

APO Secretary-General visits the Philippines



(L-R): Ermita, Ramos, and Takenaka

APO Secretary-General Shigeo Takenaka paid an official visit to the Philippines, 25–27 November, mainly to promote the APO's Green Productivity (GP) Program, Eco-products International Fair (EPIF), and APO Asia-Pacific Forum on Biofuels. He made a courtesy call on Executive Secretary to the Office of the President E.S. Ermita, accompanied by EPIF 2009 Advisory Committee Chairperson Amelita M. Ramos, former First Lady of the Philippines, on 25 November. During the meeting, Executive Secretary Ermita confirmed the full support of the Government of the Philippines for the upcoming EPIF 2009. Secretary-General Takenaka later delivered the opening address at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Biofuels. He also gave interviews to three local media companies on subjects relating to the APO, GP, and EPIF during his stay.