


# New APO Chairman and Vice Chairmen

The APO Governing Body comprises one director from each member country. Each year, it elects from among its members a Chairman and two Vice Chairmen who will, together with the Secretary-General, decide on important and pressing matters when the Governing Body is not in session. In the past, the posts of APO Chairman and the two Vice Chairmen usually went to the more senior APO Directors based on length of service. To give each member country a chance to serve in these capacities, this practice was revamped in this year's meeting. The APO chairmanship is now assigned on rotational basis by country, beginning with Bangladesh. Thus, under this new system, at the 45th Session of the Governing Body, Mr. A.F.M. Sarwar Kamal, APO Director for Bangladesh, was elected the APO Chairman for 2003–2004. Mr. Shen-Hsiang Hsu, Acting APO Director for the Republic of China, and Mr. Brian Singh, APO Director for Fiji, were appointed the First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman, respectively. 



*(L-R) Mr. Brian Singh, 2nd Vice Chairman; Mr. Yung-Hsiang Chen, Representing Mr. Shen-Hsiang Hsu, 1st Vice Chairman; Mr. A.F.M. Sarwar Kamal, APO Chairman; and the APO Secretary-General, Mr. Takashi Tajima*