

**Speech by Mr. KUROKI Masafumi,
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**On the Occasion of the Ceremony for the Release of the Final Results of the
Nation-wide Establishment Listing of Cambodia 2009 of the
National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning**

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- Excellency Mr. CHHAY Than, Senior Minister, Minister of Planning,
- Excellencies,
- Distinguished Guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to participate in the celebration for the release of the final results of the Nation-wide Establishment Listing of Cambodia 2009, which was implemented by the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning in cooperation with the Government of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on the successful release of these final results.

I believe that accurate statistics constitute the indispensable basis for the formulation of effective planning on national development. From this point of view, the Government of Japan has been providing financial and technical assistance to the Royal Government of Cambodia in its efforts to enhance the capacity of collecting and analysing data in order to obtain comprehensive and reliable statistics. In this regard, I would like to express my appreciation to the JICA experts, who are also here today, for their long-term commitment to the Nation-wide Establishment Listing and Population Census since 2005.

I would like to request the Ministry of Planning to ensure that further in-depth analysis will be carried out and all planned statistical tables and analytical reports will be published as scheduled.

I sincerely hope that the results of Establishment Listing will contribute to the smooth and effective implementation of the forthcoming Economic Census in 2011.

I would like to conclude my speech by expressing once again my heartfelt appreciation to all the people who have worked towards the successful release of the final results.

Thank you for your attention.