



Special APO 50th anniversary publication project launched in Taipei

The APO, in collaboration with the China Productivity Center (CPC), marked the start of the APO's largest publication project to date with a launch ceremony and expert coordination meeting in Taipei, 6–8 September 2011. The APO 50th Anniversary Special Publication Launch Ceremony was held 6 September 2011 in the International Reception Hall of the Grand Hotel and attended by over 150 guests from the public and private sectors of the ROC, diplomatic community representing APO member economies, and academia. The keynote speaker was Executive Yuan Premier Den-Yih Wu of the ROC. Other high-ranking officials speaking at the event were: from the ROC government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vice-Minister Thomas Ping-Fu Hou, Ministry of Economic Affairs Vice-Minister Francis Kuo-Hsin Liang, and CPC President Dr. Pao Cheng Chang; from the APO, Governing Body Chair Somdy Inmyxai and Secretary-General Ryuichiro Yamazaki.

The details of the publication project were finalized in the two-day coordination meeting after the launch ceremony. Chief Expert Dr. Tsu-Tan Fu, Research Fellow and Professor of the ROC Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, led the discussions. The as-yet untitled anniversary publication, which will take a closer look at the relationship between productivity and socioeconomic development, is made possible through a special grant from the ROC government. The planned book will be in three parts written by different international experts: Part 1 will chronicle the 50 years (1961–2011) of the productivity movement in the Asia-Pacific region



APO and ROC Officials during the lighting ceremony of the project launch. L–R: MOFA Vice Minister Hou, APO Chair Inmyxai, ROC Premier Wu, APO Secretary-General Yamazaki, and MOEA Vice-Minister Liang. Photo courtesy of CPC.

from a macroeconomic performance perspective; Part 2 will cover specific themes that the APO has focused on or started to work on; and Part 3 will feature predictions and insights of various authors on what will shape the future of the Asia-Pacific region through unleashing new sources of productivity in the next 20 years. 