Wagoen Agricultural Producers’ Cooperative Corporation follows the natural farming, marketing systems, and agricultural cooperatives,” commented Regional Technical Director Dr. Joyce S. Wendam, Department of Agriculture, Orissa State, India. The mission was to observe the government proactively promoting natural farming technologies. The APO organized a multicountry observational study mission on Environment-friendly farming in Japan, 2–7 February, in collaboration with the Japan Association for International Collaboration of Agriculture and Forestry. At the end of the mission, participants intended to disseminate what they had learned. They suggested follow-up action in the form of technology demonstration, partnerships among farmers, the private sector, and consumers. Farmers grow more responsive to consumers by switching to organic farming and other environmentally acceptable techniques. Japan is at the forefront of this change, with the wonders of productivity through the APO,” by Dr. Vinay Kumar, India.

Quiz winners

The 2008 December issue of the APO News featured a quiz as a bit of year-end fun. The questions concerned the major APO activities reported in the APO News. Of the 70 entries, 35 had 100% correct answers (answers are available on the APO Web site at www.apo-tokyo.org). To decide the prizewinners, APO Secretariat staff conducted a lucky draw. We would like to congratulate all the winners, who will receive their prizes soon. We also thank everyone who took part in the quiz and responded to our survey with suggestions for improvements and productivity messages. A sample message was: “Share the wonders of productivity through the APO,” by Dr. Vinay Kumar, India.

Winners of diary sets

M. Singaperumal (India)
Rahul Kirkire (India)
Rajaumbang Saragih (Indonesia)
Hamid Shabangiz (IR Iran)
Soo Chul Park (Republic of Korea)
Bindra Devi Shakya (Nepal)
Naveed Akbar (Pakistan)
Safdar Hussain (Pakistan)
Myra Atienza-Tenorio (Philippines)
Maribeth Delasalas Gamao (Philippines)

Winners of three APO publications

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Vinay Kumar (India)
S. Dharmalingam (India)
S. Vijayendiran (India)
Satrio Noegroho (Indonesia)
Mohammad Reza Yousefipour (IR Iran)
Yap Yun Fung (Malaysia)
Jitendra Lohani (Nepal)
Cherryl Dela Luna Ortega (Philippines)
Tran Quang Chu (Vietnam)

Winners of APO T-shirts

Md. Khaleduzzaman (Bangladesh)
S. Tamlarasi (India)
Hardadi Lukito (Indonesia)
Fatemehe Mina Razi (IR Iran)
Amireh Nikkhah (IR Iran)
Seyed Reza Navabi Qamsari (IR Iran)
Muhammad Syed Ul Haque (Pakistan)
Faisal Rafique (Pakistan)
Gilbert Hu (Singapore)
P.V.V.U. Perera (Sri Lanka)