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PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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1. **Project Code:** 12-RP-04-GE-RES-A/C
2. **Title:** APO Productivity Databook
3. **Duration & Timing:** October 2012–September 2013 (1 year)
4. **Venue:** Participating member countries
5. **Number of Participating Countries:** Nineteen national experts and one chief expert
6. **Closing Date for Nomination of National Experts:** 12 October 2012
7. **Objectives:**
 - 1) To publish a set of harmonized socioeconomic and productivity indicators to be used as a reference by policymakers, development planners, economic analysts NPOs, and other stakeholders;
 - 2) To provide analysis of the most up-to-date socioeconomic performance and productivity trends focusing on selected themes to facilitate understanding of the productivity trends and economic performance of APO member economies and other reference economies; and
 - 3) To increase the visibility of the APO with the Databook as an important promotional material.
8. **Background:**

Development planners, economic analysts and policy makers rely on productivity and economic statistics to analyze socioeconomic growth and set policies and goals for the future. To support the needs of such stakeholders and the APO's think tank and regional adviser roles, we conduct annual research to gather data to measure the productivity of member economies and generate a set of socio-economic and productivity data under an internationally harmonized measurement framework. These data are updated, expanded and published annually in the *APO Productivity Databook* series to serve as an authoritative productivity data reference source. The databook is also used for project planning at the APO Secretariat and as a general academic reference work in diverse fields.
9. **Provisional Scope and Methodology:**

Scope:

 1. Value-added growth and growth decomposition;
 2. Labor productivity;
 3. TFP;

4. Industry origins of economic growth; and
5. Industry origins of labor productivity growth.

Methodology:

1. Data collection in line with the APO Productivity Measurement Questionnaires by national experts;
2. Research involving examination, adjustment, and harmonization of national data by the chief expert; and
3. Data computations of productivity and economic growth analyses.

10. Qualifications of National Experts:

To ensure continuity and maximize efficient knowledge accumulation for the research, this project intends to appoint the same national experts from the previous Databook research project in 2011. The Secretariat requests the NPOs concerned to nominate the same person for this project as much as possible.

The qualifications requested for national experts for this project are as follows:

1. Government statisticians from national statistics offices or central banks of member countries with comprehensive knowledge of national accounts, labor statistics, and productivity.
2. Sufficient English proficiency to communicate with the APO Secretariat and the chief expert on technical statistical issues.
3. Given the degree of professional knowledge required for the statistical data collection and level of technical reasoning required in response to the APO questionnaires involved in this project, the APO Secretariat may also directly invite national experts from suitable departments/divisions handling national accounts data in consultation with the NPOs concerned.

11. Chief Expert:

The APO will appoint a Professor Koji Nomura as a chief expert for this project to lead the group of national experts in the research. The chief expert assumes management, advisory, and supervisory roles in the project and is responsible for producing a preliminary digest report and generating the final output in a form of the 2013 edition of the *APO Productivity Databook*. The expected time of delivery of the edition is April 2013.

12. Financial Arrangements:

- a) To be borne by the APO
 - 1) Honoraria for the chief expert and national experts upon completion of the project and
 - 2) All assignment and pertinent research costs including additional data collection and purchases, where applicable.
- b) To be borne by the host country(ies) in case of expert meetings and research missions
Other local implementation costs, where applicable.

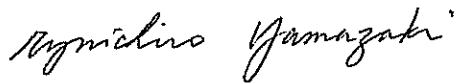
13. Actions by Member Countries:

- Member countries are requested to nominate candidate national experts after communication and consultation with the Secretariat **by 12 October 2012.**

- Each nomination should be submitted on the APO expert biodata form and be accompanied by a recent passport-sized photograph of the candidate.
- The selection of experts will be based strictly upon professional qualifications, experience, academic background, and commitment to this project.

14. Preparatory Work by National Experts:

The selected national experts will be given instructions by the chief expert via e-mail and sent the APO Productivity Measurement Questionnaires and accompanying explanatory notes detailing the data requirements for the project. The national experts are required to provide relevant data based on the questionnaires and instructions. The chief expert will assess the data and information submitted by the national experts and report to the APO Secretariat on the performance of each national expert, which will be reflected in the final honoraria payments.



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