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Japan to share photovoltaic/solar cell technology with Asia-Pacific partners

TOKYO—Twenty high-ranking government officials and top managers of associations responsible for promoting photovoltaic and solar cell technology are scheduled to convene in Tokyo from 14 to 18 October 2013. Representing 11 countries from across the Asia-Pacific region, they will be part of the Observational Study Mission on Photovoltaic and Solar Cell Technology funded by the Government of Japan and organized by the Asian Productivity Organization.

Experts such as Green Productivity Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson Emeritus Professor Ryoichi Yamamoto of the University of Tokyo, Mitsunobu Sato of the Japan Agency for Natural Resources, University of Tokyo Professor Mayumi Matsumoto, and Christophe Inglin of Phoenix Solar Pte Ltd will lead discussions on the contribution of Green Productivity and growth to sustainable society, policies for promoting the adoption of renewable energy, current solar energy use in Japan, and worldwide trends in photovoltaic and solar cell technology. The mission will include visits to the 2013 Eco-Technology Exhibition and Renewable Energy Advanced Technology Exhibition in Kitakyushu.

The overarching objective of the mission is to familiarize participants with the latest innovations in the utilization of photovoltaic and solar cell technology for rapid transfer to their own countries.

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About the APO

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.