

From the SECRETARY-GENERAL'S schedule

December 2003

1 December

APO Secretary-General Takashi Tajima met with members of the APO study mission on productivity promotion from Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat.

5 December

Received productivity promotion mission members from Paraguay and Brazil organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

8 December

Attended the Japan Forum on International Relations' workshop on "The Role of Japan in Asia," in Tokyo. The theme was "Asia as an Economic Community: How Can Japan and East Asia Coexist in the Age of Globalization?"

In the evening, the Secretary-General took part in a forum on "The Rise of China and the Changing Face of East Asia" hosted by the Institute for International Policy Studies, Japan.

11 December

Attended the International Forum on "Green Purchasing and Sustainable Consumption" held in Tokyo as part of the Eco-Products 2003 Exhibition. Delivered the opening remarks at the workshop on green purchasing held the next day.

12 December

Attended the Japan Quality Award presentation ceremony in Tokyo sponsored by the Japan Quality Award Council and Japan Productivity Council for Socio-Economic Development.

16 December

Received members of a high-level Fijian mission to Japan sponsored by the APO under the Bilateral Cooperation between National Productivity Organizations (BCBN) Program who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat. Mission members included Minister for Labour, Industrial Relations, and Productivity Kenneth Zinck; Secretary Ratu Seremaia Tui Cavuilati, Public Service Commission; Director-General Jone Usamate, Training and Productivity Authority of Fiji (TPAF) and APO Director for Fiji; APO Liaison Officer Saverio Baleikanacea; and TPAF Manager for Productivity and Quality Training Karan Yogesh Jitendra. Mission members also met with the departmental directors of the Secretariat.

17 December

Attended the Second Asia Symposium on "New Possibilities in Japan-China Relations," Tokyo, organized by Genron NPO, a private non-profit organization.

18 December

Met with BCBN mission members from Vietnam to Japan: Dr. Nguyen Quan, Director for Personnel and Organization, Ministry of Science and Technology; Mr. Pham Tran, Deputy Director-General, Directorate for Standard and Quality, and Ms. Nguyen Thi Bich Hang, Managing Director, Vietnam Productivity Center, and APO Alternate Director-cum-Liaison Officer for Vietnam. The mission was also briefed by the Secretariat's departmental directors.