

Observing energy efficiency in Japan

Nineteen high-ranking government officials, top managers, and energy efficiency professionals convened in Tokyo, 26–30 January. Representing 14 countries in the Asia-Pacific, they were attending the multicountry observational study mission on Energy Efficiency (EE) organized by the APO and Japan Productivity Center with support from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Enterprises, especially SMEs, in the Asia-Pacific region face rising energy costs. Energy management is critical to

survive current intense competition. This requires a multifaceted approach, including developing technical and human capacity. To assist in this, the APO has implemented several EE projects since 2006. The study mission to Japan focused on EE in industries and exposed participants to Japanese best practices and technologies to achieve the highest levels. Experts from Germany, India, and Japan led discussions on Japan's EE promotion scheme and policies, best practices, and technologies that contribute to a sustainable society.

The mission made visits to leading Japanese companies including Zeon Corporation which exemplify the best EE practices. Other visits were hosted by low-carbon, energy-efficient multitenant Kokuryu Shiba Koen Building of Kokuryudo Company and Fujisawa Techno Center of Azbil Corporation to learn about factory and building automation systems for enhancing EE. "Learning about smart solutions impressed me a lot as well as the cutting-edge EE technologies," enthused Pakistani participant Joudat Ayaz. The participants were also among the more than 47,600 visitors to the ENEX 2015 exhibition held at Tokyo Big Sight with the theme Smart Energy Japan, which provided business-matching and networking opportunities for participants and exhibitors. 🌐



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