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## Census takers re-visit households remaining unanswered for the 2010 Population Census

The 2010 Population Census Questionnaires have been collected since October 1, 2010. If we cannot confirm that a filled-in questionnaire has been submitted to the census taker in charge in person or to the municipal office by mail, the census takers will re-visit households to collect the questionnaire from October 22 to 24, 2010. To guard against imposters, census takers wear an armband as well as a "Census Taker ID Card" that includes a photograph of their face.

The submitted questionnaires will be used strictly for statistical purposes and will not be used, under any circumstances, for other purposes including immigration control and law enforcement. After being tabulated, questionnaires will be dissolved and then made into recycled paper.

If there is anyone who has any questions about the Census or has not received his/her census form, he/she is advised to contact his/her municipality's Census Staff. Everyone in Japan is obliged to participate in the Population Census in compliance with the Statistics Act. The results of the Population Census will be used for city planning, area antidisaster planning, and so on. This will lead to better quality of life for all of us.

## <Population Census>

The Population Census is the most important statistical survey for clarifying the actual state of Japan's population and households. The Population Census is taken as of October 1. The Census counts all persons and households living in Japan regardless of their nationalities. The Population Census results are used in a variety of ways, including reapportionment of the House of Representatives Electoral District, calculation of local allocation tax and other measures which benefit foreign residents as well as Japanese citizens.

Please refer to the following site for details of the 2010 Population Census. <a href="http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kokusei/index.htm">http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kokusei/index.htm</a>