

Project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia Phase II

Brief Report of Project Activities in 2007FY

I. Major activities of the Project Phase II in 2007FY

(April 2007 to March 2008)

1. Dispatch of Japanese experts

13 Japanese experts were dispatched to the NIS for the purpose of the Project activities in 2007FY.

2. Training of Cambodian personnel in Japan

3 NIS officers were dispatched to the Statistics Bureau of Japan and other organizations from September 8 to October 7 2007 for the purpose of the training mainly on industrial and occupational classifications of a population census.

3. Training of Cambodian personnel in Indonesia

2 NIS officers were dispatched to the Statistics Indonesia (BPS) from 25 August to 2 September for the purpose of the training on the Indonesian 2006 Economic Census.

4. Training of Cambodian personnel in Cambodia

Training on Visual Basic Advanced (VBA) programming for statistical staff of line ministries was held from 4 to 6 March 2008 in the NIS.

5. Technical Cooperation to the 2008 Population Census

Technical cooperation on census planning, Enumeration Area (EA) delineation, and data processing were mainly provided in 2007FY.

6. Technical Cooperation to Establishment Survey

Technical cooperation to the Establishment Survey (sample) in Phnom Penh was provided in 2007FY.

7. Provision of machinery and equipment

Machinery and equipment for the 2008 Population Census data processing such as Local Area Network (LAN) in the NIS were provided in 2007FY.

8. Holding of seminars

Project introduction seminar was held on 20 Aug. 2007 in Phnom Penh.

A seminar on small area statistics was held on 25 May 2007 in the NIS.

II. Additional activities

1. Construction of new building of the NIS, Ministry of Planning

The Government of Japan approved the utilization of the counterpart fund (the 1st) of the Non-Project Grant Aid of USD 885,827- for the purpose of the project for *the construction of New Building of the NIS* in August 2006.

The new building consists of 6 floors and is mainly used for the 2008 Population Census preparation, data processing, and statistical training.

The construction was completed and the inauguration ceremony was hold on 14 Jan. 2008 in the presence of H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia and H.E. Kenya Akiba, Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan.

2. Fund contribution to the 2008 Population Census

The Government of Japan approved the utilization of the another counterpart fund (the 2nd) of the Non-Project Grant Aid of USD 1,968,212- for the purpose of the project for *supporting to the 2008 Population Census and Establishment Listing* in March 2007. The Government of Japan bears around 50% of the total cost of the 2008 Population Census.

Household listing and enumeration of the 2008 Population Census have been being conducted from 29 Feb. to 13 March 2008.

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