

**Welcome Remarks**  
**Opening Session of the Coordination Meeting**  
**September 6, 2011**  
**9:00 to 10:00 AM, Chang Chin Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**By Mr. Somdy Inmyxai, Chair of APO Governing Body 2011-2012**

Dr. Guo-Ming Wang, Managing Director of the China Productivity Center,  
Dr. Pao-Cheng Chang, CPC President,  
APO Secretary-General Ryuichiro Yamazaki,  
Experts and Coordinators,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning!

On behalf of the APO Governing Body and the membership of the APO, I wish to convey my sincere appreciation to the Republic of China, including its government institutions that have made possible this milestone project - the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the China Productivity Center, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Tokyo.

The timely and substantive grant provided by the ROC to undertake this Special 50th anniversary publication project is a reassuring reminder of ROC's long-term stake in the sustainable socio-economic development of the Asia-Pacific region.

As one of the founders of the APO, the ROC, through the years, has been a dynamic partner in the exchange of capacity-building knowledge, best practices, and innovations with other APO members.

The ROC has also consistently shown its generosity in extending much needed resources on special projects, most recent of which is the APO Africa Program, which has allowed the APO to reach far beyond its borders into Pan Africa to advocate the productivity movement. The Africa Program was initiated through a special grant from the Government of Japan.

At the April 2011 meeting of the APO Governing Body in Kuala Lumpur, the APO's new vision, mission, and strategic directions for the next decade were approved. Aiming for the ultimate goal of sustainable socio-economic development of all members, the APO has set its sights on the following drivers - innovation, green

productivity, and enterprise development to propel productivity improvements in our member economies.

I am pleased to note that we share these development principles with the ROC and I believe that it is this common commitment that inspired the ROC Government to readily agree to provide the grant for this anniversary project. The APO is encouraged by this gesture because it showed that despite the current financial challenges we all face in our in our economies, worthy project ideas will attract grant funding from our members.

Through ROC's generous grant for this anniversary publication project, the APO will be able to benefit from the distinguished experts assembled here today. The findings and recommendations of the experts will become useful inputs in APO's future programs and projects and eventually benefit the members in their respective development initiatives.

I hope that the meetings in the next three days will be productive and meaningful for all of us. I thank once again our gracious host, the CPC, for their hospitality and excellent preparations.