

2011 ECONOMIC CENSUS OF CAMBODIA (EC2011)

Minutes of the Third National Census Committee Meeting (NCC) 10 February 2011

The third NCC meeting was held at the meeting room, the first floor, new building, the National Institute of Statistics (NIS), Ministry of Planning (MOP) at 9:00 am on 10 February 2011.

Participants

NCC Members:

H.E. Chhay Than, Senior Minister, Minister of Planning and Chairman of the NCC
H.E. Sak Setha, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior and Vice Chairman of the NCC
H.E. In Saroeurng, Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning, Permanent Vice Chairman of the NCC and Chairman of the CTC
H.E. Ouk Moeurn, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
H.E. Hor Sopheap, Secretary of State, Ministry of Information
H.E. It Praing, Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy
H.E. Sam Promnea, Secretary of State, Ministry of Tourism
H.E. Ek Vandy, Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
H.E. Duy Theov, Deputy Secretary General, Council for Development of Cambodia
Lok Chumtiev Chan Sorey, Secretary of State, Ministry of Women Affairs
H.E. Sem Sokha, Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation
H.E. Em Sophoan, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce
H.E. Thai Noraksatya, Secretary of State, Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts
H.E. Rath Sarin, Secretary of State, Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC)
H.E. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS, Secretary of the NCC

Representatives:

Mr. Tan Sokhann, Director of Department, National Bank of Cambodia (NBC)
Mr. Ung Visoth, Vice Bureau Chief, NBC
Mr. Moeung Vannarom, Deputy Director, MOH
Mr. Sin Chan Serey Vutha, DDG, State Secretariat of Civil Aviation
Mr. Kong Putheara, Director of Department, Ministry of Commerce
Mr. Heng Sophorn, Director of Department, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy
Mr. Kim Kimtheavy, Vice Bureau Chief, General Department of Taxation
Mr. Pen Yarim, Staff, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
Mr. Tu Sonu, Deputy Director, MLMUPC

JICA Experts/Consultants:

Mr. F. Nishi, Chief Adviser of JICA Project, NIS
Mr. Y. Ishida, JICA Expert, NIS
Mr. H. Mizuta, JICA Expert, NIS
Mr. Phok Phira, Program officer, JICA

Project Staff/Counterparts:

H.E. Seng Soeurn, Deputy Director General, NIS
Mr. Hor Darith, Deputy Director General, NIS
Mr. Khin Sovorleak, Deputy Director General, NIS
Mr. Mich Kanthul, Director, Economic Statistics Department, NIS
Mr. Lim Penh, Director, Statistical Standards and Analysis Department, NIS
Mr. Lay Chhan, Deputy Director, Economic Statistics Department, NIS
Mr. Kim Net, Deputy Director, Social Statistics Department, NIS
Ms. Suy Sotheara, Bureau Chief, Statistical Policies and International Cooperation Department, NIS
Ms. Norng Sokuntheavy, Vice Bureau Chief, Statistical Standards and Analysis Department, NIS
Mr. Youk Seng An, Project Assistant, JICA/NIS

Opening of the meeting

H.E. Chhay Than Senior Minister, Minister of Planning and Chairman of the NCC welcomed the participants and delivered his speech to the meeting. He specifically informed the meeting that it was the same as the 2008 Population Census. Before starting the operation of the EC2011, we will request mass media to broadcast a message of the Prime Minister on the EC2011 to the public, especially to the owners of establishments and business units. The broadcasting will take one week long and start from 28 February 2011. H.E. Chhay Than mentioned that, from now on, we would be very busy in preparation for our works, especially training of census staff, logistic arrangements, and census publicity. He reminded that the census operation would be taken place on 1-31 March 2011. He suggested that all the NCC members had to participate actively and make efforts to bring the EC2011 a success.

