

## Malaysia to host 52nd GBM

The 52nd Session of the Governing Body Meeting (GBM) will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20–22 April 2010. The Malaysia Productivity Corporation will host approximately 60 delegates comprised of APO directors and their advisers from 19 member countries, observers from various national agencies and international organizations, and APO Secretariat staff.

The Governing Body is the supreme organ of the APO, composed of one government-appointed director from each member country. It meets annually to elect the new APO chair and vice chairs; receive the Secretary-General's report and the auditor's financial report; formulate directions for the ensuing fiscal year's program; and approve the budget and financial guidelines. Some important agenda items for the 2010 GBM include determining the APO total membership contributions for the 2011–2012 biennium and electing a new APO Secretary-General who will assume the position from September this year.

The meeting will also act as a venue for exchanging ideas and views on regional productivity issues at the highest level. This year, the directors are invited to make a presentation on the theme of Review of the APO's Thrust and Subject Areas to enable the APO to remain relevant and effective in fulfilling its mission.