

Program calendar

December

Sri Lanka

Coordination meeting for the research on Productivity Improvement in the Informal Sector, 1–3 December.

- ▶ Objective: To perform comparative analysis of the nature, functions, and contributions of the informal sector, as well as informal sector-related policy frameworks in the targeted economies.
- ▶ National experts: Government officials, National Statistics Office statisticians, and academics in research institutions or universities involved in the informal sector.

Thailand

Workshop on the One Village, One Product Model for Sustainable Rural Development, 15–19 December.

- ▶ Objective: To assess the present status of the One Village, One Product (OVOP) movement in member countries; enhance the understanding of the essential elements of OVOP success and sustainability; and formulate strategies for enhancing the OVOP/One Tambon, One Product (OTOP) movements.
- ▶ Participants: National and local governmental officials and administrators responsible for OVOP/OTOP programs, and officials and extension personnel of academic and training institutions involved in rural community development.

e-Learning Course

Social Accountability Management Systems: SA 8000 (based on the Global Development Learning Network of the World Bank platform).

- Phase 1: 23–25 September for Fiji, Lao PDR, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam;
- Phase 2: 14–16 October for Bangladesh, Indonesia, IR Iran, Malaysia, and Pakistan; and
- Phase 3: 2–4 December for Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

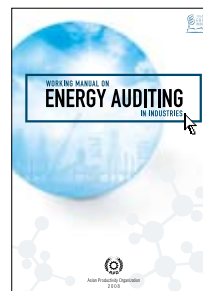
- ▶ Objectives: To train in the SA 8000 standards, requirements, and application to enhance corporate social responsibility and productivity.
- ▶ Participants: Personnel involved in social accounting audits, potential auditors of SA 8000, NPO consultants, or those interested in SA 8000.

Kindly contact your NPO for details of future activities, including eligibility for participation. The project details along with the address of your NPO are available from the APO Web site at www.apo-tokyo.org.

The APO News is soliciting contributed articles on productivity endeavors, rewarding experiences during and after APO projects, and/or encouraging and inspiring examples of the productivity mindset in action, which will provide new ideas and energy to the dissemination of the productivity movement in member countries. Those whose articles are accepted for publication will receive an APO T-shirt. If you would like to share your valuable experiences, please contact Information Officer Sunju Lee at the APO Secretariat (slee@apo-tokyo.org).



New APO publication



Working Manual on Energy Auditing in Industries

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ISBN: 92-833-7069-4 (e-edition)

Photo report



Hsing-Yi Farmer's Association manager (L) explaining food-processing procedures
Multicountry Observational Study Mission on Value-adding Technologies for Fruit and Vegetables, ROC, 14–18 July 2008.



APO Liaison Officer for Thailand Tassaneeya Attanon presenting a token of appreciation to George T.K. Quek for his presentation during the APO Society Talks on Tour 2008 in Phuket, Thailand, 1 August. APO Society Talks are quarterly public seminars organized by the APO alumni body of the Thailand Productivity Institute.

APO/NPO update

New APO Director for Bangladesh

Mr. Sheikh Enayetullah, Secretary of the Ministry of Industries, was appointed new APO Director for Bangladesh, w.e.f. 4 August 2008.

New APO Liaison Officer for Sri Lanka

Mr. P.G. Jayasinghe, Director, Planning, Research and Development Division, Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower, was appointed new APO Liaison Officer for Sri Lanka, w.e.f. 24 July 2008.