APO/NPO update

New APO Director for Singapore

Mr. Cedric Foo, Minsiter of State for Defence, and Chairman, SPRING Singapore, was designated as the new APO Director for Singapore w.e.f. 1 April 2003 in place of Mr. Lim Boon Heng.

New APO Alternate Director for Bangladesh

Mr. Kanak Kanti Barua, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industries, was designated as the new APO Alternate Director for Bangladesh w.e.f. 6 April 2003 in place of Mr. Zamirul Akhtar.

New APO Director and Alternate Director for Indonesia

Mr. Kirnadi, Director-General, Manpower Development and Domestic Placement, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, was appointed as the new APO Director for Indonesia w.e.f. 19 January 2003 in place of Mr. Adang Farid Kantaprawira.

Mr. M. Moedjiman, Head of Training and Productivity Board, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, was appointed as the new APO Alternate Director for Indonesia w.e.f. 25 March 2003.

New APO Director, Alternate Director, and Liaison Officer for Lao PDR

On 21 March 2003, the APO Secretariat was notified by the Laos Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts (MIH) that all responsibilities relating to the NPO, NPO affairs, and the establishment of the NPO had been transferred from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to MIH. With this change, the following appointments were made:

Dr. Nam Viyaketh, Vice Minister, MIH, as the Acting APO Director for Laos in place of Mrs. Kanika Phommachnh.

Mr. Sutchay Sisuvong, Deputy Director-General, MIH, as the Acting APO Alternate Director in place of Dr. Somboune Manolom.

Mr. Sayasith Khamphasith, Head, Division of International Relations and Cooperation, MIH, as the Acting Liaison Officer in place of Mr. Thongkhoun Sengphachanh.

NPDC New Phone Number

From 21 March 2003, the contact number of the National Productivity and Development Center, Mongolia, has been changed to 976-11-326115.

NPEDC Phone and Fax Numbers

From 15 March 2003, the phone and fax numbers of the National Productivity and Economic Development Centre, Nepal, have been amended by adding a "4" to the beginning of the numbers as follows:

Phone: (977-1) 4350293 Fax: (977-1) 4350530.