

## — Introducing the APO Secretariat (III) —


In the June and August issues, we carried nutshell reports on the activities of the APO Secretariat's Administration and Finance Department and the Research and Planning (R&P) Department as part of a series to introduce the work of the organization. Our focus in this issue is the Industry Department.

### *Industry Department*

The Industry Department is the largest in the Secretariat in terms of the number of projects undertaken each year. Its work dovetails with that of the R&P Department, that is, moving from a macro to micro perspective. While the R&P Department evaluates major trends and national socio-economic issues to identify emerging needs of member countries, the Industry Department organizes training courses, seminars, workshops, and study missions (both individual country and multi-country), and dispatches technical experts to enable industrial and service enterprises in member countries to meet their immediate needs and to enhance their productivity. This department also manages the APO Technical Expert Services Program and Member Country Support Program.

The Industry Department is currently testing various e-learning options, made possible by information and communications technology, to find more

cost-effective delivery systems for its various programs as well as enabling them to reach a wider group of people, particularly those located far from the major cities. It is also endeavoring to expand the productivity movement in the public and civil sectors.

The Director of the Industry Department is Ken Inoue, a keen advocate of the paperless office. Working with him are three officers—Dr. Syed Ahmad, Song-Hyun Choi, and Kamlesh Prakash—and four general staff—Sumie Horiuchi, Noriko Kasai, Emiko Iwasaki, and Akemi Oikawa. 



*(L-R) Oikawa, Kasai, Ahmad, Inoue, Horiuchi, and Iwasaki. In the insets Choi (L) and Prakash*