



Comment board



*Director **Praba Nair**, KDiAsia, Singapore.*

Chief expert, expert group meeting on Curriculum Development for the Basic Course on Knowledge Management, 19–21 March 2008, Philippines.

“The purpose of the meeting was to design the basic KM training course curriculum to enhance APO member countries’ capability in this area.

The meetings on KM commenced in September

2007 in Manila, the Philippines. A draft APO KM framework and KM implementation approach were formulated then. They were refined and finalized at the second meeting held in Kuala Lumpur in January 2008. KM training courses based on the APO KM framework were also proposed at the meeting. The latest meeting, in Cebu, the Philippines, was devoted to the identification of relevant topics for a training course. The meeting succeeded in finalizing the training curriculum for KM, including objectives, modules, contents, training methodology, and the template for presenting the training materials. It was characterized by lively exchanges of ideas thanks to the active participation of all experts. The training materials will be developed by the experts for the pilot APO Basic KM course to be held in September 2008.”

*Vice-Director **Nguyen Xuan Dinh**, International Cooperation Department, Vietnam Farmers’ Union.*

Participant, multicountry study mission on Best Cases of Green Supply Chains for Agribusiness SMEs, 10–14 March 2008, ROK.

“The mission was really interesting and useful for me, particularly in the context of rapid globalization. The mission equipped me with the essential

knowledge and practical experiences in green supply chain (GSC) development in the Republic of Korea. Through site visits, I could observe with my own eyes the effective application of environment-friendly technology in agribusiness, well-organized business practices for environmental protection, and interactive relationships among producers, scientists, government, businesses, and consumers. The mission satisfied my curiosity and furnished me with new ideas concerning GSC development in my country. However, the five-day program was a little too short to cover all the main issues, experiences, and concepts. I hope that the next program will be a little longer. I would also like to suggest that the APO organize a pilot project to demonstrate the applicability and practicality of major methodologies learned during the program.”

*Manager **Minoru Yamamoto**, Research & Development Division, and Manager **Toshikatsu Kanaoka**, Global Business Development Division, Fuji Xerox Learning Institute Inc., Japan.*

Participants, forum on Innovation and Competitiveness, 4–6 March 2008, Malaysia.

“This forum provided us the opportunity to discuss ‘innovation and competitiveness’ with representatives from other Asian countries. We quickly realized the diversity of Asia and different definitions or implications of innovation. We also noted that the uniqueness of each country or organization can be a source of innovation. The forum gave us new perspectives to understand the uniqueness of each country in which Fuji Xerox operates. We believe that this new view and knowledge will infuse the spirit of innovation into our work and business. We are now looking forward to reading the APO’s white paper on these issues complete with future plans and suggestions. We believe that it will provide guidelines and a framework for all APO member countries.”