

Statement from Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim in appreciation of Mr. Takashi Tajima


The APO News has received a statement of appreciation to Mr. Takashi Tajima, immediate past Secretary-General of the APO, from Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, APO Director for Malaysia and Chairman of the Malaysian National Productivity Corporation (NPC). Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim is the most senior member of the APO Governing Body who has served the longest in this capacity and attended the most sessions of the Governing Body. We thank him for his statement and it is our pleasure to publish it below.



Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim

The NPC Malaysia would like to put on record its sincere appreciation to Mr. Takashi Tajima for his stewardship in making the APO better known in the region when he was the Secretary-General. The enhanced international profile of the APO has benefited the NPC Malaysia and other member countries. A case in point was the recently concluded Eco-Products International Fair held at the Mid-Valley Exhibition Center in Kuala Lumpur. This event was particularly significant as it was the first time that it was held outside Japan.

Mr. Tajima's three-pillared vision of the APO—strengthening competitiveness, harmonizing productivity increases with environmental protection, and achieving social fairness—has the general endorsement of the NPOs. During his tenure as the Secretary-General, we have seen changing and progressive productivity programs being hosted and facilitated by the NPOs. It was through Mr. Tajima's leadership and guidance that the NPC Malaysia was able to share its productivity know-how with other countries in Asia and the Pacific. This has contributed to the further honing of its expertise. The NPC Malaysia has grown in strength and reputation as the premier productivity institution in the country over the past six years. In addition, the new programs initiated by Mr. Tajima also addressed the development of the knowledge-based economy, a subject of particular interest to Malaysia. The NPC Malaysia is also pleased to express our appreciation to Mr. Tajima for his efforts in soliciting the support of senior governmental leaders for member countries' productivity movements in general and the NPOs in particular.

We are not able to thank Mr. Tajima enough for all his contributions to the APO and NPC Malaysia. On behalf of Malaysia, I would like to take this opportunity to wish him the very best in his future undertakings. We look forward to working with him in his continual efforts to promote and sustain international cooperation. 

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