



## **Asian Productivity Organization “The APO in the News”**

Name of publication: The Bangladesh Today (21 SEPTEMBER 2016, Bangladesh)

Page: <http://thebangladeshtoday.com/2016/09/dr-santhi-kanoktanaporn-11th-apo-sec-gen/>

# **Dr Santhi Kanoktanaporn 11th APO Sec Gen**

DHAKA : Dr Santhi Kanoktanaporn has assumed office as the 11th Secretary-General of the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO), announced the intergovernmental organisation on Wednesday, reports UNB.

He was elected unanimously at the 58th APO governing body meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia in April to succeed Secretary-General Mari Amano, who completed his term of office on September 15.

A man with many hats, Secretary-General Kanoktanaporn is an industry veteran with over 40 years of hands-on experience in driving productivity enhancement initiatives and strategic international development programmes, according to a message received here from Tokyo.

He also has vast experience ranging from product quality control to environment and waste management consultancy to the telecom and petrochemical sectors. “I’m really happy to be at the APO Secretariat, the premier organization focused on improving productivity across the Asia-Pacific region. I’ve a long association with the APO, particularly during my recent tenure at the Thailand Productivity Institute (FTPI), and hope to work closely with NPOs to understand their country-specific needs and translate them into meaningful programmes that can contribute to sustainable socioeconomic development,” he commented. He added that as the Secretary-General his focus will be on making member countries more productive and competitive by 2020.

“Globally, economies are concerned about further improving productivity through the use of better technologies and by reducing wastage of resources.

The APO was the first organisation in the world to promote the concept of Green Productivity, and I want to strengthen the APO’s leadership role to help even less-developed economies to achieve low-carbon development.”

## More news from The Bangladesh Today



Khaleda goes to Saudi Arabia today for hajj



S Asian Telecom Regulators’ Council meeting begins Oct 4



BD showcases rich culture, cuisine in Netherlands