**MFCA practitioners to convene in Jakarta**

JAKARTA—About 24 MFCA practitioners and facilitators, environment and Green Productivity professionals, industry managers, and SME professionals are scheduled to convene in Jakarta, 24–28 August 2015. The Workshop on Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA) is organized by the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), implemented by Directorate of Productivity and Entrepreneurship, Directorate General of Training and Productivity, Ministry of Manpower, Indonesia, and supported by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan.

Minister of Manpower Hanif Dhakiri will attend the ceremony to launch the Indonesian National Forum on MFCA on 28 August as an immediate follow-up.

MFCA is a management tool that promotes the efficient use of materials, contributing to reductions in waste, emissions, and nonproducts. The method was originally developed in Germany and has been further developed in Japan. At the initiative of Japan, MFCA was included in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) series; ISO 14051 was issued in 2011.

Experts from UNIDO, Ifu Hamburg GmbH of Germany, Propharm Japan Co., Ltd., and Nitto Denko Corporation of Japan will lead discussions on various aspects of innovation and techniques in MFCA, policies, best practices, and technologies that can contribute to increasing productivity. The experts will also share know-how on establishing national forums on MFCA, since all delegates are expected to establish such forums in their countries, following the lead of Indonesia. Leading Jakarta-based company PT. Martina Berto Tbk will host a visit by participants to demonstrate its best practices in MFCA-related areas.

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About the APO
The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is the sole nonprofit international organization in the Asia-Pacific devoted to productivity enhancement. Established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization, the APO contributes to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific through productivity enhancement. The current membership comprises 20 economies. Three strategic directions guide the APO: strengthen NPOs and promote the development of SMEs and communities; catalyze innovation-led productivity growth; and promote Green Productivity. The main activities of the APO are capacity building of institutions and human resources development.