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**1st Meeting of Provinces and Line Ministries on
The preparation for 2009 Nation-wide Establishment Listing of Cambodia
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Ministry of Planning, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

A three-hours meeting under the chairmanship of H.E. In Saroeurng, Secretary of State, Minister of Planning, is primarily aiming to prepare for the 2009 Nation-wide Establishment Listing (EL2009) of Cambodia and to appeal for the cooperation from the involved line ministries/ institutions of the Royal Government of Cambodia (the RGC). The participants are invited from the Ministry of Industry Mines and Energy; Ministry of Commerce; Ministry of Tourism; Ministry of Public Works and Transport; Ministry of Land Management, Urbanization and Construction; Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport; Ministry of Post and Telecommunication; National Bank of Cambodia and all Provincial Planning Departments (3 participants each province). There ere about 100 officials anticipating in this meeting.

EL2009 is scheduled to be conducted from 9 February to 8 March 2009 with regarding 9 February 2009 as the reference date, covering the entire tertiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia and carried out by the National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning with both financial and technical assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government of Japan through the Project on Improving Official Statistics, phase 2 and under the legal basis of Statistics Law, Article 8 and 9.

EL2009 is aiming at constructing a comprehensive list of establishments, the basic units of economic activities, in all industry groups except individual proprietorships in agriculture, forestry, and fishery. The establishment list will provide information on the current situation of economic activities in Cambodia and serve for various users such as policy makers and government officials at national and local levels, NGOs, private sectors, researchers, and development partners. The establishment form of EL2009 will contain the following 9 topics: 1- Name of establishment, 2-Sex of representative of establishment, 3-Address of establishment, 4-Registered to Ministry of Commerce or not, 5-Ownership of organization (Legal status), 6-Head office or branch, 7-Number of persons engaged by sex, 8-Kind of business activities, and 9-Telephone number.

EL2009 will provide, for the first time, a clear picture of the socio-economic development in the whole areas of Cambodia through surveying the activities of establishments and their workers, including those under small and medium-size enterprises. The results are expected to be used as a census frame for the 2011 Economic Census and a sampling frame for more detailed surveys of establishments and enterprises on the production of goods and services. They are needed for the national and regional planning of the socio-economic development and the improvement of living conditions of Cambodian people toward the poverty reduction which is one of the priority aims of the Rectangular Strategy, phase 2 of the RGC.

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