

New officer at APO Secretariat

Yasuko Asano began employment as an officer in the Research and Planning Department of the APO Secretariat on 1 December. Educated in Japan, the USA, and Europe, the multilingual Asano has held a variety of positions in international organizations, including the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation, Japanese Cabinet; UNICEF Afghanistan Country Office, working in Islamabad, Pakistan,



and Kabul and Kandahar to reintegrate returnee children into the Afghani education system; World Food Programme, Rome; and United Nations Development Programme, Tokyo. Her interest in research, knowledge of the structures and functions of international bodies, and experience in cross-cultural communication will be an advantage in her new position at the Secretariat.

In her hours off the job, Asano enjoys traveling, cooking, and reading. She practices yoga and likes to swim, describing herself as a “beginner in golf.”