

A REPORT  
on  
**TRAINING ON THE ECONOMIC CENSUS OF SRI LANKA**

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## Acknowledgement

First of all, on behalf of Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), Nepal, the team of delegates would like to express sincere appreciation to JICA Nepal on good arrangement for technical exchange with Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), Sri Lanka. It highly contributes to the capacity development of CBS toward Nepal Economic Census 2018. It was a good opportunity to visit DCS and to learn about Sri Lanka Economic Census 2013/2014 which was conducted as the first time. Since CBS is also going to conduct the first economic census in 2018, a series of the experience in Sri Lanka such as census mapping, listing and enumeration, data processing, quality assurance, and dissemination is very useful for CBS.

Similarly, we are grateful to DCS Headquarters, DCS Kandy District Branch Office, and DCS Galle District Branch Office for wonderful arrangement of training and sharing the experience about the Economic Census in Sri Lanka. We are equally grateful to JICA Sri Lanka for cooperating and coordinating this training in Colombo. On behalf of CBS team, we appreciate Mr. Fumihiko Nishi for his hard and dedicated efforts in facilitating this training for capacity development.

## 1. Purpose of the Mission

The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), Sri Lanka has long-time and accumulated experience on the implementation of censuses and statistical surveys, and conducted the Economic Census in 2014. On the other hand, Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), Nepal has never conducted the Economic Census, and is planning to conduct the first-ever Economic Census in 2018. Therefore, it was very good timing for CBS to conduct this training in DCS.

The objectives of this training was to enhance the capacity of CBS officers on the Economic Census. It was expected that CBS officers would be able to obtain DCS's precious and useful knowledge, technique, and experience on planning, data processing, analysis, and dissemination of Economic Census through this training.

## 2. Member List

No.	Name	Occupation
1	Prof./Mr. Fumihiko Nishi	JICA expert (Chief Advisor), Project on Capacity Development for the Implementation of Economic Census 2018 in Nepal
2	Mr. Anil Sharma	Director of Economic Census Section, Central Bureau of Statistics, Nepal
3	Mr. Poudel Nawaraj	Statistical Officer of Makawanpur Statistics Office, CBS, Nepal
4	Mr. Chaudhary Prabin Kumar	Statistical Officer of Dhanusha Statistics Office, CBS, Nepal

## 3. Receiving organization

Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), Sri Lanka

Director-General: Dr. Amara J. Satharasinghe

Additional Director-General: Ms. Indu R. Bandara

#### 4. Tentative Time Table (18-22 September 2017)

##### Study tour on "Conducting Economic Census" of the officials from Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS)-Nepal

