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Operation & Maintenance Manager **Lim Aun Siong**, *Genting Sanyen Power Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia*. Participant, training of trainers in Green Productivity and Energy Efficiency, Kish Island, IR Iran, 15–19 November 2008.

“My initial aim in attending this project was to acquire training from the resource speakers in identifying and implementing energy efficiency projects. On Kish Island, not only were these objectives fulfilled, but also all participants benefited from various

other perspectives. The site visit to Kish Water and Power Company heightened our ability to spot energy-saving opportunities. The strong bonds developed among participants, all of whom were from different professions, organizations, and countries, also created a sturdy network of energy conservation-conscious individuals. We will communicate and share Green Productivity information and practices within this circle, together with the APO. On the last day of this short program, an examination recapitulated and reiterated the fundamentals of the training course topics. It was one of the major focal points that kept us enthused and stimulated throughout the five-day course.”

Chief of the Fishery Industry Development Support Division **Dr. Pilar F. Fontelar**, *Department of Agriculture, Philippines*.

Participant, training course on Food Safety Management for Seafood Processing and Marketing, Republic of China, 17–22 November 2008.

“I found the program very informative and helpful since it gave me a clear panoramic view of globalization, especially what it requires from fishery-based micro, small, and medium entrepreneurs when adopting new concepts of food safety management for seafood processing and marketing. The lack of knowledge and understanding of this subject has become the main constraint in

making those SMEs competitive and getting Philippine fish and fishery products to the global market. All the information and knowledge from the course, therefore, will be a great resource for my further research and policy proposals. In 2001, I took part in the APO multicountry study mission on Marine Product Marketing held in Japan. Based on what I learned then, I conducted action research that has blossomed into the Pinoy Fishmart Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PFMPC) which networks local fishing communities for collective marketing of their fish and fishery products. To date, the PFMPC has approximately 400 member communities nationwide.”

Director **Dr. Insook Jeong**, *Employment Statistics Division, Korea National Statistical Office*.

National Expert, Coordination Meeting on Research on Productivity Improvement in the Informal Sector, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1–3 December 2008.

“I feel that the sheer size of the informal employment sector and its contribution to the national economy make it worth attempting to measure statistically in Korea. This research is timely since the issue of informal employment, which is often characterized as having low wages, low skills, and weak job security, is very important, especially in the current socioeconomic context of Korea. This is because the recent global economic recession drives employees from formal-sector jobs on the verge of shrinkage and worsens occupational polarization in that limited options are available to people disadvantaged in the labor market such as women, youths, and the elderly. During the coordination meeting, experts were able to give due attention to the statistical measurement issues in the informal sector and identify common ground for international comparisons in the Asian region. It helped me greatly in laying out the statistical work that needs to be done for a clear understanding of this indispensable sector in Korea.”