

New Director in APO Secretariat

As of 1 April 2002, the APO Secretariat has a new Director for its Agriculture Department, Mr. Kunio Tsubota. He succeeded Mr. Teruo Miyake upon his retirement.



Mr. Tsubota has a long and distinguished career with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (MAFF) of Japan. Among the positions he held were Assistant Director of the International Cooperation Division, Economist in the Economic Assessment Division, and Director of the International Project Management and Information Division in MAFF's Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences. He also served in a number of international organizations, including the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, OECD, World Bank, and Asian Development Bank. Prior to joining the APO, Mr. Tsubota was Chief of the FAO's Comparative Agriculture Development Service.

Mr. Tsubota graduated from the Kyushu University of Japan with a Master's in Agricultural Economics. He is married with three children.