



Comment board



Professor of MBA-International Business **Hirohisa Nagai**, University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Business Science, Japan.

Chief Expert, expert group meeting on Global Leadership in Singapore, 14–18 July, Singapore.

“Asia is one of the most diverse regions in terms of culture, language, religion, and ethnicity. Therefore, it is important for future Asian global leaders to have a diversity management perspective.

In that sense, joint research on Asian-based Global Leadership Competency among experts from major Asian countries is very useful to develop successful Asian global leaders. I deeply appreciate the APO’s initiatives on this matter and organized the expert group meeting as a follow-up to its global leadership development study meeting held in December last year. The first expert meeting took place in Singapore last July. The experts confirmed the definition of ‘Asian Global Leadership,’ and reviewed the construct model and survey methodology intensively. Currently, the expert team is conducting an empirical survey by means of interviews and pilot questionnaire surveys on high-performing Asian global leaders. I strongly believe that the outcome of this survey will provide a firm source for fostering the next generation of business leaders in the Asian context.”

Senior Management Counsellor **Asad Farooq Siddiqi**, Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM), Pakistan.

Participant, study meeting on Expansion and Development of the Service Industry in Asia, 17–20 June, Republic of Korea.

“Over the last decade, the service sector has been the largest contributor to GDP growth in Pakistan. As a faculty member of PIM, one of my responsi-

bilities is to conduct research and develop courses on issues that cater to the training requirements of industries in Pakistan. Given the impact of the service sector on economic development, it has become essential to create training courses in this area. Therefore, the study meeting was important for my organization and my country, since it provided opportunities for exploring possibilities for the development and expansion of this sector. I was able to obtain helpful information on designing and conducting training classes, seminars, and other programs for the service sector. The meeting dealt with various topics and issues through expert presentations, site visits, and group discussions, which I found very helpful and fruitful. The key factors to the success of the meeting were the informative presentations of resource speakers, great contributions of participants, and the interactions among the participants.”

Senior Lecturer **Dr. A.G. Thusitha Sugathapala**, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

Program coordinator, e-Learning Course on Energy Efficiency, 7–10 July (Phase 2).

“Energy efficiency and Green Productivity are very important areas under the present energy and environmental situations. Therefore, this kind of e-learning program is very useful for countries like Sri Lanka, which does not have many resources and facilities to conduct professional development programs for local personnel in these areas. Most participants were satisfied with the basic format of the course. They were in particular happy with the Q&A session after each lecture, incorporation of a case study in the curriculum, and arrangement of site visits. However, some participants expressed difficulties that they had experienced in following the wide scope of information on energy efficiency and Green Productivity within four days. They suggested that a balance among different sections and topics be achieved in future projects.”