

## New officer at the Secretariat

On 1 July, Mitsuo Nakamura joined the Secretariat as a Program Officer in the Agriculture Department. The Tokyo native holds a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Tokyo and a Master's in the same field from Wye College, University of London. During a nearly 20-year career in the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), he was responsible for developing strategies on the dairy industry for World Trade Organization agreements; was seconded to the regional UN FAO office in Bangkok for a project on strengthening food safety inspection systems in Southeast Asia; and, most recently, served as Chief Negotiator for Trade Policy (European and South and Central American countries) in the International Economic Affairs Division, International Affairs Department, MAFF. He has published technical reports on the dairy industry as well as agroforestry. The father of three "naughty" children enjoys music and movies while relaxing. "At the APO Secretariat, I look forward to working with APO and NPO staff and participants with a wide variety of backgrounds," he told the *APO News*.

