

## Agricultural productivity measurement

The APO in partnership with the National Iranian Productivity Organization (NIPO) organized a workshop on Agricultural Productivity Measurement in Tehran, IR Iran, 22–26 August. APO Director for Iran and NIPO Head Dr. Roya Tabatabaei Yazdi delivered inaugural remarks. Secretary-General Mari Amano gave welcome remarks via a video link. Twenty-four participants from 12 member economies, six local observers, and four resource persons attended. The workshop consisted of presentations by resource persons on agricultural productivity (AP) measurement and monitoring, sharing of country experiences, hands-on exercises on measuring and interpreting AP, and visits to two model farms engaged in the commercial production of pistachios and ornamental plants.

The widespread view among the experts and participants was that increased AP was crucial in achieving national food security and economic growth, and that building national capacities for productivity measurement and monitoring was essential to strengthen national policies, planning, and programs on AP improvement in the region. Additionally, the experts believed that estimation of a set of output-input combinations that are technically feasible at different times in various production environments, as well as for specific



*The owner of Bharam Jafari Greenhouse in Tehran explaining the best practices of commercial floriculture.*

periods and environments, was needed to understand the economic drivers of AP change in Asia.

Participants reached a consensus on recommendations that would advance AP measurement and analysis in the APO membership ([www.apo-tokyo.org/publications/outcome\\_documents/](http://www.apo-tokyo.org/publications/outcome_documents/)) and pledged to utilize and disseminate the knowledge, skills, and lessons learned. 🌐