

APO members examine bio-agritechniques

Green Revolution technologies contributed immensely to crop productivity and food security in developing countries but at a cost, since chemical fertilizers and pesticides have negative food safety and environmental impacts. This means that the world needs more sustainable, economically viable agricultural practices.

To take this further, the APO organized the 1st International Conference on Biofertilizers and Biopesticides in

Taichung, ROC, 23–26 August. It was attended by 46 participants from 13 member nations and 70 local observers representing government, the private sector, NGOs, farmers' associations, and academia who examined new bio-agritechniques for optimal crop growth and pest control. They also formulated recommendations on policy and regulatory environments to encourage the adoption of such techniques. The *APO News* will publish the document containing the recommendations in the next issue. 