

## New officer at APO Secretariat

Hidemi Akita joined the APO Secretariat as an Administration and Finance Officer starting on January 4. After receiving an MA in economics from Duke University, USA, Akita has lived and worked in Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand as well as in his native Japan. He is currently completing an MBA program at Mahidol University, Thailand. His special interests include cross-cultural management, management localization, technology transfer, and the social contributions of the private sector. In his free time, Akita enjoys traveling, fishing, and scuba diving. He is married with no children.

