groups returned to share what they had learned and present their action plans. The recycling group visited two companies that have achieved great success in the recycling field, Da Ai Technology and Chung Tai Resource Technology Corp. The group examined the varied laws, regulations, and needs of the countries they represented.

Philippine delegates in the green energy group cited the frequent natural disasters in their country. They were impressed by their visit to LCY Group, a company that built solar power plants to provide energy to disaster victims. Group members planned to suggest these techniques to their governments and enterprises.

The green factory group visited Intelligent Living Space in Taipei as well as Champion Building Materials and Taiwan Semiconductor Co. to learn about strategies for pollution prevention and energy saving. Members of the group hoped to promote the utilization



ROC President Ying-jeou Ma (C) with APO Secretary-General Mari Amano (4th L) and other dignitaries launch the APO COE on GP, 5 November 2013. Photo courtesy of CPC.

of solar power, LED lighting, green building materials, and water-saving equipment in their home countries.

The ecoagriculture group visited an organic village and a rice farm in the eastern ROC, where symbiotic farming methods have been used for many years. Members learned how symbiotic relationships between rice and ducks, or fish and water bamboo, can improve crops and benefit the environment.

Through substantive communication on environmental issues and sharing of practical experience among all countries, the COE on GP in 2014 will continue to seek consensus for sustainable development and green technologies, working closely to maintain strategic positions in line with global trends and the needs of member countries. 🌱