

## Secretary-General's debut official trip

On 8 October, APO Secretary-General Ryuichiro Yamazaki visited Seoul, the Republic of Korea to discuss issues pending from the previous Governing Body Meeting with APO Chair Dr. Dong-kyu Choi, Korea Productivity Center (KPC) Chairman and CEO. Dr. Choi expressed his support for the Secretariat proposal on the review of the APO membership contribution formula. In response, Yamazaki thanked

the KPC for offering suggestions aimed at curbing the spikes in the percentage increases, which occurred in the 2011 and 2012 apportionment of membership contributions. After the meeting, Dr. Choi kindly gave Yamazaki a spontaneous tour of the KPC offices and training facilities. This was Yamazaki's first official trip to a member country, and he hopes to visit other countries in conjunction with APO projects.



*Secretary-General Yamazaki (center) observes a KPC training course with Chairman Dr. Choi (R), 8 October 2010. Photo courtesy of KPC*