



## Comment board



Group Head **Pawan Kumar**, Energy Management, NPC, India.

Resource Person, e-learning course on Energy Efficiency (Phase I), 9–12 June.

“Thanks to the NPC, India, it was a rewarding experience being an APO resource person for this e-learning program. The content delivery was as innovative as its program design. In this first phase, 120 local participants from six NPOs took

part, and the course was designed with a good mix of lectures, Q&A sessions, small group activity, presentations on problem solving, and local field visits. It is a truly productive endeavor by the APO, which deserves to be replicated and carried forward on a much wider and more intense scale. The APO’s message from the initiative aptly seems to be: ‘We do not commute but we communicate.’”

Deputy Director **Dr. Ramesh Mittal**, National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, India.

Participant, training course on Supply Chain Management for Agribusiness Enterprises, 22–28 May, Thailand.

“I am involved in consultancy, training, research, education, and policy advocacy in India and throughout Southeast Asia. My focus is on the development of agribusiness and public–private partnership through entrepreneurship development. I took part in this training course to learn about supply chain management systems and acquire best practices and adaptation strategies to promote the

growth of agribusiness enterprises in India. Despite the difficulties in accommodating the different profiles, knowledge, and skills of a heterogeneous group, the program was well organized and implemented. Since learning is a lifelong activity, I hope that the APO will offer more projects on this topic. I will include the updated information and knowledge in my future course of action like lectures, research, and consultancy on this subject and also use them for agricultural improvement efforts in which I am involved.”

Research Assistant Professor **Dr. Josephine Ustoy Agravante**, University of the Philippines Los Baños.

Participant, training course on Postharvest Management of Horticultural Crops: Fruit and Vegetable Chains, 2–7 June, Pakistan.

“I was fortunate to be one of the participants in this training course. I joined this because I believed that my technical knowledge on postharvest management should be complemented with insights on the trading of fresh produce. The changing world economy and consumer demand necessitate that a postharvest specialist should have a holistic view of the supply chain. I wanted to learn strategies to enhance the market access and competitiveness of produce. The training was timely as I am part of a group implementing a project on enhancing exports of fresh fruit and vegetables. The topics were carefully thought of and very informative. The resource persons kept us on our toes, which was quite a challenge since many of us were fighting off jet lag. I hope that some of those topics will be captured in future training so that more people in this area will have the opportunity to learn them. I also plan to write a project proposal incorporating some of the concepts we learned from the training course.”