

Promoting Green Productivity and energy efficiency

Based on the need for much broader applications of Green Productivity (GP) and energy efficiency (EE) in member countries, the APO initiated a series of projects to build capacity in this area. In 2007, an e-learning course followed by a face-to-face advanced training course was organized. As an offshoot, a manual titled *Working Manual on Energy Auditing in Industries* was printed and widely distributed. In 2008, a three-phase e-learning course delivered basic training on EE to 331 participants from 15 member countries. The outstanding participants in that e-learning course were selected for the advanced training course on Training of Trainers in GP and EE held in association with the National Iranian Productivity Center and Iranian Mines and Mining Development and Renovation on Kish Island, IR Iran, 15–19 November last year. They comprised 28 individuals selected on a merit basis from 11 member countries. Those participants, in consultation with the resource speakers, provided inputs for a training manual on energy management to be published in February 2009. Follow-up projects, called the national dissemination program/training course in each participating country, will be organized from the beginning of 2009. The participants in the previous advanced training course are expected to undertake sessions in national projects in the four member countries of Cambodia, Fiji, IR Iran, and Thailand and use both manuals for further dissemination of EE and energy management practices.