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2011 Economic Census of Cambodia (EC2011)
Minutes of the 4th Census Technical Committee Meeting (CTC),
Friday, October 22, 2010

Participants:

- 1- **H.E. IN Saroeung**, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Planning and Chairman of the CTC
- 2- **H.E. HOU Hour**, Under Secretary of State, the Ministry of Planning and Vice Chairman of the CTC
- 3- **H.E. SAN Sy Than**, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (NIS), Ministry of Planning and permanent member of the CTC
- 4- **Mr. HOR Darith**, Deputy Director General of the NIS, Ministry of Planning and member of the CTC
- 5- **Mr. MICH Kanthul**, Director of Department, the NIS, Ministry of Planning and Secretary of the CTC
- 6- **Mr. CHAN Sum**, Deputy Director General of the Taxation Department, Ministry of Economic and Finance, and member of the CTC
- 7- **Mr. SENG So Chenda**, Director of the Department, Cambodia Development Council and member of the CTC
- 8- **Mr. KHIN Sovolark**, Deputy Director General of the NIS, Ministry of Planning
- 9- **Mr. Nuon Sophorn**, Representative of the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy
- 10- Representative of the Ministry of Commerce
- 11- **Mr. F. NISHI**, Chief Advisor of JICA Project
- 12- **Mr. Ito**, Team Leader of JICA Project
- 13- **Mr. Ishida**, JICA Expert
- 14- **Mr. Hirohata, Mr. Mizuta, Ms. Harada, JICA Experts**
- 15- All members and assistants of the CTC.

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Opening Address by **H.E. IN Saroeung**, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Planning and Chairman of the CTC
2. Progress Report By **H.E. SAN Sy Than**, Director General of the NIS, Ministry of Planning.
3. Brief report of the work plan and the EC2011 Form by **Mr. HOR Darith**, Deputy Director General of the NIS
4. Report of variety of measures to deal with refused establishments when implementing the EC2011 by **Mr. KHIN Sovorleak**, Deputy Director General of the NIS
5. Report of staff training plan for the EC2011 by **Mr. MICH Kanthul**, Director of Department of Economic Statistic, the NIS
6. Discussions

The 4th CTC was held at 9:00 am on Friday, October 22, 2010 at the NIS with the presence of **H.E. IN Saroeung**, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Planning, Chairman of the CTC and other participants from line ministries and development partners. On the outset of the meeting, Chairman thanked to the Government of Japan and JICA for supporting both technical and budget issue for implementing the EC2011 of Cambodia. In addition, he mentioned the Prime Minister's advice to invite retired Japanese experts to help Cambodia because the Prime Minister believed that those retired people had a lot of experiences. Apart from this, the Cambodian government budget for the EC2011 has not been transferred yet from the Ministry of Economy and Finance although there has been a recommendation from the Prime Minister.

Followed by this, **Mr. Nishi**, Chief Advisor of JICA Project at the NIS introduced new experts to the meeting. Then, the meeting addressed various issues related to the preparation of the EC2011.

H.E. SAN Sy Than, Director General of the NIS said previously we prepared many works related to the EC2011 such as the pilot survey which the preliminary results would be released on October 27, 2010. And other preparations for the EC2011 are on the progress smoothly. H.E also requested Chairman to approve the use of the Counterpart Fund of Japan and Government budget for launching the provincial and district census committee at province levels according to the request of provinces in the lesson learnt workshop (population census). This fund accounts for 50 percents of counterpart fund and another 50 percents from the Royal Government of Cambodia. Chairman approved the requests.

Director General of the NIS also said that the budget was already prepared for a municipality, provinces and districts, and he requested JICA Experts to consider 20 communes where were moving from Kandal Province to Phnom Penh.

Mr. Hor Darith, Deputy Director General of the NIS reported some improved points on the EC2011 Form.

Mr. SENG Sochenda, Director of Department, the Cambodia Development Council asked some questions on Question 3.2, 5, 7.3, and 10 of the EC2011 Form.

Mr. NOUN Sophorn, a representative from the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy mentioned that one sentence in Question 4 on the EC2011 Form should be deleted.

For this problem, Chairman agreed to delete the sentence because it overlaps with the title. In the same way, **Mr. Nishi**, JICA Expert also agreed and promised to check and simplify the word.

Mr. KHIN Sovorleak, Deputy Director General of the NIS reported the measurements to cope with refused establishments toward the coming EC2011 as follows:

1. Strengthen public campaign strategy;
2. Request for issuing a formal letter from the Minister of Planning or other Ministers of line ministries;
3. Request industrial associations and embassies to support the implementation of the coming EC2011;
4. Request all embassies to inform their respective foreign companies that are operating business in Cambodia so as to cooperate with enumerators.

For the refused establishments, we will create a special survey team for each province and representatives from line ministries will be included in each team in order to deal with those

refused establishments during the enumeration period. In addition, we also determine the definition and divide the refused establishments into three categories such as 1-complete refusal 2-serious refusal on the important parts like balance sheet or income statement, and 3-minor refusal. On the other hand, we also create a special name list for the refused establishments when implementing the EC2011 by improving some points to make more understanding. Moreover, we also create a line ministry name list that have privilege in giving license to establishments in order to facilitate the enumerators' work and request the line ministry representatives to share some constructive ideas.

Mr. MICH Kanthul, Director of the Economic and Statistic Department reported the training schedule of the EC2011 including introduction, structure and role as well as training program.

Chairman closed the meeting by giving the comments on the wording and meaning on the EC2011 Form. He also agreed with the suggestion of Director General of the NIS on the administrative boundary change of 20 communes where were moving from Kandal province to Phnom Penh municipality, and agreed with the measurements raised by Mr. KHIN Sovorleak and Mr. MICH Kanthul. Finally, he requested all line ministries that participated in the meeting to shared constructive ideas if they might have.

The meeting finished at 12:00 pm in the same date.

Approved

Phnom Pehn, October 22, 2010

Minute Taker

Chairman of the CTC

MICH Kanthul