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2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**I. Project Information**

Project Code	QCIEW
Project Title	Research on Assessing the Needs of APO Member Countries
Project Start	28 October 2024
Project End	30 December 2024
Project Price	PHP 300, 000.00
Client Organization	Asian Productivity Organization

II. Project Team

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III. Project Details

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2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**Project Description**

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) aims to address productivity disparities across its member economies, which arise due to differences in policies, infrastructure, and technological adoption. In line with its Post-2025 Vision, the APO partnered with **Forward Thinking**, a Sydney-based research institution led by **Professor Roberta Ryan**, to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment.

This study seeks to enhance productivity in APO member economies by identifying specific gaps and challenges. The research aims to develop tailored tools, capacity-building initiatives, and evidence-based insights to shape the medium-term APO programs in alignment with the developmental goals of its member economies.

Project Objective

The study aims to:

- Identify gaps and needs for productivity enhancement.
- Develop tailored tools and techniques.
- Provide insights for APO's medium-term program planning.
- Covering all 20 member economies, the research involves desktop analysis, stakeholder engagement, and tailored recommendations, with completion expected by December 2024.

Focus Area

Identifying and addressing productivity challenges and disparities among Asian Productivity Organization (APO) member countries.

Project Type

Research

Regional Coverage

Philippines

IV. Project Accomplishments**Key Activities Implemented**

Activity/Date	Details	Key Outputs
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1. Survey Questionnaire November 7, 2024	A customized survey questionnaire was developed to gather data from National Productivity Organization (NPO) experts and government sectors.	Customized survey questionnaire distributed to the National Productivity Organization experts and various government sectors.
2. Focus Group Discussion November 14, 2024	A focus group discussion was conducted with NPO experts to validate survey findings.	Answers from the survey were validated through the focus group discussion and were used to initially draft contents of the Philippine Summary Report.
3. Philippine Summary Report November 26, 2024	Data from the survey and focus group discussion were consolidated into a report by Dr. Ramon Clarete, highlighting key productivity challenges across APO economies.	The report was submitted to Forward-thinking and to the DAP President as reference to the result/output of the survey and the focus group discussion. The research findings align with the current and emerging productivity needs and priorities of APO member countries.

V. Project Impact

1. **Understanding Productivity Challenges:** The needs assessment identified key challenges and gaps in productivity across APO member economies.
2. **Customized Tools:** Developed survey instruments and frameworks for capacity building and addressing specific needs.
3. **Strategic Insights:** Provided evidence-based recommendations to support APO's medium-term planning and productivity interventions.
4. **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Engaged National Productivity Organizations and government experts for a collaborative approach.
5. **Knowledge Dissemination:** Research findings and tools were shared to promote best practices and innovation in economic productivity.
6. **Alignment with Post-2025 Vision:** Research outcomes support inclusive and sustainable development across APO member economies.



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VI. Attachments

- A. Survey Questionnaire
- B. Philippine Summary Report
- C. One-Point Lesson
- D. Photo Documentation

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