

## **APO Secretary-General meets Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo**



*(L-R): Takenaka, Kitayama, and President Arroyo*

APO Secretary-General Shigeo Takenaka and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Chairman and Chairperson of the EPIF Preparatory Committee Teisuke Kitayama, accompanied by local executive committee members for the Eco-products International Fair (EPIF), met President of the Philippines Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on the evening of 9 June 2008. The meeting preceded the official press conference on the EPIF 2009 on 10 June. Kitayama briefed President Arroyo on the progress of EPIF 2009 preparations and she expressed great interest in the fair. The organizers of the EPIF 2009, the APO, Development Academy of the Philippines, Philippine Business for the Environment, and EPIF 2009 Advisory Committee of the Philippines held the press conference at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila announcing details of the upcoming 5th EPIF to be held in Manila, 19–22 March 2009.