

From the SECRETARY-GENERAL'S schedule

August 2003

6 August

APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima attended the opening session of the APO seminar on “Better Agricultural Practices for Environmental Sustainability” held in the APO Secretariat and gave the welcome address.

Received Mr. Ken Okaniwa, the newly appointed Director of the Multilateral Cooperation Division, Economic and Technical Cooperation Bureau, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who with his predecessor Mr. Moriyasu Ito paid a courtesy visit to the APO Secretariat.

7 August

Received Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos, who paid a courtesy call on the Secretary-General at the Secretariat. The deputy prime minister was accompanied by Laos Ambassador to Japan Mr. Soukthavone Keola, Japanese Ambassador to Laos Mr. Hiroshi Hashimoto, and the following officers from the Laos Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Mr. Sayakane Sisouvong, Director of the Department of ASEAN, and Mr. Sithong Chinthoithinh, Director of the Department of Asia Pacific and Africa.



Seated (L-R) Ambassador Soukthavone, Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat, SG Tajima, and Ambassador Hashimoto

26 August

Hosted a luncheon for members of the working party on the survey on “Comparative Study of Basic Agricultural Policies in Member Countries” who were meeting in Tokyo at the APO Secretariat, 26–28 August.

Attended the first meeting of the APO Green Productivity Advisory Committee in Tokyo. Membership in the Advisory Committee was by special invitation from the APO. About 30 corporate representatives took part in the meeting (*see front page for full report*).

27 August

Paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Jiro Ushio, Chairman of the Japan Productivity Center for Socio-Economic Development, at his office in Ushio Inc.