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## **Identifying Japanese best practices in labor-management relations**

TOKYO—Thirty-four representatives of APO member economies are scheduled to convene in Tokyo, 17–19 May 2016, for the Forum on Labor-Management Relations for Policymakers, Labor Unions, and Top Management. Funded by the Government of Japan and organized by the APO, the three-day forum will explore the roles of government, national trade unions, and employers' federations in promoting constructive, harmonious labor-management relations for productivity improvement. Participants include officials of governments, labor unions, national productivity organizations, the private sector, and academia involved in the promotion and enhancement of good labor-management relations in various spheres.

The forum will feature presentations by experts from the Japan Productivity Center, Japan International Labor Foundation, Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), Japan Council of Metalworkers' Unions, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. Also scheduled on days 2 and 3 are visits to the Japanese Trade Union Confederation and Suntory Co., Ltd. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in a group discussion and presentation session on 18 May to examine the lessons learned from the Japanese experience and identify the best policies and initiatives of the government, employers' associations, and trade unions to ensure sound labor-management relations for higher productivity.

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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.