



ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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1. **Project Code** 14-RP-12-GE-DON-C-01
2. **Project Title** Development of the Center of Excellence
3. **Project Activity** Expert Panel Meeting on the Development of the Green Productivity Excellence Awards Framework
4. **Duration** 1–3 October 2014 (three days)
5. **Venue** Taipei, Republic of China
6. **Number of Experts** Seven experts
7. **Background**

The APO has long been implementing numerous projects and supporting initiatives in member countries that promote the adoption of Green Productivity (GP) as an approach to achieve sustainable development. In this regard, GP has been serving as a key strategy to achieve not only productivity increase but also positive contributions to the environment. In the 55th session of the GBM in Tokyo in May 2013, the body approved the establishment of the APO Center of Excellence on GP (COE on GP) in the Republic of China. As the COE on GP operates under the auspices of the CPC, it supports the APO in the promotion and implementation of projects in key areas under the GP banner.

In order to heighten awareness among organizations, companies, and individuals for continuous improvement and innovative approaches in promoting sustainability, the COE on GP is exploring award mechanisms to recognize outstanding environmental performance and contributions. This initiative will both motivate stakeholders and spread the concept of environmentally sustainable economic development. Multiple eco-sustainability award programs are in place within and outside the APO region, but there is no common framework for a GP excellence framework. Given the demand by APO member countries to recognize the outstanding commitment and practices of all organizations, companies, and individuals dedicated to enhancing productivity and environmental performance, devising a GP Excellence Award Framework is one major activity of the COE on GP.

The Secretariat is convening an expert panel meeting to bring together award administrators in the APO region to discuss existing awards and recognition schemes and develop a framework for the GP Excellence Awards. The experts attending the meeting should be directly involved in award programs and willing to share their own experiences, schemes, and practices.

8. Objectives

- a. To assess and discuss existing award and recognition schemes developed by different organizations which are related to GP and the environment, including their outstanding features and mechanics of implementation; and
- b. To develop a framework for the GP Excellence Awards which can be adopted by the COE on GP and APO member countries.

9. Financial Arrangements

To be borne by the host country (Republic of China)

- a. Per diem allowances and hotel accommodation for up to six overseas experts and one expert from the Republic of China for up to four days at the rate to be specified later.
- b. All local implementation costs.

To be borne by the APO

- a. All participation costs for selected overseas experts to attend the meeting in Taipei;
and
- b. All assignment costs of overseas experts.


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