Date	Time	Programme	Resource Person
Day 1 - Sep 18	9.00 a.m. - 9.15 a.m.	Welcome the delegation from Nepal & JICA Nepal	Mrs. U.V. Jayakody, Director (Training, Research and Special Studies)
		Introduction of the participants	
	9.15 a.m. - 9.35 a.m.	National Statistical System of Sri Lanka	Mr. DGSG Munasinghe, Additional Director General
	9.35 a.m. - 10.35 a.m.	Overview of Economic Census of Sri Lanka	Mrs. U.Maheswaran, Director (Industries, Trade and Services)
	10.35 a.m. - 10.50 a.m.	Tea Break	
	10.50 a.m. - 11.50 a.m.	Overview of Field Management of the Economic Census	Mr. Priyadarshana Dharmawardana, Senior Statistician
	11.50 a.m. - 12.50 p.m.	Mapping and Listing Operation of the Economic Census	Ms. Udaya Maheshwaran/ Director
	12.50 p.m. - 2.00 p. m.	Lunch	
	2.00.p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Findings of the Listing Operation	Mr. Chaminda Weerasinghe/SO
	3.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	Meeting with the Director General of Census and Statistics	Dr.A.J.Satharasinghe, Director General of Census and Statistics
	3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Presentation on Nepal National Statistical System and Industry Census of Nepal	Participant from Nepal
4.00 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.	Photo session		
Day 2 - Sep 19	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Enumeration - methodology	Mr. Priyadarshana Dharmawardana/SSTN
	10.00 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.	Questionnaire used at Economic Census	Mr.D.M.N.Bandara/SSTN, Ms. Chamini Wijepala/STN, Mrs.Shyamali Kodikara/STN
	10.45 a.m.- 11.15 a.m.	Tea Break	
	11.15 a. m. - 12.15 p.m.	Questionnaire used at Economic Census	Mr.D.M.N.Bandara/SSTN, Ms. Chamini Wijepala/STN, Mrs.Shyamali Kodikara/STN
	12.15 p.m. - 1.45 p. m.	Lunch	
	1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	Questionnaire used at Economic Census	Mr.D.M.N.Bandara/SSTN, Ms. Chamini Wijepala/STN, Mrs.Shyamali Kodikara/STN
	2.45 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.	Tea Break	
3.15.p.m. - 4.15 p.m.	Economic Census data processing	Ms. Niluka Munasinghe/STN	
Day 3 - Sep 20		Field Visit to Kandy	Delegation from Nepal accompanied by Mr. Priyadarshana Dharmawardana/SSTN and Ms. Madusha Bandara/STN
Day 4 - Sep 21		Field Visit to Galle	Delegation from Nepal accompanied by Mr. Jinadasa/STN and Ms. Shyamali Kodikara/STN
Day 5 - Sep 22	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	Analysis and dissemination of Census data - Economic Census	Mr. Priyadarshana Dharmawardana/SSTN
	10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Tea Break	
	11.00 a. m. - 12.15 p.m.	Census findings	Mr. DMN Bandara/SSTN, Ms.Chamini Wijepala/STN, Mrs. Shyamalie Kodikara/STN
	12.15 p.m. - 1.45 p. m.	Lunch	
	1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	Final discussion	Moderator : Ms. IR Bandara, ADG I
	2.45 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.	Tea Break	
3.15.p.m. - 4.15 p.m.	Closing ceremony		

## **5. Outline of Central Bureau of Statistics, Nepal**

Statistical Act 2015 has made to Central Bureau of Statistics of Nepal for the sole government agency to undertaken the statistical activities with the aim to fulfill the data requirements of the government as well as concerned stakeholders. Although it has 100 years' experience on population census, 60 years' experience on agriculture census, and 50 years' experience on manufacturing census. But since CBS, Nepal has never conducted economic census, CBS is planning to conduct the first-ever economic census in 2018.

## **6. National Statistical System of Sri Lanka**

Mr. D.G.S.G. Munasinghe, Additional Director General, DCS made a presentation on the overview of the national statistical system of Sri Lanka. In 1871, Sri Lanka conducted the population census which was the first one in this SAARC region. The national statistical system of Sri Lanka consists of DCS (main official statistics producer), ministries and agencies producing administrative data, and research institutes.

### **Briefing on DCS**

- Established in 1948
- Responsible for collection, compilation, and dissemination of statistical information
- Data are collected through surveys, censuses, and administrative records
- Data users cover wide spectrum from students to planners, policy makers, and international agencies
- Data collection is done according to the census ordinances and statistical ordinances

## **7. Meeting with Director General of DCS**

Dr. A. J. Satharasinghe, Director General of DCS mentioned as follows: He wishes the success of this training program and the first economic census of Nepal. Hope sharing knowledge, techniques, and experience of DCS will be useful to CBS Nepal for starting

the economic census. The field visits to both Gale and Candy districts will provide more actual information on the field activities of the economic census.

Mrs. Udaya Maheshwarana, Director, Industry, Trade and Service Division of DCS mentioned that Nepalese delegate visited DCS at the right time to share the experience of the first economic census of Sri Lanka.

## 8. Publicity Campaign

Mr. Priyadarshana Dharmawardana Kodikara, Senior Statistician, Industry, Construction, Trade and Services Division made a presentation on the publicity campaign of Sri Lanka Economic Census 2013/2014 as follows:

1) Motto of Sri Lanka Economic Census 2013/2014 was "CORRECT INFORMATION STRENGTHENS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION".

