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2011 Economic Census of Cambodia (EC2011)
Minute of the 7th Census Technical Committee Meeting (CTC)
June 3rd, 2011

The seventh CTC meeting was held on June 3rd, 2011 at National Institute of Statistics (NIS) at 9 a.m presided over by **H.E. IN Sareoung**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning (MOP) and chairman of the CTC with the participation of line ministries and development partner.

Participants:

- 1- **H.E. IN Sareoung**, Secretary of State, MOP and Chairman of the CTC
- 2- **H.E. SAN Sy Than**, Director General, the NIS, MOP and permanent member of the CTC
- 3- **H.E. POEUK Sarin**, Chief of Cabinet, the MOP and member of the CTC
- 4- **Mr. HOR Darith**, Deputy Director General, the NIS, MOP and member of the CTC
- 5- **Mr. MICH Kanthul**, Director of Department, the NIS, MOP and Secretary of the CTC
- 6- **Mr. KHIN Sovolark**, Deputy Director General, the NIS, MOP
- 7- **Mr. Eou Samreth**, Vice Director of department, representative from General Directorate of Taxation Department, Ministry of Economic and Finance
- 8- **Mr. Tep Chanreon**, Vice Chief of bureau, representative from General Directorate of Taxation Department, Ministry of Economic and Finance
- 9- **Mr. Hok Thy**, Chief of bureau, representative from Ministry of Industry, Mine and Energy
- 10- **Mr. F. NISHI**, Chief Advisor of JICA Project for the NIS
- 11- **Mr. Ishida**, JICA Expert for the NIS
- 12- **Mr. Pouk Pheara**, Representative from JICA in Phnom Penh
- 13- **Other JICA Experts for the NIS**
- 14- All members and assistants of the Census Technical Committee of Cambodia (CTC)

Agenda of the meeting

- Welcome Remarks by **H.E. Mr. In Saroeung**, Secretary of State, the MOP and Chairman of the CTC
- Progress Report of **H.E. Mr. San Sy Than**, Director-General, the NIS
- Draft of EC2011 List of Publications by **Mr. Hor Darith**, Deputy Director General, the NIS
- Draft of EC2011 Preliminary Results Report No.1 (Contents) by **Mr. Khin Sovorlak**, Deputy Director-General, the NIS
- Draft of EC2011 Preliminary Results Report No.2 (Contents) by **Mr. Mich Kanthul**, Director of Economic Statistics Department, the NIS
- Progress Report of EC2011 Editing and Coding by **Mr. Khin Sovorlak**, Deputy Director-General, the NIS
- Progress Report of EC2011 Data Entry by **Mr. Saint Lundy**, Director of ICT Department, the NIS
- Discussion
- Closing Address by **H.E. Mr. In Saroeung**, Secretary of State, MOP and Chairman of the CTC

On the outset of the meeting, **H.E. IN Sareoung** told **Mr. MICH Kanthul** to check the attendances of the participants.

H.E. SAN Sy Than, Director General of the NIS reported three important things as follows:

1. The results of 2011 Economic Census in Cambodia: the response rate of large-scale establishments account for 98 percent while there was only 78 percent in the pilot survey. As for establishments with 100 or less persons engaged, the response rate goes up to 99 percent, that is, almost perfect. I agree with Chairman of the CTC that the EC2011 is successfully implemented.

2. Releasing the results: the preliminary result will be released in August 2011 while the final result will be released in 2012 after discussion with Mr. Nishi and getting approval of H.E Senior Minister.

3. Planning is very important for implementing successfully. Various topics need to be analyzed for the EC2011. Previously, we have only Population Census data, but now we will have detail information concerning EC which has never been done before, and I will inform to the data users about the first results of EC in Cambodia.

Mr. HOR Darith reported about the draft of the EC2011 List of Publications which was divided into 5 types:

1. Preliminary results
2. Final results
3. Analytical reports
4. Special reports
5. National tables

These five reports were analyzed by JICA experts and NIS staff.

Mr. KHIN Sovorlark reported about the draft of the EC2011 Preliminary Results Report No.1 which had three chapters:

1. Summary
2. The preliminary result tables
3. Appendixes

Mr. MICH Kanthul reported about the draft of the EC2011 Preliminary Results Report No.1 which had four chapters:

1. Summary
2. The preliminary result tables
3. Maps
4. Appendixes

Mr. KHIN Sovorlark reported about the progress report of the EC2011 editing and coding which had four points:

1. Structure
2. Training
3. Implementing
4. Result

Mr. Saint Lundy reported about the progress report of the EC2011 data entry

Discussion

- The representative from the Ministry of Industry, Mine and Energy stated that the reports and documents produced by the NIS were good enough and they did not have to be corrected.
- The representative from the Taxation Department made comments on the draft of EC2011 List of Publications that it was well done, but some changes needed to be made: the names of persons engaged with the special reports should be mentioned, not just the names of SCOs. There is not much difference between the analytical reports and the special reports. Can the two reports be combined together?
- Concerning the combination of the two reports, **Mr. Nishi** said that the analytical reports contained the results of the Economic Census while the special reports contained the records of that. The Report of Organization and Administration of the Census is institutional memory containing the records such as organization chart, staff list, time table, budget based on performance. The core staff of next Economic Census will be able to implement easily by just reading this report. The PES is a survey after the Economic Census.
- **Mr. Ishida** added to **Mr. Nishi's** comments concerning the Report of Organization and Administration of the Census. We are planning to add more information at the stage of planning and implementing. This report will be released in June 2013. In addition, we are planning to add more reports to this list.
- **Mr. Nishi** made a correction on **Mr. Hor Darith's** speech concerning the report. He claimed that the Economic Census was done by the NIS. Thus, all reports must be done by the NIS staff with support from JICA Experts. Regarding the editing/coding and data entry, **Mr. Saint Lundy** has prepared the good list and **Mr. Kin Sovorlak** should prepare a list too so that we can compare the both lists. The editing/coding and data entry groups do not have a good relationship each other as far as I know. Thus, they should build up good connection each another as it is not the first time since the Nation-wide Establishment Listing in 2009. This problem is very important. I worry that the bad relationship will affect the results of the EC2011. Anyway, I appreciate the great effort of all engaged staff.

Finally, **H.E IN Sareoung**, Secretary of State, the MOP and Chief of the CTC closed the meeting.

Phnom Penh June 3rd, 2011
Minute taker

Mich Kanthul