## **Obituary**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the demise of APO Director for Japan and first Vice Chair of the APO Tadao Chino, who passed away on 17 July 2008 at the age of 74. Chino had served as the APO Director for Japan since 30 August 2005. He attended the 48th and 49th Governing Body Meetings in Seoul and Ulaanbaatar, in 2006 and 2007, respectively, where he actively participated and contributed significantly to the discussions on the new APO membership contribution formula, leading to its smooth adoption in Ulaanbaatar.