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H.E. Mr. Chhay Than, Senior Minister and Minister of Planning, Cambodia released the preliminary results of the 2013 Inter-censal Population Survey (CIPS2013) at 9:00 am on 15 August 2013 at Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh.

On this special occasion, H.E. Mr. Chhay Than, Senior Minister and Minister of Planning honorably attended the releasing ceremony with Dr. Marc Derveeuw, Representative of UNFPA Cambodia Office, Mr. Hiroshi Izaki, Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office, UNFPA Officers, Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, JICA Officers, JICA Experts, and Senior Officers of the Ministry of Planning.

The CIPS2013 is based on Article 8 of the Statistics Law enacted in May 2005 and the Sub-decree on designated official statistics approved by the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN.

The CIPS2013 was conducted from 3 to 7 March 2013 for data collection through the field operation. 955 enumerators and 238 supervisors were assigned to cover 955 selected villages in the 24 provinces and capital within the territory of Cambodia.

The CIPS2013 was an inter-censal survey conducted in the mid-year between the two decennial population censuses of the years 2008 and 2018. Due to the long interval between the two decennial censuses it is imperative to conduct the inter-censal survey to collect updated information on the constantly changing demographic and economic situations of Cambodia. The examples of using the results in the Government sector are to update development indicators for

the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP), the rectangular Strategy, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and so on.

The summary of the preliminary results is as follows:

1. Population

Cambodia's population was 14,676,591 persons as of 3 March 2013 according to the preliminary results of the CIPS2013. Since its population in 2008 was 13,395,682 persons according to the final results of the 2008 Population Census, it increased by 1,280,909 persons in the past five years. The annual population growth rate was 1.46% from 2008 to 2013, while it was 1.54% from 1998 to 2008. It means that the population growth in Cambodia is declining.

2. International Comparison

According to the 2012 revision of World Population Prospects by United Nations, in 2010, Viet Nam's population was 89,047 thousand persons and 6.1 times larger than Cambodia's, Thailand 66,402 thousands (4.5 times), Lao 6,396 thousands (0.4 times), Myanmar 51,931 thousands (3.5 times), Japan 127,353 thousands (8.7 times), United Kingdom 62,066 (4.2 times), United States of America 312,247 thousands (21.3 times), and so on. It means that Cambodia's population is relatively smaller than neighbor countries except Lao.

3. Average Household Size (for normal or regular households only)

The average household size in Cambodia was 4.6 persons per household in 2013, while it was 4.7 persons in 2008. It means that the number of persons per household in Cambodia is decreasing.

4. Urban Population

Cambodia's urban population was 3,146,212 persons or 21.4% of its total population in 2013, while it was 2,614,027 persons or 19.5% in 2008. It means that Cambodian people are migrating from rural to urban.

5. Population by Province

Looking at Cambodia's population by province, Kampong Cham was the largest with 1,757,223 persons, followed by Phnom Penh 1,688,044 persons, Prey Veng 1,156,739 persons, Battambang 1,121,019 persons, and Kandal 1,115,965 persons. These five provinces have more than one million persons. On the other hand, Kep was the smallest with 38,701 persons, followed by Pailin 65,795 persons, and Mondul Kiri 72,680 persons. These three provinces have less than 100 thousand persons.

Finally, the CIPS2013 was implemented by the National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning in cooperation with UNFPA and the Project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia

by the Government of Japan and JICA. These organizations supported the Royal Government of Cambodia for the 2008 Population Census also.

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