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Japan to host Asia Environment and Economic Forum

Tokyo—Over 45 green policymakers, businessmen and representatives of associations and academia responsible for promoting green technology, green business and eco-products and services are scheduled to convene in Tokyo, 10–12 December 2014. Representing 16 countries from across the Asia-Pacific region, they will be part of the Asia Environment and Economic Forum organized by the Asian Productivity Organization.

Renowned experts including Dr. Ryutaro Yatsu, Former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Environment and Senior Fellow of the Sustainability Science Consortium, who will moderate a session on the third day of forum; Dinesh Singh from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, India; Avinash K. Srivastava from Ministry of Agriculture, India; Prof. Emeritus Ryoichi Yamamoto from University of Tokyo, Dr. Masaru Tanaka from Research Institute of Solid Waste Management Engineering, Japan; and Dr. Sangyong Kim from Korea Institute of Industrial Technology will lead discussions on various aspects of green productivity, green economic growth and sustainable society to accelerate green growth in the region. Delegates can also attend presentations in the area of material flow cost accounting.

The conference delegates will visit one of Japan’s largest eco exhibition Eco-Products 2014 to network and observe the latest eco-product and –services.

The main objective of the forum is to share best practices in green policy and business from Japan and establish potential collaborations among APO delegates and local participants. Delegates can also identify possible options among the best practices acquired in the forum for rapid transfer in their countries throughout the Asia-Pacific.

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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. 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 in the industry, service, and agriculture sectors.