

New officers of the GPAC

At the fourth meeting of the Green Productivity Advisory Committee (GPAC) held on 23 January 2006 at the Capitol Tokyu Hotel, Tokyo, President Etsuhiko Shoyama, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Hitachi Ltd., was approved as the new chairperson. Corporate Adviser Masatoshi Yoda, Ebara Corporation; Professor Ryoichi Yamamoto, Institute of Industrial Science and International Research Center for Sustainable Materials, University of Tokyo; and Representative Director and Executive Vice President Hideaki Sekizawa, Nippon Steel Corporation, were appointed as Vice Chairpersons. The outgoing Chairperson Yoichi Morishita, Chairman of the Board, Matsushita Electric Industrial, was appointed adviser. A framed gold-plated Stamariaara APO (the specially bred orchid named to honor the APO) was presented to him by APO Secretary-General Shigeo Takenaka at the meeting.

Program Officer Setsuko Miyakawa, Environment Department, APO Secretariat, presented a report on the Eco-products International Fair (EPIF) 2005, followed by the comments of GPAC Vice Chairman Yoda on the fair. Director Takuki Murayama, Research and Planning Department, APO Secretariat, summarized the publication process of the *Eco-products Directory 2005*, and Prof. Yamamoto

spoke in appreciation of the publication.

Director Augustine Koh, Environment Department, APO Secretariat, gave an overview of activities for greening supply chains in 2006. Dr. Amy Khor Lean Suan, Chairman of Singapore's Government Parliamentary Committee for National Development and Environment, Member of Parliament, and Mayor of the South West District, along with Ms. Jan Tan, Director, Centre for Industry Enterprise Promotion Centres, gave a presentation on plans for the EPIF 2006 to be held in Singapore. 🌀



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