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National Census Committee
of Economic Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia
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To: Samdach Akkak Mohasena Padei Decho Hun Sen Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Objective: Report on the Preparation For the 2011 Economic Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia (EC 2011).

Reference: Sub-decree No: 139 dated 26 September 2009 of the EC 2011.

As the said above objective and reference, I have a great honor to report to Samdech on the progressiveness and results of the preparation of EC 2011 following:

1- EC 2011 Background

Economic Census is one of three censuses mentioned in the law implemented by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS), Ministry of Planning (MoP). EC provides fundamental statistics of economic activities and business locations for economic development, which contributes to strengthen the government's policies toward good governance, national development plan formulation, and people poverty alleviation. The implementing EC is the necessary need of the Royal Government (RG) in the present time for developing the country, supporting from development partners and investors internally and externally as well.

Census is a great and huge work that RG needs, today, support from development partners due to the scarcity of fund, technical capacity, and limited experiences. According to Statistics Master Plan 2008-2015 approved by Statistics Council in 2007, and in term of United Nation support, MoP, and development partners, EC 2011 and Agricultural Census has been planned to execute.

So far, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Japan have provided technical cooperation project since September 2005 until nowadays such as support to economic statistics, statistical capacity building, and

Nation-wide Establishment Listing in combination assistance with 2008 Population Census as well.

Following the EC 2011, the estimated total budget is about USD 3.5 million, of this overall amount, JICA and Government of Japan has financed about USD 2.8 million and counter part fund contribution from Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) is USD 697 thousand.

2- The preparatory work of Organization for EC implementation

In accordance with Statistics Law and Sub-decree of EC 2011, the National Census Committee of EC 2011 has been formed and the Minister of Planning Ministry is a chairman, Secretary of State of Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and Secretary of State of Ministry of Interior are Vice Chairman, Secretary of State of MoP is permanent vice chairman, and there are Secretary of States of line Ministries, Institutes are member. The NCC had the first NCC meeting on 30 November 2009 and approved on the creation of the Census Technical Committee (CTC) for EC 2011 and initiated to form up Capital and Provincial Census Committee; Census Plan; Pilot Survey of EC 2011 questionnaire testing; and other preparatory works for EC implementation. NCC has requested the amount of USD697,000 from counterpart fund to Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance for supporting to EC.

CTC has been actively executed its works in coordinate with JICA , developing and solving great technical works which occurred during the preparation for EC. Until now, CTC had two meetings, documenting such as the brief general preparation paper for EC 2011, EC2011 Plan, Pilot Survey, Draft questionnaires, holding a Ceremony of Announcing Capital and Provincial Census Committee, selecting draft logo of EC and other works.

The ceremony for announcing Capital and Provincial Census Committee was held on 15 February 2010, presided over by Minister of Planning and as a Chairman of EC, with distinguished participation of Ambassador of Japan, Chief Representative of JICA. Such ceremony facilitates the PCC to monitor, coordinate in order to implement the large scale of pilot survey in March 2010 which will provide enough experiences in implementing EC next one year.

3- Training for Pilot Survey 2010

NIS's officers provided training to 300 NIS's staff, MOP and other involved line ministries to be Regional Census Officers (RO) and Assistant of RO (ARO), including 24 ROs, 25 AROs, 39 supervisors, all of them are recruited from NIS, MOP. There are also 141 enumerators from Capital and Provincial Planning Departments and 29 provincial coordinators from involved capital and provincial departments.

All EC officers had one-week training session, dividing into 2 groups, starting from 15-26 February 2010.

4- Pilot Survey in 2010

The Pilot Survey 2010 will be held from 1 to 31 March 2010 within 199 villages of 112 districts all over 24 provinces and capital. This work aimed to:

- 1- Obtain experiences on EC survey for PCC and above involved officers.
- 2- The results in 2010 are used to make plan, policy, and can be a better use rather than 2000 Establishment Survey.
- 3- Be comparable with EC 2011 and with regional and international data
- 4- Strengthening capacity of new staff who have not experience with Establishment survey and EC.

5- About Census Publicity

To get the successful census, we need to widen the publicity among the owners of economic units, enterprises, business units, on the coverage and purpose of EC in order to have good cooperation. It is to make clear awareness and understanding among those or respondents and that the collected-individual information is confidentially kept in accordance with Statistics Law. It is necessary to make publicity about the EC through proper way. Sub-decree of EC 2011 allows us to create Census Committee of Publicity (CCP) for EC 2011, to smooth EC by being obtained good cooperation from respondents.

CCP is scheduled to form up in upcoming May and then the census technical officers will prepare publicized census spot and other publicity materials in the late 2010 in order to start publicize from the end of 2010.

6- Activities Plan of EC 2011

A- Pilot Survey 2010

- One month field work operation of Pilot Survey in all provinces and capital, will be starting from 1-31 March 2010.
- Data editing, coding and processing from May to July 2010
- Report of results of Pilot Survey from August to September 2010

B- EC 2011

- Begin to form up CCP in May 2010
- Training for updating maps 1 week in May 2010
- Updating village maps for interviewing from June to August 2010
- Training to provincial and capital census officers 1 day in January 2011
- Training to interviewers and supervisors 1 week in February 2011
- EC field operation 1 month in March 2011

The reported progressive work above, please, **Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Decho**, accept it as a report.

Please, accept, **Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Decho** my highest consideration.

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