

From the SECRETARY-GENERAL'S schedule

January 2004

12-13 January

APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima visited Vientiane, Laos, to attend the National Roundtable Conference on Productivity organized by the Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts and presented a speech at the inaugural session, which was also graced by Lao Prime Minister Boun Nhang Vorachith and Minister for Industry and Handicrafts Onneua Phommachanh (*see front page for full report*). During his stay in Laos, Mr. Tajima paid courtesy calls on Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Somsavat Lengsavad; Minister Onneua Phommachanh; Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Dr. Siene Saphangthong; Lao Federation of Trade Unions' Acting President Dr. Bosaykham Vongdara; and President Kissana Vongsay of the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

21 January

In the morning, attended the opening session of the study meeting on "Enhancing Food Certification Systems for Better Marketing," APO Secretariat. In the afternoon, attended the second meeting of the Green Productivity Advisory Committee (*see page 8 for full report*).

22 January

Received Dato' Mustafa Mansur, President of the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers, who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat. Mr. Mustafa was in Tokyo to attend the Green Productivity Advisory Committee meeting.

28 January

Received Lao Deputy Prime Minister Bouasone Boupphavanh, who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat. The Deputy Prime Minister was accompanied by Mr. Bounhap Shihapanya, Deputy Director-General of the Secretariat, Office of the Party Central Committee; Mr. Soukthavone Keola, Lao Ambassador to Japan, and Mr. Itsuo Hashimoto, the Japanese Ambassador to Laos.



At left is Mr. Takashi Tajima and at far right is Deputy Prime Minister Bouasone Boupphavanh. Ambassador Soukthavone Keola is seated next to the DPM