Progress Report

H.E San Sy Than, Director General of the NIS reported the preparation works of the EC2011 including the budget, time schedule, procurement of census material, census publicity works, and training. H.E. San Sy Than informed to the meeting that, regarding the budget for the EC2011, we had just received full amount from all sources: USD 0.54 millions from JICA, USD 2.24 millions from the counterpart fund of the Government of Japan (grant), and USD 0.48 millions from the Royal Government of Cambodia. Thus, the total budget for the EC2011 is USD 3.26 million. He provided the detailed activities of the work plan for the EC2011 covering three different stages: pre-census operations, census operations, and post-census operations. H.E. San Sy Than continued that the procurement of census materials was under responsibility of JICA. This includes materials for census information and education campaign. He reported to the meeting that training for enumerators and supervisors would be taken place from 14 February 2011, split into two groups, and attended by approximately 4,500 participants. He stated that census staff of districts/khans, communes/sangkats, and special survey team also would be provided the training, and village chiefs also would be invited to participate in

the operation census. The message of PM has just been drafted and submitted to cabinet of PM.

Mr. Mich Kanthul, Director of the Economic Statistics Department of the NIS reported that training of economic census staff would start from the third week of February 2011. He mentioned that the training for enumerators and supervisors in provincial/municipality, especially in Phnom Penh and some large provinces, would be taken place from 14 February. Other smaller provinces would start from the fourth week of February. He stated that after the training all census staff in all provinces would conduct an interview from 1 to 31 March 2011.

Mr. Hor Darith, Deputy Director General of the NIS reported that manual editing, coding, data entry, and computer editing would begin from May 2011 and the preliminary report would be released in August 2011. He added that the preparation of the final report was expected to be finished in February 2012 and the final report would be released in March 2012. He continued that the publication of analytical reports and statistical maps would be from May 2012.

Mr. Khin Sovoleak, Deputy Director General of the NIS reported the special survey team and the Provincial Census Committee (PCC). He mentioned that we had just organized the special survey team and the PCC in each province. He also mentioned that census campaign had just begun through banners, TV spots, Radio spots, posters, newspapers articles, and so on.

Plenary Discussion

H.E. Em Sophorn, Under Secretary of State, the Ministry of Commerce confirmed that, on behalf of the Ministry of Commerce, he would like to support the operations of the coming EC2011 strongly. He mentioned that the Ministry of Commerce had some difficulties in collecting data on trademarks. He hoped that the Ministry of Commerce would receive the full benefit through this census.

H.E. Sam Prumnea, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Tourism raised a point that we got low response rate from large-scale establishments even the 2010 pilot survey. However, he thinks that we will receive good results this time because we have established the PCC which is composed of line departments and Provincial Governors working as a chairman. Thus, we will be able to receive more cooperation from all establishments including large-scale establishments. He informed that, under the responsibility of the Ministry of Tourism, establishments related to tourism such as hotels, guesthouses, and restaurants were listed with address and contact person so that we could contact them easily.

H.E. Ouk Moeurn, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports confirmed that, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, he expressed his strong support, coordination, and facilitation in the upcoming EC2011. In addition, he asked a question to the meeting whether a letter informing all establishments about enumerator's visit prepared or not yet.

Mr. Khin Sovorleak, Deputy Director General of the NIS answered that the PCC already prepared the letter. In addition to this, Prime Minister's message, TV spots, radio spots, newspaper advertisement have been broadcasting.

H.E. Duy Theov, Deputy Secretary General, the Council for Development of Cambodia, provided his experience concerning the participation of large-scale establishments. It doesn't depend upon census campaign but strengthening of our capacity is the most important thing. He said that well trained staff and qualified census officials were one factor, and another one was that we needed to have a good coordination and facilitation from local authorities. This is very critical.

H.E. Sak Setha, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Interior, and Vice Chairman of the NCC, he agreed the points raised by H.E. Duy Theov. He thinks that the Ministry of Interior has its mandate in management of local authorities up to village level. He confirmed that the Ministry of Interior would strongly provide coordination and facilitation in the upcoming EC2011, particularly to the SMEs.

Mr. Nishi, Chief Advisor, JICA Project expressed his appreciation to the meeting and he think that good cooperation of line ministries are very important. He believes that the EC2011 will run smoothly and go well with success. He requested the participants from line ministries to collaborate in order to get success in this census.

Closing Remarks

H.E. Chhay Than, Chairman of the NCC concluded the discussion of the meeting, asked cooperation and facilitation to line ministries, and requested strong efforts to the NIS in order to make the EC2011 successful.

The meeting was closed at 11:45 a.m.

San Sy Than
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