

Two new officers at the Secretariat



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Yumiko Yamashita, a new program officer in the Industry Department of the APO Secretariat from 1 August, is a native of Yokohama and holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and Urban Development and a Master's in International Politics. She brings to the APO experience in both the public and private sectors, including the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Australian Trade Commission, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, specializing in the area of United Nations/international organization affairs.

Outside the workplace, she enjoys cooking, watching movies, and taking part in various musical activities. Yamashita also appreciates taking time to maintain her health and well-being through tennis, yoga, and walking.

At the Secretariat, Yamashita hopes to be able to contribute as much as possible, and in as many ways as possible, to the goals and objectives of the organization. Finally, she looks forward to working with colleagues and partners within the APO network while seeing and experiencing the energy and spirit of the Asia-Pacific region.



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Kritchai Anakamane, who became a program officer in the Industry Department of the APO Secretariat from 2 August, said that he felt "a new day had arrived" when he started in the position. Born in Bangkok, he received a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from famed Chulalongkorn University and then worked for Toyota Motor Thailand for 14 years. During that time, he became familiar with the Toyota Way and received an MBA.

Kritchai also worked with the Thailand Productivity Institute, where he was a consulting trainer in production management for five years and realized "how important the role of an NPO is in assisting in national productivity improvement." His current goal at the Secretariat is to broaden his perspective to encompass all APO member countries. Kritchai feels that, "Friendship among NPOs is essential to the success of the overall productivity movement."

Although Kritchai is serious about work, he describes himself as "a friendly guy with a typical Thai smile." Married with no children, Kritchai has visited Japan many times and is eager to learn more about its culture after settling into his role at the Secretariat.