2) Logo



3) Electronic Media

a. TV / Radio discussions

with DG/ADG/DCS officers having expertise knowledge

b. Message line during TV news telecast

TV / Radio Program

c. Discussion during a program: targeting a specific group

d. TV / Radio commercial

- 4) Printed Media
  - a. Newspaper articles
  - b. Newspaper Interviews
 

with DG/ADG/DCS officers having expertise knowledge
  - c. Newspaper advertisements
  
- 5) Others
  - a. Billboard
  - b. Poster – public places





c. Train and bus poster – inside of public transport buses



- d. Letter Heading
- e. Sticker – DCS vehicles
- f. Bags – enumerators
- g. Caps – enumerators

## 9. Lessons learnt

- 1) If publicity on EC2018 lacks, it will be too difficult to collect data related to economic units. Because it will be hard for each enumerator to make all respondents understand. The respondents will ask many questions.
- 2) It is necessary to know that general public as well as stakeholders know little about the importance, use and sensitivity of the economic census.
- 3) Publicity should be done in local languages.
- 4) Posters hanged or posted in public transport buses are very effective.
- 5) Publicity should be begun one month before enumeration.
- 6) Census forms will bring further consideration to CBS, especially one option of “Government office” in the question of “Legal status”.
- 7) One option of “Domestic and foreign’ in the question of “Type of ownership” has provided a new idea for CBS.
- 8) Definition of large-scale, medium-scale, small-scale, and micro-scale establishment will do bring further consideration to CBS.
- 9) Findings of DCS will provide some new ideas to CBS.

## 10. Conclusions

The technical exchange provided unique and valuable opportunities to learn on the wide range of activities, from management, planning, and preparation to implementation and evaluation. The lessons learnt are very much applicable also to Nepal. In addition, we could obtain very useful documents such as census forms, definitions, findings. We do hope that the cooperation among DCS, Sri Lanka, the Statistics Bureau of Japan, JICA, and CBS, Nepal will be further strengthened in the future. This training will help CBS to conduct Nepal Economic Census 2018 (EC2018) for capturing essential statistical information on economic units. The results of EC2018 contain economic statistics such as the number of enterprises, business, persons engaged, which are basic statistics in drafting economic policies and plans. Government of Nepal set a goal to attain poverty reduction and to graduate Nepal from Least Developed Country (LDC) category to a developing country status by 2022. Moreover, Nepal is planning to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030. In this framework, CBS is going to implement EC2018 to fulfill broad economic data needs and to achieve the challenge upgrading Nepal to the developing country.

## **List of Training Materials**

1. National Statistical System of Sri Lanka
2. Enumeration Stage Methodology, Economic Census 2013/14
3. Overview of Field Management, Economic Census 2013/14
4. Form on Industry Sector (For Formal Establishments), Economic Census 2013/14
5. Form on Trade and Services (Formal Sector), Economic Census 2013/14
6. Data Processing, Economic Census 2013/14
7. Analysis, Economic Census 2013/14
8. Key Findings of Economic Census, Economic Census 2013/14
9. Key Findings of Construction, Trade and Services (Formal Sector),  
Economic Census 2013/14
10. Key Findings of Informal Non-Agricultural Economic Activities,  
Economic Census 2013/14
11. Publicity Campaign, Economic Census 2013/14
12. Overcome the Challenges and Problems in the Field Work,  
Economic Census 2013/14

Photo 1. With Director General of DCS on 18 Sep. 2017



Photo 2. In DCS on 18 Sep. 2017





Photo 3. In DCS on 18 Sep. 2017



Photo 4. In front of Kandy District Office on 20 Sep. 2017



Photo 5. In DCS Kandy District Branch Office on 20 Sep. 2017



Photo 6. In front of DCS Galle District Branch Office on 21 Sep. 2017



Photo 7. In DCS Galle District Branch Office on 21 Sep. 2017



Photo 8. With Director-General of DCS

