

Minutes of the First Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting

Date & Time: 9:00 AM on 12 October 2010

Venue: Conference Room at 1st Floor of the new building, the National Institute of Statistics,
Ministry of Planning

Attendees:

National Institute of Statistics (NIS)

H.E. San Sy Than, Director General, the NIS
H.E. Mr. Seng Soeurn, Deputy Director General, the NIS
Mr. Khin Sokvorlak, Deputy Director General, the NIS
Mr. Mich Kanthul, Director of the Economic Statistics Department, the NIS
M. Lim Penh, Director of the Statistical Standard and Analysis, the NIS
Mr. Saint Lundy, Director of the Information, Communication and Technology
Department, the NIS
Mr. Kim Net, Deputy Director of the Social Statistics Department, the NIS

Observer from Line Ministries:

Representative from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport

JICA Side:

Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative of the JICA Cambodia Office
Ms. Satoko Nadamoto, Project Formulation Advisor, the JICA Cambodia Office
Mr. Fumihiko Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project
Dr. (Mr.) Kiyomi Shirakawa, JICA Expert
Mr. Akihiko Ito, Team Leader of JICA Project
Dr. (Ms.) Nao Endo, JICA Expert
Mr. Yasuo Ishida, JICA Expert
Mr. Eishi Yasunaga, JICA Expert
Mr. Nobuo Hirohata, JICA Expert
Mr. Hiromi Mizuta, JICA Expert
Ms. Emi Harada, JICA Expert
Mr. Youk Seng An, Project Assistant

Agenda

1. Opening Address of H. E. San Sy Than
2. Opening Remarks by Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative, the JICA Cambodia Office
3. Brief Inception report of the Project Phase 3 by Mr. Fumihiko Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project
4. Question and answer
5. Detailed Inception report of the Project Phase 3 by Mr. Akihiko Ito, Team Leader of JICA Project

6. Question and answer
7. Report on the Progress of the Preparation Work of the EC2011 by Mr. Khin Sovorlak, Deputy Director General of the NIS
8. Question and answer
9. Discussion
10. Closing Address of H. E. San Sy Than

1. Opening Session

1.1 H.E Mr. San Sy Than, Director General of the NIS:

At the beginning of the session, H.E. San Sy Than, Director General, the NIS mentioned that the JCC meeting was the regular meeting for reviewing the progress of the project. He mentioned that JICA Project Phase 1 and 2 completed successfully and came to Phase 3 which would mainly support to the 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia (EC2011), 2013 Cambodia Inter-censal Population Survey (CIPS2013), 2014 Cambodia Inter-censal Economic Survey (CIES2014), and the capacity building of the Provincial Departments of Planning. After this meeting, we will request the NSC to decide the logo of the EC2011 as well.

1.2 Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative, JICA Cambodia Office:

In the opening remarks by the Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office, he would like to express his sincere thanks to the NIS for good cooperation and support to JICA Project Phase 2 for smooth and successful implementation of the 2008 Population Census and the 2009 Nation-wide Establishment Listing. JICA will continue to support the NIS for another 4.5 years through Phase 3 which funded by the Government of Japan and JICA for assisting the NIS to conduct the EC2011, the CIPS2013, the CIES2014, and the capacity building of the Provincial Departments of Planning. He expressed his confidence that the NIS would exercise strong ownership, lead coordination with all stakeholders to smooth implementation, and continue excellent cooperation between JICA and the NIS.

2. Presentation

2.1. Mr. Fumihiko Nishi

Since a new JICA team has just arrived to work for the JICA Project Phase 3, Mr. Nishi, Chief Advisor introduced new JICA Experts. He reported the main project activities such as dispatch of Japanese experts, training in Japan, training in Indonesia, training in Cambodia, technical cooperation to the EC2011, the CIPS2013, and the CIES2014, holding of seminars, and provision of machineries and equipment. Furthermore, he added

additional activities as follows: the 1st counterpart fund of non-grant aid through Phase 1 of USD 885,827.00; the 2nd one through Phase 2 of USD 1,968,212.00; and the 3rd one through Phase 3 of USD 2,243,061.00.

After the presentation by Chief Advisor, Director General of the NIS expressed his grateful thank to JICA for continuous assistance to the NIS. DG mentioned that JICA Project was very important for the CIPS2013 because NIS officers could gain more experiences and knowledge not only from UNFPA but also from JICA Project which was dispatching very experienced and skillful experts. It is my great pleasure for Cambodia, especially for the NIS that we will be able to conduct the EC2011 and CIES2014 because we can have a very comprehensive frame than ever.

2.2 Mr. Akihiko Ito

Mr. Akihiko Ito reported in more detail on the inception report. However, since the time is limited, he presented main points only on the policy of the project implementation, method and work flow chart, operational plan, schedule, various training on the CIPS2013 and the CIES2014, experts to be dispatched by subject-matter, and implementation structure of Phase 3.

Regarding the training on the CIPS2013 and the CIES2014, Mr. Khin Sovorlak asked what the content of these trainings are. Are analysis and sampling included in these trainings?

Mr. Nishi answered since it was very technical matter, we should discuss it in the next JCC. At the pilot survey of the EC2011, Mr. Ito provided a sampling training. In addition, Mr. Ito said that it was very important to assign proper counterparts for sampling skill training. In terms of English-speaking staff, DG mentioned that the NIS had limited officers who could speak English well. However, SIDA (Sweden) Project is providing the English training for NIS officers. So DG is expecting that this matter will be improved in the near future.

2.3 Mr. Khin Sovorlak

Mr. Khin Sovorlak presented the preparation work of the EC2011. He reported the preparatory stages toward the EC2011 as follows: pre-test was from 15 to 31 December 2009; pilot survey was from 1 to 31 March 2010; census mapping was from 12 to 31 July 2010. In addition, the Ministry of Planning established the following committees: the National Census Committee (NCC), the Census Technical Committee (CTC), the National Steering Committee for Census Information and Education Campaign (NSC), and the Provincial Census Committee (PCC). Besides these committees, the NIS held various

kinds of internal meetings to discuss the management and technical matters on the EC2011.

Regarding the preliminary results of the pilot survey of the EC2011, Mr. Nishi confirmed whether we should report to the CTC or not. And he requested DG to nominate three trainees in charge of the CIPS2013 for Training in Japan in January 2011.

DG answered that it was not necessary to report to the CTC. DG informed that the NIS was planning to print a book on the legal basis on the EC2011.

3. Closing Session

At the end of the presentations and discussions, DG wrapped up the meeting as below:

- Good experts have been dispatched for JICA Project Phase 3. We need to improve official statistics not only at national level but also at provincial level;
- The preparation of the EC2011 is going smoothly although we have to work on a very tight schedule;
- The EC2011 logo will be submitted to the NSC for deciding and getting the approval of Chairman of the NCC;
- We will unify the logo position at using on the official census documents.