

New officer at APO Secretariat

K.D. Bhardwaj took up his duties as a program officer in the Environment Department at the APO Secretariat, effective 3 October. Bhardwaj holds a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from M.S. University, Baroda, and first-class honors in a postgraduate program in Industrial Pollution Prevention and Control from the Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Productivity, Chennai, India. His most recent post at the National



Productivity Council (NPC), India, where he was employed for the past 10 years, was Deputy Director (Environment). Projects Bhardwaj was involved in at the NPC covered such fields as hazardous and solid waste management, water pollution control, air pollution monitoring and control, environmental impact assessment, and preparation of environmental management plans. That background makes him uniquely qualified to take on his new role at the Secretariat.

Describing himself as a simple, down-to-earth, and work-loving person, Bhardwaj enjoys surfing the Internet and watching television in his free time. He is married and has one daughter.