

APO Secretariat has new Admin Director



Mr. N.G. Kularatne of Sri Lanka joined the APO Secretariat as its new Director of the Administration and Finance Department on 14 May 2002. He succeeded Mr. Danilo S. Tolentino who passed away in October last year. The position left vacant by Mr. Tolentino's demise was temporarily covered by Mr. Kensuke Tsuzuki, deputy director of the department, until Mr. Kularatne's appointment.

Prior to joining the APO, Mr. Kularatne was the Director-General of the National Institute of Business Management, the national productivity organization of Sri Lanka. During that time, he organized the productivity march in his country to commemorate the APO's 40th anniversary (see *APO News* January 2002 issue for a report on this event).

Mr. Kularatne had a distinguished career in the Sri Lankan Administrative Service. He had held the post of Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food and the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Research. He also served in the Sri Lankan Institute of Development Administration as its Additional Director.

Mr. Kularatne graduated from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura with a master's degree in public administration. He also holds a master's in business administration from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

M. Kularatne is married with four children.