Two interns assigned to the Secretariat

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo has sent two of its MA in International Development Studies scholars for internships at the APO Secretariat. Both are on scholarships from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and have been in Japan since mid-2010. They reported to the Secretariat on 3 October.

Kemei Jackson Kiprono graduated from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, with a BSc in Statistics in 2005. He has worked in the Macroeconomics Directorate of the Kenya's Ministry of Planning, National Development, and Vision 2030 program since 2006. Jackson is specializing in development economics and econometrics at GRIPS. He is assigned to the Agriculture Department as well as Research and Planning Department of the Secretariat. The experience gained will be put to good use in his future career since, as an economist, he may work in related sectors as the Kenyan Ministry of Planning, National Development, and Vision 2030 deploys economists to all government line ministries/agencies. In his free time, Jackson enjoys swimming, watching soccer, traveling, and reading.

Angga E. Wirastomo of Indonesia is also concentrating on development economics while at GRIPS. His previous Bachelor of Arts from Bina Nusantara University was in Visual Communication Design, and his professional experience includes several years in the mass media, advertising, and educational poster design before joining the Fiscal Policy Office, Ministry of Finance, in Jakarta. His initial task at the Secretariat was devising the examination questions for a new e-learning course on integrated management systems, and he will later move to the Information and Public Relations team to contribute his media expertise. When not studying and working, Angga likes to "hang out with friends and colleagues, as well as look for football/soccer shirts to add to my collection." His goal while at the Secretariat is to gain as much experience as possible in an international organization.