Indonesia hosts 2007 WSM

The 47th Workshop Meeting of Heads of National Productivity Organizations (NPOs), the annual planning meeting of the APO, will be held on the beautiful resort island of Bali, Indonesia, 6–8 March. Approximately 70 NPO heads, agriculture representatives, and their advisers from member countries, observers from international organizations and from member and nonmember countries, and Secretariat staff members will attend the meeting. The inaugural session will be graced by Indonesian Minister of Manpower and Transmigration Erman Suparno; Governor of Bali Dewa Baratha; Secretary-General Harry Heriawan Saleh, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration; and APO Director for Indonesia Besar Setyoko. APO Secretary-General Shigeo Takenaka will present a statement to the meeting.

The meeting will review the evaluation of projects implemented in 2006 and the 2007 Program. It will also consider the two-year plan for 2008 and 2009, with a comprehensive examination of the 2008 Program. The delegates will be invited to comment on the Secretary-General's statement and share their insights on immediate challenges in the productivity movement in their countries and the role of stakeholders, including NPOs, in coping with them; essential NPO core competencies; and effective ways to share them with each other.

For the study tour, the delegates will visit the Museum Subak, which showcases the unique irrigation and water distribution systems in Bali; terraced rice cultivation at Jatiluwih, where the irrigation system is put to use; and Uber Sari Bali Corporation, a manufacturer of pottery, lamps, etc. for the home and garden.

The meeting will close with the adoption of a report for submission to the Governing Body Meeting to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 26–28 June.