

Release of final results of nation-wide establishment listing 2009

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Report on the establishment listing 2009 in Cambodia

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- **H.E. Masafumi Kuroki, Ambassador of Japan**
- **Mr. Yajusiro Suzuki, Resident Representative, JICA**
- **H.E. Secretary of State, Under- Secretary of State, MOP**
- **Mr. F. Nishi, Chief Adviser, JICA project, representatives of JICA and JICA experts at NIS, representatives of national and international organizations**
- **Representatives of line ministries, institutions, provincial planning chiefs and deputies planning chiefs**
- **Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen**

By the assistance of JICA Project on "Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia" and with the permission of the Ministry of Planning (MOP), today the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) of the MOP has the honour to organize the ceremony of releasing finals of the establishment listing 2009. As you are aware, the JICA Project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia, Phase II cooperate with UNFPA in the General Population census of Cambodia 2008, assisting the strengthening of statistical infrastructure and conducting establishment listing 2009.

The Statistics Law was enacted in May 2005 and is the strong base for the development of Statistics in the future. The Statistics Master Plan (SMP) was approved by Statistics Advisory Council in September 2007. In the Statistics Law we need to conduct the Economic or Establishment Census at least once every 10 years and in the SMP we plan to conduct in 2011. The NIS of MOP made efforts to request technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan, JICA and RGC counterpart also. If we can have establishment surveys regularly done in addition the economic census properly conducted then the Statistical System of Cambodia will be in the position to serve better the needs of data users in the areas of macroeconomics and the requirements of establishments based indicators. The listing of establishments will provide frame for the various economic surveys, economic census and evaluation studies and assessments. This

listing of establishments is the preparatory phase of the future economic census 2011.

In this ceremony participated representatives from development partners, representatives from line ministries, agencies, provincial planning directors or deputies, NGOs, civil society and mass media around 200 persons.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

The National Institute of Statistics has conducted series of economic or establishment surveys since 1993: first large scale establishment survey in 1993, large scale 1995 establishment survey and large scale 2000 establishment survey and the small quarterly establishment surveys for 3 years from 2001 to 2003. ADB assistance was finished in 2003 and later with the assistance of JICA the NIS did the listing of establishments for Phnom Penh in 2006 and the sample establishment survey in Phnom Penh in 2007 and the pilot establishment listing in province Preah Sihanouk and Kampot in 2008. The 2009 Nationwide Establishment Listing will be served as frames for conducting the 2011 economic census including large scale pilot survey in March 2010 which will ask more detailed questions.

Today, to respond to the needs of statistical information which is increasing, the statistical staff of NIS has increased from 40 staff in 1992 to 310 staff in 2009 at central level and at local level we have now around 380 provincial and district statistical staff and the statistical staff of line ministries and institutions are around 150 staff. Statistical budget has been increased approximately from 0.94 million in 1999 to 5.04 millions in 2009 including fees for consultants. The censuses and large scale sample surveys have been conducted and planned.

The Cambodian Statistical System was well integrated in the world statistical system as well as in the regional statistical system. All sectoral statistics have been strengthened. Recently, after the 2008 Population Census activities, we are on the preparation of the 2011 Economic Census with JICA.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen about the preparation and general plan of Economic Census 2011 as follows:

In the era where competition exists, we must have well established economic statistics which can provide the access of economic information on the establishments of all sectors, these are necessary for the development of the country. The productivity of labour of establishments, including SME can be improved. The domestic and foreign investors, big and small entrepreneurs, private sector including development partners and general public need establishment based data. Besides, also these are the

requirements of international organizations like UN, ASEAN, etc. These data includes number of establishments by economic activity, number of persons engaged by sex and employment status, amount of revenues and expenses during the year, total amount of assets at the end of the year, etc.

We have sub- decree on 2011 economic census of Kingdom of Cambodia in force since 26 August 2009 defining the census dates as of 1 March 2011.

By the general workplan of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia, we will have pilot survey which has quite large sample size in March 2010 covering Phnom Penh municipality and 23 provinces, 90 districts and 200 EA. The results can be used like other establishment surveys for example in national accounts compilation, for comparison with 2011 Economic census and so on.

In order to facilitate the census enumeration, we need to rearrange the village maps in May 2010 until August 2010. The training of enumerators and supervisors will take place one week in February to be prepared for fields operations the whole month of March 2011. The release of preliminary results will take place in July 2011 whereas the final results (national level) will be released in March 2012. Finally, the dissemination for sub-national level will take place in June 2012.

According to the Statistics Law 2005, all respondents (manager, director or responsible employee) must provide accurate, complete and timely information to a designated statistical officer of the Ministry of Planning and all individual information obtained from respondents must be ensured confidentiality. The information is to be used only for statistical purposes. In the Law, there are articles on penalties on respondents and designated statistical officers.

The NIS as well as NSS will strengthen economic statistics, economic census and surveys so that the establishment based data will be abundant for use. From 2013 we will do establishment survey every year.

Finally, on behalf of NSS, we would like to thank Government of Japan, JICA and Royal Government of Cambodia for providing technical assistance and funding for the project 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia and we are grateful to H.E. Senior Minister, Excellencies, ladies and Gentlemen who are present in this ceremony today for releasing final results of establishment listing 2009 .

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