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At the Opening Ceremony of Releasing the Final Results of 2009
Nation- Wide Establishment Listing of Cambodia
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- HE. Masafumi Kuruki, Japanese Ambassador
- Mr. Yasujiro Sujuki, Resident Representative, JICA
- HE. Secretaries of State, Under Secretaries of State, MOP
- Mr. Nishi, Chief Advisor, JICA Project and Experts
- Representatives of International and National Organizations
- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

Today I have great honor and pleasure to preside over the ceremony of releasing the Final results of 2009 nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia and welcome to the presences of Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen who participate in this ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Ministry of Planning and on my own behalf, I would like to thank and highly appreciate the Government of Japan and JICA for technical and financial support through the project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia in cooperation with National Institute of Statistics and conducted successfully the Nation-Wide Establishment listing in 2009.

Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen

Because of the limited budget of Royal Government of Cambodia, the National Institute of Statistics has stopped to conduct the establishment survey since the ADB project has finished in 2003.

After finishing the ADB project, the National Institute of Statistics has received JICA support for conducting establishment survey in some provinces and conducting nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia in 2009 and preparing the 2011 Economics Census of Cambodia in line with the Statistical Master Plan (SMP) 2008 2015.

Through JICA support, NIS has conducted establishment surveys and the 2009 nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia in November 2008 and the fieldwork started from 09 February till 08 March 2009 with

reference date 09 February 2009. This is the first nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia conducted by counting all establishments in Cambodia, except the agricultural, fishery and forestry establishments and mobile establishments. As you are aware, the 2009 nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia supported technically and financially by Government of Japan and JICA through the phase 2 of the project Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia. We are now producing the official data and we are releasing final results today.

The 2009 nation-wide establishment listing is very crucial to provide the data for compiling the national accounts, main indicators, that allow us to know about our economic situation. From these results we can produce the statistical tables such as total number of establishments, number of workers by economics activities, size of household, number of establishments in 1,000 persons, density of establishment in a squared kilometer. The data are not only presented the aggregate information but also presented the detailed information of all of provinces, districts, communes and villages of Cambodia.

In addition, we will produce the master frame of the establishments for the economics surveys and produce census frame for economic census of Cambodia in 2011 include all small, medium and large establishments following the international standard. Through these activities, we will improve our knowledge, skills and capacities of both NIS and provincial staff to support 2011 economic census in 2011.

Moreover, the results of the 2009 nation-wide establishment will provide the information of economic activities of current situation of Cambodian economy as well as general demands of data such as policy makers, NGOs, private sectors, researchers, and other development partners. The nation-wide establishment listing also provide us the aspects of economic and social development through the activities and number of workers of the small and medium establishments. The results of the nation-wide establishment listing also contribute to the decentralization and deconcentration activities of the Royal Government of Cambodia to support statistical activities and preparation of the financial planning for sub-nation levels. I hope the results are useful for the improvement of the economic statistics which is a main part of the nation statistical system as well as for the development of the country.

Finally, I would like to thank Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen for honoring the ceremony of releasing final results of the 2009 nation-wide establishment listing. In particular, I would like to thank HE.

Ambassador and JICA Resident Representative, Chief Advisor, JICA experts and Government of Japan supporting the statistical system of Cambodia, the nation-wide establishment listing and the economic census in 2011. I would like to wish Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen the four Buddhist gems and success. I would like to officially release the results of 2009 nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia from now on.

Thank you!