

APO Society for Bangladesh holds annual meeting

The APO Society for Bangladesh, an alumni association of participants in APO projects, held its sixth Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 19 May 2005 to elect 41 executive council members for 2005 and 2006. Minister for Industries Motiur Rahman Nizami inaugurated the AGM, which was presided over by society President Sharif M. Afzal Hossain.

In his inaugural speech, Minister Rahman Nizami noted that since the private sector has become a key player in industrial development, the government gradually will come to play only the role of facilitator. He added that in the new millennium there is no alternative other than the promotion of higher productivity in the industrial sector, which calls for trained and dedicated manpower. Therefore, APO participants trained both in local and overseas programs should take the lead as honest, capable, and efficient professionals in applying modern management techniques with the use of appropriate advanced technology for overall productivity improvement.

Abdus Salam Pintu, Deputy Minister for Industries, and Muhammad Nurul Amin, Secretary, Ministry of Industries and APO Director for Bangladesh, were present as special guests at the occasion. Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam,



(L-R) Shariff M. Afzal Hossain, Muhammad Nurul Amin, Motiur Rahman Nizami, Abdus Salam Pintu, Nazrul Islam

Director of Bangladesh's NPO, gave the vote of thanks. Around 200 participants in previous APO projects were also in attendance.

The inaugural session was followed by a seminar on the Role of Women Entrepreneurs in Productivity for Poverty Alleviation. The keynote paper was presented by Nasreen Awal Mintu, President of the Women Entrepreneurs' Association of Bangladesh. Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Information, chaired the session. 