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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 (EC2011).

Reference: Sub-decree No: 139 ~~in~~ **ក្របខណ្ឌ** dated 26 September 2009 of the EC2011.

As the said above objective and reference, I have a great honor to report to Samdech on the progress of the EC2011 preparation as follows:

1- EC2011 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 need of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) 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 the RGC 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, the EC2011 and Agricultural Census has been planned to execute.

So far, the Government of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have provided technical cooperation project since September 2005 until now in

order to support statistical capacity building, the 2008 Population Census, and the 2009 Nation-wide Establishment Listing in addition to the EC2011.

As for the EC2011, the estimated total budget is about USD 3.5 million, of this overall amount, the Government of Japan and JICA have financed about USD 2.8 million and counter part fund contribution from the RGC is USD 697 thousand.

2- The preparatory work of Organization for EC implementation

In accordance with the Statistics Law and the Sub-decree of the EC2011, the National Census Committee (NCC) of the EC2011 has been formed. Minister of Planning is a chairman, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and the Ministry of Interior are Vice Chairman, Secretary of State of the MOP is a permanent vice chairman, and Secretaries of State of other line ministries are members. The NCC had the first NCC meeting on 30 November 2009 and approved on the creation of the Census Technical Committee (CTC) and initiated to form up Capital and Provincial Census Committee (PCC); census plan; pilot survey for questionnaire testing; and other preparatory works for the EC2011 implementation. The NCC has requested the amount of USD 697,000 from counterpart fund to Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance for supporting the EC2011.

The CTC has actively executed its works in coordinate with JICA. Until now, the CTC had two meetings and drafted basic documents such as schema, work plan, forms, logo.

The ceremony for announcing the PCC was held on 15 February 2010, presided over by Minister of Planning and Chairman of the EC2011 with distinguished participation of Ambassador of Japan, Chief Representative of JICA. Such ceremony facilitates the PCC to monitor and coordinate the implementation of the pilot survey in March 2010 which will provide enough experiences for implementing the EC2011 just after one year.

3- Training for Pilot Survey 2010

NIS core staff of the EC2011 provided training for 24 Regional Officers (RO) and 25 Assistant Regional Officers (ARO), 29 provincial coordinators, 39 supervisors, and 141 enumerators. RO and ARO were recruited from the NIS, supervisors were from the MOP or line ministries, enumerators were from Capital and Provincial Planning

Departments, and provincial coordinators were from capital and provincial line departments.

All the EC2011 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 has been conducted from 1 to 31 March 2010 at selected 199 villages of 112 districts all over 24 provinces and capital. This work aimed to:

- 1- Obtain experiences on EC for the PCC and above involved officers;
- 2- The results in 2010 are used to make plans and policies, and can be a better use rather than 2000 Establishment Survey;
- 3- Be comparable with the EC2011 at national and provincial level;
- 4- Strengthening capacity of new staff who have no experience with establishment survey and EC.

5- About Census Publicity

To make the EC2011 successful, we need to inform the public about the implementation of the EC2011, especially to establishments, enterprises, and business units. It is necessary to inform that the results of the EC2011 are very important to promote the socio-economic development in Cambodia and collected-individual information is confidentially kept in accordance with the Statistics Law. It is necessary to publicize the EC2011 through proper ways. The Sub-decree of the EC2011 allows us to create the National Steering Committee for Census Information and Education Campaign (NSC) in order to implement the field operation of the EC2011 smoothly by obtaining good cooperation from respondents.

The NSC is scheduled to form up in upcoming June and then NIS core staff will prepare TV spot and other publicity materials in order to begin to publicize from February 2010.

6- Activities Plan of EC2011

A- Pilot Survey 2010

- Field operation has been conducted in all provinces and capital from 1-31 March 2010.
- Data editing, coding and processing will be done from May to July 2010

- Preliminary results will be released in October 2010

B- EC2011

- Begin to form up the NSC in June 2010
- Training of census mapping for four days in June 2011
- Field operation of census mapping for twenty days in July 2011
- Training of provincial and capital census officers two days in January 2011
- Training of supervisors and enumerators for one week in February 2011
- Field operation of the EC2011 for one month in March 2011

The above reported ongoing preparation works, 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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