

Certification of 19 new ISO14001 lead auditors

The APO organized the Certified Lead Auditors' Training Course on the Environmental Management System (EMS): ISO14001 in Sri Lanka, 2–6 November 2009. EMS refers to the management of an organization's environmental programs in a comprehensive, systematic, planned, documented manner. The training course was conducted by two APO resource speakers from DNV India, an International Register of Certified Auditors-approved agency. It aimed to train participants to become EMS auditors, allowing them to develop and operate systems in compliance with ISO14001. Twenty participants from 13 member countries were selected from among those who had attended the APO e-learning course on Green Productivity and ISO14001 and had passed the exam with outstanding scores. Of the 20, 50% came from the private sector and the others from NPOs, the SME Foundation, Center for Environment, Technology Institute, etc. Nineteen successfully qualified as lead auditors. "The one-week training in EMS auditing was a good opportunity to learn by sharing our knowledge and experience and most especially to establish new friendships across the globe," said one Philippine participant celebrating with the other trainees when the exam results were announced.