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NEW DELHI/JAKARTA:

India has officially taken over the Chairmanship of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for the 2025–26 term at the 67th Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of the APO, currently underway in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Indian

delegation is led by Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and APO Director for India.

As Chair, India will steer the APO's strategic agenda over the next year, with a focus on innovation, digital transformation, sustainability, and inclusive productivity growth. India reaffirmed its strong support for APO Vision 2030 and the updated Green Productivity 2.0 framework — a model aimed at integrating productivity enhancement with environmental sustainability.

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Advancing Regional Cooperation and Productivity

In its address to the Governing Body, India underscored the importance of regional cooperation to address shared productivity and development challenges across the Asia-Pacific. The Indian delegation committed to driving responsive, inclusive, and results-oriented APO programs that benefit all 21 member economies.

India also highlighted its contributions to APO's capacity-building ecosystem. Through the National Productivity Council (NPC) under DPIIT, over 100 Indian professionals annually participate in APO programs spanning industry, services, and agriculture. India has also implemented several demonstration projects on Green Productivity and Industry 4.0 applications for MSMEs.

Shaping the Future of Productivity

The Governing Body is APO's highest decision-making authority, setting strategic directions, reviewing performance, and approving major initiatives. The 67th session is being hosted by the Government of Indonesia from May 20 to 22.

Founded in 1961, the APO is a Tokyo-based intergovernmental body that

fosters productivity growth through cooperation and knowledge exchange. It comprises 21 member economies, including India, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, and several others across South and Southeast Asia.

India, as a founding member, has been instrumental in shaping the organization's priorities and advancing productivity-led development in the region.

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