

## From the SECRETARY-GENERAL'S schedule

### March 2004

#### *1-2 March*

APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima made an official trip to Malaysia to attend the International Forum on Green Productivity to Enhance Competitiveness and Sustainability held in Penang, 1-2 March (*see page 5 for full report*). During the visit, he also paid a courtesy call on Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, APO Director for Malaysia and Chairman, National Productivity Corporation, Malaysia, in Kuala Lumpur.

#### *8-9 March*

Attended the APO Top Management Forum in Kyoto. This year's theme was "Corporate Strategic Alliances for Economic Development in Asia."

#### *12 March*

Received Dr. S.K. Pachauri, Director-General, National Productivity Council of India, who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat. Dr. Pachauri made a stopover in Tokyo after attending the APO Top Management Forum on Corporate Strategic Alliances for Economic Development in Asia. He was given briefings by the Secretariat departmental directors.

#### *22 March*

Received Dr. Shoaib Ahmed, current APO Chairman and APO Director for Bangladesh and Secretary, Ministry of Industries, who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat. Dr. Ahmed was accompanied by APO Liaison Officer for Bangladesh Abdul Baqui Chowdhury and National Productivity Organisation Senior Research Officer Md. Belayet Hussain Choudhry. The Bangladeshi delegation was visiting the Japan Productivity Center for Socio-Economic Development (Tokyo) and Thailand Productivity Institute (Bangkok) under the APO Bilateral Cooperation Between NPOs Program.



*(L-R) Mr. Tajima, Dr. Ahmed, and Mr. Chowdhury*

#### *29 March*

Received Colombo Plan Secretary-General Kittipan Kanjanapipatkul, who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat.