

Minutes on the Third Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting

Date & Time: 2:00 PM on 9 March 2012

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

Attendees:

National Institute of Statistics (NIS)

H.E. San Sy Than, Director General
H.E. Hang Lina, Deputy Director General
H.E. Hor Darith, Deputy Director General
Mr. Khin Sovorlak, Deputy Director General
Mr. Mich Kanthul, Director of the Economic Statistics Department
Mr. Saint Lundy, Director of the ICT Department
Mr. Lay Sophat, Deputy Director of the ICT Department
Mr. Kim Net, Deputy Director of the Social Statistics Department

JICA Side:

Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office
Ms. Satoko Nadamoto, Project Formulation Advisor, JICA Cambodia Office
Mr. Fumihiko Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project, JICA Expert
Ms. Eri Hirota, JICA Expert
Mr. Hiromu Harada, JICA Expert
Mr. Akihiko Ito, Team Leader of JICA Project, JICA Expert
Mr. Eishi Yasunaga, JICA Expert
Mr. Yasuo Ishida, JICA Expert
Mr. Akihito Yamauchi, JICA Expert
Prof. (Dr./Mr.) Nobuo Hirohata, JICA Expert
Mr. Hiromi Mizuta, JICA Expert
Dr. (Ms.) Nao Endo, JICA Expert
Mr. Youk Seng An, Project Assistant

Agenda

1. Opening Address of H. E. San Sy Than, Director General of NIS, Ministry of Planning
2. Opening Remarks by Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative, JICA Cambodia Office
3. Brief Progress Report of the Project Phase 3 by Mr. Fumihiko Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project, JICA Expert
4. Question and Answer
5. Detailed Progress Report of the Project Phase 3 by Mr. Akihiko Ito, Team Leader of JICA Project, JICA Expert
6. Question and Answer
7. Progress Report of the 2011 Economic Census by H.E. Hor Darith, Deputy Director General of NIS
8. Question and Answer
9. Progress Report of the 2013 Cambodia Inter-censal Population Survey by H.E. Ms. Hang Lina, Deputy Director General of NIS
10. Discussion
11. Closing Address by H. E. San Sy Than, Director General of NIS, Ministry of Planning

1. Opening Session

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

At the beginning of the session, H. E. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS expressed his honor to participate in the 3rd JCC Meeting and mentioned that the meeting is the regular meeting for reviewing the progress of the project implementation. He mentioned that JICA Project Phase 3 has been commenced in October 2010 and running until March 2015. The project mainly supports 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia (EC2011), 2013 Cambodia Inter-Censal Population Survey (CIPS 2013), 2014 Cambodia Inter-Censal Economic Survey (CIES 2014), and development of provincial departments of planning through small area statistics sub-project. H. E. San Sy Than stressed the great success of EC2011, which is essential for Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC), especially economic statistical data obtained from the EC2011 covering all the establishment through nationwide. He ended the session, saying he expects to hear various reports on the current situation and progress of the project from each presenter.

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

In the opening remarks, the Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office expressed his sincere appreciation to NIS, and mentioned that JICA and NIS have been working together under collaborative work since 2005 in improving official statistics in Cambodia and statistic officers of NIS. He said NIS has been implementing General Population Census 2008, Nationwide Establishment Listing 2009 and 2011 Economic Census in a very proper manner in achieving successful results together with JICA Experts since General Population Census 2008 of Cambodia. He informed that the final results of EC2011 will be officially released on 13th March 2012; consequently they will be used as a baseline data for government bodies, local and international NGOs, development partners and other data users in terms of economic statistics. Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki mentioned that the project currently lies midway of its implementation period so that JICA is ready to support CIPS 2013, CIES 2014 and other relevant activities. He expressed his willingness that NIS will keep close cooperation with their great effort together with JICA experts for successful project implementation.

-For more details, refer to his opening remarks-

2. Presentation

2.1. Mr. Fumihiko Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project, JICA Expert:

Mr. Fumihiko Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project reported the brief major activities of the project phase 3, such as dispatching JICA Experts for 7 sectors, providing training in Japan and Indonesia for 3 NIS officers every fiscal year, local training in NIS for data processing of EC2011, analysis, and post enumeration survey. In addition, the project also provided the training to 3 provincial officers for 6 provinces to develop their capacity in term of small area statistics, especially on how to use PC, internet, tabulation of data, analyzing data and compiling the small area statistics report. Mr. Nishi added that the project has been assisting NIS for holding various ceremony and seminar on releasing EC2011 Preliminary Results, releasing EC 2011 Final Results and launching of small area statistics sub-project. In term of small area statistics improvement, he mentioned that the project provided 2 units of PC and peripherals to equip each PDP (provincial department of planning) office for the first 6 provinces with computer room renovation, as well as 3 units of PC in central office of NIS. Mr. Nishi also reported concerning the additional activities supporting NIS/MoP, such as construction of new building of NIS completed in January 2008 under the 1st counterpart fund of non-grant aid project of USD 0.9 million, financial support for the 2nd counterpart fund through JICA project phase 2 of non-grant aid project of USD 2.00 million for supporting the general population census

and 2009 Nation-wide Establishment Listing, and the 3rd counterpart fund through JICA project phase 3 of non-grant aid project of USD 2.20 million for supporting the field operation of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia.

After the report of Mr. Nishi, H. E. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS expressed his appreciation to JICA for their ceaseless assistance being rendered to NIS since 2005 up-to now, especially, the successful implementation of EC2011, whose results are to be released forthcoming 13th March 2012.

-For more details, refer to his Brief Progress Report of the Project Phase 3-

2.2 Mr. Akihiko Ito, Team Leader of JICA Project, JICA Expert:

Mr. Akihiko Ito, Team Leader of JICA Project made a presentation on the progress of JICA project phase 3 concerning the second year from October 2011 to February 2012. He reported that the JICA team supported the implementation of trainings, seminars and meetings related to 2011 Economic Census activities, such as the first training of data analysis and second training of geographic information system (GIS) in October 2011, the second and third training for NIS staff (RO/ARO) in November 2011. As for the Cambodia Inter-Censal Population Survey 2013 (CIPS 2013), various meetings had been held, such as the meeting on CIPS 2013 Technical Committee (CIPS-TC) in December 2011 and CIPS pre-test in February 2012. In addition, project also provided the Second Training of Small Area Statistics (SAS) in November 2011 and the Second Training of Data Analysis in February 2012. Furthermore, the Project Team implemented technical assistance related to 2011 Economic Census in term of production of Census atlas, release and publication of Census results, census/survey planning, public relation, implementation of 2011 Economic Census, data cleaning of census data, and Post Enumeration Survey, Tabulation plan of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia.

He also briefed the indicators in project implementation based on PDM (Project Design Matrix), which indicates the project purposes, expected outputs and various indicators and target of the project. He also explained concerning the project implementation framework in Cambodia, project team functional diagram, work flow chart and operational plan of the project implementation.

-For more details, refer to his Detailed Progress Report of the Project Phase 3-

2.3 H.E. Hor Darith, Deputy Director General of NIS:

H. E. Hor Darith reported the progress of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia, which is being implemented from April 2011 to March 2012.

He also reported post census activities, such as the process for receiving and checking of census documents, storage, data processing and data cleaning. After data processing and cleaning, the preliminary results have been compiled and released in August 2011. The final results of the EC2011 are scheduled to be released on 13 March 2012. He mentioned about the Post Enumeration Survey of EC2011 which was carried out in July 2011 and the data processing has been completed. PES analysis and report-writing are being carried out from August 2011 to February 2012. He added that the next activities are the compilation of provincial reports, provincial tables, census atlas, administration and census management report.

-For more details, refer to his Progress Report of the 2011 Economic Census -

2.4 H.E. Hang Lina, Deputy Director General of NIS:

H.E. Hang Lina reported the progress of 2013 Cambodia Inter-Censal Population Survey, which covers the official assignment of Cambodia Inter-Censal Population Survey Technical Committee Members (CIPS-TC members), the starting work on village frame update, sample design, prepared work plan and budget, held the resources mobilization workshop and join meeting among NIS, UNFPA and JICA on the fund contribution. She

also briefly reported about the agendas of the CIPS-TC meetings, in which she discussed; they are the budget clarification (701,817.00US\$), number of selected villages (955; 2865 HHs), drafting questionnaire and manual, drafting logo, finalizing village frame, map collection, drafting outline for mapping work of CIPS 2013, preparation of the request for additional budget for mapping work, and updating of questionnaire. The meetings also reviewed the village frame, sampling design, sampling village, revised questionnaire, training and first & second pre-test. She added that NIS also conducted the consultative workshop with stakeholder in order to finalize the questionnaire and manual for field work scheduled to be carried out in next March.

-For more details, refer to her Progress Report of the 2013 Cambodia Inter-Censal Population Survey -

3. Discussion

3.1 Mr. Nishii, Chief Advisor of JICA Project asked H.E. Hang Lina, Deputy Director General of NIS:

- Mr. Nishi asked as to how long UNFPA consultant will stay in NIS in 2012 for CIPS2013.

“Two weeks only”, Ms. Hang Lina answered.

- Mr. Nishi asked if Ms. Hang Lina already completed a draft of new definition of Urban / Rural, and requested her to send the draft to him if completed.

Ms. Hang Lina accommodated his request.

3.2 H.E. San Sy Than, Director General asked Mr. Nishi:

- H.E. San Sy Than asked for an idea of Mr. Nishi concerning the EC2011 micro data provision.

Mr. Nishi gave his views, which are to provide two kinds of micro data:

1) Version 1 for the National Report No. 1 & 2.

He mentioned that the file is based on real responses filled-in the EC2011 Forms. The NIS can provide it after March 13.

2) Version 2 for after the National Report No. 1 & 2

He mentioned that the file is the one which revised doubtful data manually from the view points of research and analysis.

The NIS will be able to provide the file possibly after this coming April.

4. Closing Session

At the end of the presentations and discussions, H. E. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS wrapped up the meeting as follows:

H. E. San Sy Than expressed his willingness to summarize the results obtained from the meeting and again emphasized the important role of JICA Project, which has been supporting NIS since phase I in 2005 in terms of capacity development of the statistical officers in central and provincial level through various training and practical work, such as statistical training, population census 2008, Establishment Listing 2009, Economic Census 2011, provision of PC and peripherals to Provincial Department of Planning Offices (PDPs), especially for the improvement of small area statistics at provincial level that could be a great contribution to decentralization currently being promoted by the Cambodian Government. And JICA Project Phase 3 still can contribute to the CIPS 2013 by means of technical and financial assistance. With JICA supports, NIS will have a huge amount of statistical data available in the future. Once again, H. E. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS expressed his sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan and JICA for their ceaseless support extended toward NIS for the past decade.