

NPO Heads to Meet in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Chiang Mai in northern Thailand will play host to the APO's 42nd Workshop Meeting of Heads of NPOs (national productivity organizations) on 19-21 February 2002. More than 60 delegates will converge there for the annual planning meeting of the APO. Apart from the Heads of NPOs, they comprise agriculture delegates from APO member countries, observers from other countries and international organizations with whom the APO has close collaborative relationships, and APO Secretariat members.

As a planning meeting, the delegates will evaluate the projects implemented last year, recommend remedial measures where needed, formulate the multi-year rolling plan, and undertake strategic planning. For this year's meeting, more time has been set aside for delegates to make their country presentation. They will also meet in smaller groups for more intensive deliberations. Their conclusions and proposals will be presented at plenary sessions for the information and adoption by other delegates. A final report will be submitted to the APO Governing Body at its 44th Session in June.

Mr. Manu Leopaiprote, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, and the APO Director for Thailand, will provide the inaugural address as the guest-of-honor. APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima will present his annual statement. The delegates will also receive a special presentation by the Secretary-General of the National Education Commission of Thailand, Dr. Rung Kaewdang.

Thailand Productivity Institute, the NPO of the host country based in Bangkok, is providing all the local logistical and organizational support.