

Policy development for GP promotion

The APO workshop on Policy Development for Green Productivity Promotion in the ROC was hosted by the China Productivity Center through its Center of Excellence on Green Productivity (COE on GP), 10–13 March. Twenty-one participants, mainly from GP-related government agencies, from 15 member countries and two observers from the Environment and Cleaner Production Institute of Turkey attended. Since a key objective of the COE on GP is encouraging the spread of GP practices in member countries, especially resource recycling, green energy, green factories, and eco-agri innovation, the workshop was meant to build capacities for ensuring sustainable approaches in policy legislation and program formulation to reduce the environmental impact of operations and enhance the quality of life.

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of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, ROC, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share its achievements in GP-related policies with APO member economies. ROC Foreign Ministry Counselor Lee Jin-sheng welcomed participants along with Dr. Eugene Chien, Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy. Resource person Liana Bratasida, former Deputy Minister of the Environment of Indonesia, emphasized the importance of GP in the context of sustainable development, while Dr. Peter Noel King, senior policy advisor of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, focused on the present state of the environment in the region and its implications for sustainable development. The workshop ended with action plan presentations by participants. They all intend to share to what they learned from the workshop with their colleagues and others so that a potential public policy or program can be considered at the national level. 