

Manila to host APO annual planning meeting

The APO will hold its 43rd Workshop Meeting of Heads of National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) in Manila, the Philippines, 18–20 February. This is the APO's annual planning meeting with the NPO heads and the agriculture delegates of its member countries. Also in attendance will be the advisers of the delegates as well as observers from countries, NGOs, and international organizations that have close collaborative relationships with the APO. Staff members from the APO Secretariat will also be in attendance, making a total of about 60 delegates in all. The host organization is the Productivity Development Center, Development Academy of the Philippines.

The workshop meeting will evaluate the previous year's projects, undertake strategic planning, formulate the detailed programs for the next two years, and deliberate on productivity issues. The report of the workshop pro-

ceedings will be submitted to the APO Governing Body, which meets a few months later, for information and approval.

The workshop meeting will be officially inaugurated by the Philippine Secretary for Social-Economic Planning and Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority, Romulo L. Neri. The opening session will also be graced by the Philippine Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Elisea G. Gozun, who will give the keynote address. APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima will present a statement.

A traditional feature of the meeting is a special presentation on a subject of current interest to APO member countries. This year's theme is "Sustainable Rural/Community Development" and the speaker will be Dr. Cielito F. Habito, Professor of Economics, Ateneo de Manila University.