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FOREWORD

The present volume reports on the outcome of an APO multi-country study mission on farm-level water management. The mission was a follow-up activity of a symposium on the same subject held in Tokyo in 1976. Incorporated in this volume are the highlights of first-hand observations of the participants in the countries visited and their individual reports on the status and problems of irrigation and on-farm water management in their respective countries.

The study mission comprised three phases implemented respectively in Thailand, Japan and the Republic of China. Twelve participants from 11 member countries joined the Thailand and Japan portions, and six of them opted to visit the Republic of China.

The APO believes that the report of the study mission carries with it useful lessons and experiences that need to be disseminated and shared with many other institutions and individuals interested in irrigation and water management, particularly for rice production. To the extent that it becomes useful to others, the APO feels justified in publishing and distributing this report.

The APO is grateful to the Governments of Thailand, Japan and the Republic of China for hosting the mission and to the concerned agencies and individuals in those countries for providing unselfish support and cooperation in making the study mission possible.

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