

APO Workshop on Iron & Steel Foundry Technology for Supporting Industry

A workshop on Iron and Steel Foundry Technology for supporting Industry was held in Kaoshiung, Republic of China from 12 to 23 November 2001. This was fourth in a series implemented in the Kaoshiung to upgrade the technical and managerial capabilities of foundry industry in selected APO member countries. Foundry operation is basic to the development of the machinery industry and hence the assembly industry. It is widely believed that foundry industry has a great bearing on the development of other industries. The two major problems associated with foundry industry in developing countries are cited as management development and technological improvement. Recognizing the need to address these issues for the development of supporting industries which are immensely important for some of the APO member countries, the APO has organized this workshop to enable participants of selected APO member countries to share the experience and to be benefited by the technological strength of the host country. A total of 13 participants attended the program and all together eleven local resource persons were involved in the workshop.

The program was implemented by Metal industries Research and Development Center (MIRDC) and China Productivity Center (CPC). Dr. Shyh-Feng Yao, President of MIRDC and Mr. Frank Pai, Director International Cooperation Department of CPC



Participants on a company visit

and APO Liaison Officer from ROC welcomed the APO participants during the opening session. The program included lecture sessions, exercises and two company visits. Participants also presented their country paper during the workshop to share their country experiences with the fellow participants.