APO/NPO update

Laos establishes NPO

Laos has announced the establishment of its national productivity organization called Lao NPO. APO Alternate Director for Laos Soutchay Sisouvong is the NPO Head. Vice Head is Senekham Vongvoralath. APO Liaison Officer for Laos is Sayasith Khamphasith. All three officials are from the Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts. The office of Lao NPO is located at the Centre for Industrial Research and Development. Contact address is: Nongbone Road P.O. Box 4708, 01005 Ban Fai Area, Xaysetha District, Vientiane, Lao PDR (Phone: 856-21-416718; Fax: 856-21-413005; e-Mail: mihlaoex@laotel.com).

New APO Director for Philippines

Ms. Margarita R. Songco, Assistant Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority, was designated as the new APO Director for Philippines w.e.f. 20 May 2003, in place of Dr. Gilberto M. Llanto.