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APO and iPlast sign MOU on digitization in industry

Joint APO/iPlast demonstration projects will offer technical support for digitization and industrial upgrading

Tokyo: The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with iPlast 4.0 Pte. Ltd. (iPlast) to strengthen its technical support to member countries through demonstration projects on digitization in industries.

The MOU was signed by APO Secretary-General Dr. Santhi Kanoktanaporn and iPlast Principal Anston Tan on 25 February 2019. Under the MOU, the APO will collaborate with iPlast in enabling manufacturers to be more productive by establishing pilot projects on digitization in the manufacturing sectors of APO member countries.

Sharing the reasons for concluding the agreement, Secretary-General Dr. Santhi said that the APO was committed to catalyzing industrial upgrading in member countries, especially in response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution. “The APO has been supporting its member countries to build awareness and construct strategies for Industry 4.0 by sharing knowledge, experiences, good practices, and tools. This collaboration will reinforce our capability to provide technical assistance to our member countries to turn the shared knowledge into practical actions and results.” He noted that this partnership will facilitate the piloting of projects on digitization in factories and demonstrate the benefits brought by IT and Internet of Things technologies.

“With this collaboration, we look forward to sharing our Industry 4.0 ecosystem and expertise in smart manufacturing with APO member economies, working with each to formulate and launch enabling frameworks according to local needs,” said iPlast Principal Anston Tan.

The APO conducts demonstration projects in member countries to develop model organizations that showcase good practices of productivity improvement with the support of technical experts and national productivity organizations and the commitment of the recipients. Through capacity building, recording of improvement processes, and dissemination of the results, such demonstration projects share success stories that others can learn from so that they can undertake similar improvements.



Photo caption:

APO Secretary-General Dr. Santhi Kanoktanaporn (L) and iPlast Principal Anston Tan signing the MOU on digitization in industry in Singapore.

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About the APO

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is an intergovernmental organization committed to improving productivity in the Asia-Pacific region. Established in 1961, the APO contributes to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the region through policy advisory services, acting as a think tank, and undertaking smart initiatives in the industry, agriculture, service, and public sectors. The APO is shaping the future of the region by assisting member economies in formulating national strategies for enhanced productivity and through a range of institutional capacity-building efforts, including research and centers of excellence in member countries.

The current APO members are: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Republic of China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.

About iPlast 4.0 Pte. Ltd.

iPlast 4.0 Pte. Ltd. (iPlast) is a leading Industry 4.0 and digitalization enabler in the plastics industry. With an accomplished team of practicing professionals and veteran engineers, iPlast offers deep experience and expertise in digitalization transformation to organizations and manufacturers across Asia, with a focus on smart manufacturing in the areas of smart molding, smart maintenance, and lean automation.

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