

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Shigeo Takenaka, Secretary-General of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO);

Mr. R P Singh, Secretary-DIPP, Chairman National Productivity Council, New Delhi;

Mr. Takashi Yamagishi, Chairman of APO Preparatory Committee EPIF-2011, Vice Chairman of APO Green Productivity Advisory Committee (GPAC) and Senior Executive Advisor, Teijin Limited, Japan.

It is my proud privilege to pass vote of thanks On behalf of National Productivity Council, I welcome you all once again for the launching of EPIF – 2011 and parallel International Conference on “Green Productivity for Sustainable Environment”

I thank APO and GPAC for bestowing the honor of organizing EPIF-2011 in India. We are grateful to DIPP for their advise, support and association with EPIF-2011 particularly Mr.R.P.Singh, Secretary, DIPP and Ms.Anjali Prasad, Joint Secretary, DIPP. Sir, despite of extremely busy schedule, you had accepted our request to announce the organization of EPIF-2011 and the parallel Conference during 3-6 March, 2011 at Pragti Maidan, New Delhi.

Today we are extremely grateful to you Sir, the initiatives you have taken to clean and green our Indian industry which I am sure is going to be extremely successful and popular policy of Govt. of India and help to provide clean and green environment to our future generations.

I am extremely thankful and grateful of His Excellency of Mr.Shigeo Takenaka for his initiatives to popularize the concept of Green Productivity and create mass level awareness in APO member countries by supporting the organization of EPIF in Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand & Indonesia. Let me assure you Sir, that EPIF 2011 would be a memorable event for all participants. Of course, it needs your continuous guidance and support and we expect it to continuously receive under your leadership. Let me reiterate our commitment to make the EPIF 2011 very successful. However, there is no denying of the fact that it needs support from all stakeholders which we are trying to get under the active and excellent guidance from DIPP.

Organization of EPIF 2011 to India would not have been possible unless Green Productivity Advisory Committee has supported it. We are very grateful to GPAC for the support and particularly Mr.Takashi Yamagishi, Vice-Chairman of GPAC for owning of the responsibility of mobilization of the Japanese organizations support for EPIF – 2011 and agreeing to become Chairman of EPIF

- 2011 Preparatory Committee and also traveling all the way from Tokyo to attend the Launching Press Conference.

I am extremely grateful for all officials from different organizations who have accepted our invitation to attend the Press Conference.

We are very indebted and grateful to the print and electronic media to accept our invitation to cover the event and we are expecting wide range of coverage of this event.

Last but not least, we are grateful for India Habitat Centre to provide the excellent infrastructure and facilities to make this event a success.

Once again, I thank you all and have a good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.