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Examining advanced renewable energy technologies in Japan

TOKYO—Sixteen high-ranking representatives from the public and private sectors involved in energy policy and management will gather for the Multicountry Observational Study Mission on Solar and Renewable Energy, organized by the Asian Productivity Organization from 23 to 27 November 2015. As a program funded by the Government of Japan, the mission comprising energy professionals from eight countries will look at cutting-edge technologies in solar and other renewable energy forms in Japan including wind power generation and geothermal energy.

Due to rapid economic growth in Asia, energy consumption is rising dramatically and renewable energy is becoming a significant industry. Given the environmental impact of fossil fuels and fast-growing energy demand, renewable energy will play an increasingly crucial role in the global energy mix.

Participants will engage in a series of activities over the five-day schedule, including interactions with representatives of Japanese research institutions during visits to the Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute (FREA), Research Center for Photovoltaics (RCPVT) at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in Tsukuba, and Chiba University's Center for Environment, Health and Field Science and the Kashiwa-no-ha Smart City in Chiba prefecture. Experts from the AIST Energy Technology Research Institute as well as the Graduate School of Horticulture of Chiba University will lead discussions to assist participants in considering the best mix of renewable energy in each country and identifying practical approaches to harmonize with their national policies and projects.

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About the APO

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is the sole nonprofit international organization in the Asia-Pacific devoted to productivity enhancement. Established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization, the APO contributes to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific through productivity enhancement. The current membership comprises 20 economies. Three strategic directions guide the APO: strengthen NPOs and promote the development of SMEs and communities; catalyze innovation-led productivity growth; and promote Green Productivity. The main activities of the APO are capacity building of institutions and human resources development.