

Potential APO-SINF collaboration on *Eco-products Directory*

Two Swedish delegates visited the APO Secretariat 12–14 December to explore the possibility of collaborating on the *Eco-products Directory*. The visit was jointly coordinated by the Research and Planning Department and Industry Department at the request of the Swedish Industry Association (SINF), which exhibited keen interest in the directory during the APO's study meeting on Eco-innovation held in Stockholm, 3–7 September. Managing Director Sven-Olof Ryding, Swedish Environmental Management Council, and Senior Advisor Lennart Piper, SINF, commented, "We were very impressed with the *Eco-products Directory*, which is simple and easy to understand." Ryding added that the APO's initiative to develop an online database sourced from the *Eco-products Directory* is a great advance ahead of European initiatives in this field. The delegates also met Prof. Ryoichi Yamamoto, University of Tokyo, Chair of the Committee for Establishment of an Eco-products Database and Vice Chair of the Green Productivity Advisory Committee (GPAC) to receive technical advice. Other GPAC members representing Nippon Steel Corporation, Teijin Limited, and Hitachi Co., Ltd. also met the Swedish delegates to discuss the compilation of the *Eco-products Directory*.