

International Forum on the APO COE on GP



Secretary-General Amano engaging with Mr. Han-Yuan Wang, Counselor of Ministry of Foreign Affairs during forum sessions. Photo courtesy of CPC.

As one of the major milestones in its role as the APO Center of Excellence on Green Productivity (COE on GP), the ROC hosted the 2015 International Forum on the APO COE on GP in Taipei, 12 and 13 November. The forum brought together various local as well as international experts and speakers to review various green methods and practices around the region.

Noting the ROC's designation as the COE on GP in April 2013, in his opening remarks APO Secretary-General Mari Amano lauded the valuable leadership shown by the ROC in sharing GP practices and technologies with other economies in Asia. He also noted the establishment of the ROC GP Advisory Committee (GPAC) and hoped it would be successful in evolving the GP concept.

China Productivity Center (CPC) President Dr. Chan Pao-Cheng welcomed and expressed gratitude to all guests, noting the importance of the forum in creating a platform for local and international experts to exchange best practices in the promotion of GP, especially at a time of heightened awareness of the need for sustainable development worldwide. Speaking on the ROC's role as the COE on GP, he hoped that its experience in this area would "help facilitate sustainable growth in APO member countries as we work together

to transform the Asia-Pacific region into a global benchmark area for green competitiveness."

As the keynote speaker, APO COE on GP Advisor Dr. Eugene Chien shared recent global as well as regional trends in efforts to combat climate change through the reduction of carbon emissions. He stressed the immediate need of APO economies to promote their "green responsibility" in scaling up efforts and policies to achieve energy efficiency.

Professor Allen H. Hu of the National Taipei University of Technology addressed the need for GP in the area of corporate sustainability. Highlighting current issues in corporate social responsibility practices as well as the inequality of global wealth distribution, he underlined the growing complexity of the role played by businesses in the creation of a green economy.

The forum was part of a series of events spread over two days, comprising the annual ROC GPAC meeting along with a commemoration of the CPC's 60th anniversary. The opening event of the anniversary celebration was attended by ROC President Ma Ying-Jeou, who also presented the APO National Award to one of the 2015 recipients, Director of the Industrial Development Bureau Dr. Ming-Ji Wu. 🌱