

## From the SECRETARY-GENERAL'S schedule

February 2003

*6–7 February*

APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima attended the 41st “Kansai Zaikai Seminar” in Kyoto. It was a joint annual event of the Kansai Economic Federation and Kansai Association of Corporate Executives, and supported by the Kansai Productivity Center. The theme of the seminar this year focused on the efforts of the Kansai region to revitalize the Japanese economy through the enhancement of good governance and competitiveness.

*10–11 February*

Official visit to Sri Lanka, at the invitation of the Sri Lankan Government, to attend the National Productivity Award and National Quality Award Presentation Ceremony in Colombo. As a guest of honor, Mr. Tajima delivered a special address and presented awards to winners in the school sector.



*Mr. Tajima delivering his special address in Sri Lanka*

During his visit, he paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Employment and Labour, Mahinda Samarasinghe; visited Ceylon Cold Stores Limited, 1st runner-up in the National Productivity Award (manufacturing sector); and toured the productivity exhibition held in conjunction with the award presentation (see p. 5 for full report).

*11 February*

On his return from Colombo to Tokyo, the Secretary-General made a one-day stopover in Singapore to meet with Lim Boon Heng, APO Director for Singapore and Chairman, SPRING Singapore, and the following senior executives of SPRING Singapore: Deputy Chairman Cedric Foo, Chief Executive Lee Suan Hiang, who is also the APO Alternate Director for Singapore, and Deputy Chief Executive Freddy Soon.

*18–20 February*

Attended the APO 43rd Workshop Meeting of Heads of National Productivity Organizations in Manila, the Philippines.