

New Secretariat Staff

Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain started as Program Officer in the Secretariat Agriculture Department on 1 April. He earned a PhD in Agriculture in Crop Science from the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University, Japan, in 2008. Prior to joining the APO, he worked in Friends In Village Development Bangladesh, a national NGO as Sustainable Agriculture Advisor and Chief Agricultural Coordinator. Earlier, Dr. Tanveer was a Director of the Agriculture and Environment Division of PMUK (Centre for Sustained Human Development) from 2008–2010. As an agronomist and plant physiologist, Dr. Tanveer was employed at the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute from 1994 to 2008. He was awarded the grand prize in the Organic Farming Innovation Award from the International Federation Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM) on 2011 in the ROK. Dr. Tanveer is also an elected Board Member of IFOAM-Asia. Coming to the Secretariat after more than 20 years of experience in sustainable, safe agricultural practices, Dr. Tanveer hopes to contribute to the APO's strategic directions in terms of organics, GAP, agribusiness and value chains, and other agricultural programs to achieve the APO's Vision 2020. He is married and likes to play badminton and cricket, in addition to being very fond of Japanese food such as okonomiyaki, tempura, and Sanuki udon. 🍡



Ta-Te Yang joined the APO Secretariat as Program Officer on 1 April 2015. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from National Taiwan University, where he minored in political science. He also holds a Master of Business Administration in industrial economics from National Central University, ROC, where he focused on East Asian economic development, and a Master of Philosophy in development studies from the University of Cambridge, UK. Prior to joining the APO, he served as Policy Research Officer in the Australian Office, Taipei, with a focus on economic policy analysis and regional economic relations. His professional experience involves research and analysis on trade and investment, government finance, the financial sector, energy, foreign aid, and bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation. He also maintains a personal interest in economic history, cultural studies, and performing arts. Yang is fascinated by the vibrant growth and diverse cultures of Asian countries and he looks forward to contributing to the cooperation among APO member countries. Outside the office, he enjoys films, theater, and travel and is keen to explore the unique features of each member country. Based in Tokyo, he is excited and ready to experience the dazzling cultural activities that the metropolis proudly offers. 🍡

