

## **World Conference on Green Productivity**

### **Green Productivity for Green, Inclusive Development: A Commitment Today for a Greener Tomorrow**

We heads of delegations and representatives nominated by our governments gathered here at the APO World Conference on Green Productivity in Taipei, 4–6 November 2014, confirm our commitment to the promotion of Green Productivity for ensuring sustainable, inclusive economic growth of the Asia-Pacific region.

We commend the role of the APO in spearheading the Green Productivity movement in the Asia-Pacific since 1996 and acknowledge the contributions of the APO Center of Excellence on Green Productivity, Taipei, in promoting it.

We reaffirm that Green Productivity will accelerate development while enhancing our ability to utilize natural resources in a sustainable, climate-resilient manner and increasing overall resource efficiency.

We recognize the significance of green technologies, eco-products and eco-services, and green innovations for the promotion of green economic growth in the region while strengthening the eco-competitiveness of small and medium-scale enterprises.

We acknowledge the necessity of intraregional knowledge exchanges, technical collaborations, sharing of know-how, and capacity building for the promotion of Green Productivity. The best green practices of one country can be a vital source of information for others through such exchanges.

We call upon governments to prioritize the promotion and application of Green Productivity in the industry, service, and agriculture sectors by allocating appropriate resources. We recognize the crucial importance of increasing financial support and creating sound national and regional environmental policies.

We agree to initiate the intergovernmental mechanism “GP 2020” in the Asia-Pacific under the auspices of member governments of the APO, and with the help of the APO Secretariat, APO Center of Excellence on Green Productivity, and National Productivity Organizations, to develop and implement a region-wide Green Productivity strategy and national action plans in a time-bound manner by 2020. We believe that such a regional strategy and national action plans will help all countries to meet the sustainable development goals of the UN.