

Chapter 3. PROSPECTS OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN CAMBODIA – CONCLUDING REMARKS

As described in previous chapter, urbanization level in Cambodia is very low. Compared with neighboring countries, level of urbanization is at the low position. On the other hand, the dominance of Capital City Phnom Penh among urban areas in Cambodia is remarkable. More than a half of urban population in this country are occupied by inhabitants of Capital City. Suburbanization in Phnom Penh is distinguishable. According to the migration data derived from the 2008 and 1998 Population Censuses, the Primate City Phnom Penh gained 119,112 persons for the period of 5 years prior to 1998, whereas it obtained 214,306 persons for the period of 5 years prior to 2008. Also, net migration rate increased from 11.9 percent to 16.1 percent. This means that urban development or urbanization in Phnom Penh accelerated during the decade.

According to the estimation of United Nations, world's total population as of 2010 is reaching to almost 7000 million. The proportion of the people living in urban areas in the world is estimated as a half of total population of the world. In spite of this, Cambodia's level of urbanization did not yet exceed 20 percent. According to another estimates of "World Urbanization Prospects: The 2009 Revision", in which future trends of urbanization rates are estimated for the world's countries, Cambodia's level of urbanization will reach to 29.2 percent in 2030, equivalent to the level of 1995 attained by Thailand.

Figure 2. Estimated Trend of Urbanization Rate: Cambodia

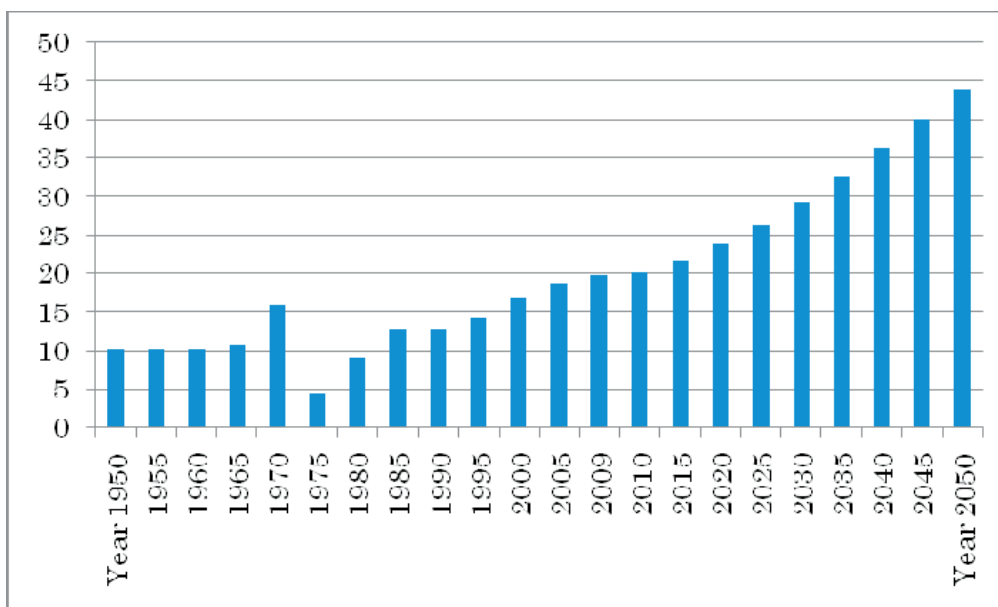


Table 3.1 Comparison of Estimated Urbanization Rate (%)

Year	Cambodia	Thailand	Lao PDR	Sri Lanka
1950	10.2	7.6	7.2	15.3
1955	10.2	16.5	7.6	16.1
1960	10.3	18.0	7.9	17.9
1965	10.8	19.7	8.3	19.8
1970	16.0	20.2	9.6	21.9
1975	4.4	20.9	11.1	22.1
1980	9.0	23.8	12.4	21.6
1985	12.6	26.8	13.8	20.1
1990	12.6	28.1	15.4	18.6
1995	14.2	29.4	17.4	17.2
2000	16.9	30.3	22.0	15.8
2005	18.8	31.1	27.4	14.7
2010	20.1	34.0	33.2	14.3
2015	21.8	36.2	38.9	14.6
2020	23.8	38.9	44.2	15.5
2025	26.3	42.2	49.0	17.2
2030	29.2	45.8	53.1	19.6
2035	32.6	49.3	57.0	22.1
2040	36.2	52.9	60.8	25.0
2045	40.0	56.5	64.5	28.1
2050	43.8	60.0	68.0	31.3

Source: UN “World Urbanization Prospects, 2009 Revision”.

Urban development or urbanization brings various problems to be solved. Traffic congestion, insufficiency of housing, disposals of waste, and air pollution are common urban problems to be solved. Urbanization occurs naturally from individual and corporate efforts to reduce time and expense in commuting and transportation while improving opportunities for jobs, education, housing, and transportation. Urban life permits individuals and families to take advantage of the opportunities of proximity, diversity, and marketplace competition.

Although urbanization level of Cambodia is still low, such problems as described above should be considered for future planning for development and maintaining of urban activity together with various advantages in urban life. Also, actual status of urban areas should be investigated precisely using statistical data. For those purposes, it is expected that this report will be helpful..

List of Urban Agglomerations

01A Mongkol Borei	07B Kampot	13A 130801 Sangkat Kampong Pranak
010209 Ruessei Kraok	070702 Chum Kriel	
010602 Sangkat Kampong Svay	070719 Trapeang Thum	14A Peam Ro
010605 Sangkat Ou Ambel	070801 Sangkat Kampong Kandal	140706 Preaek Khsay Ka
010607 Sangkat Preah Ponlea	070802 Sangkat Krang Ampil	140707 Preaek Khsay Kha
01B 010902 Malai	070803 Sangkat Kampong Bay	
	070804 Sangkat Andoung Khmer	14B 141003 Sangkat Kampong Leav
01C 011002 Sangkat Paoy Paet	08A 080102 Anlong Romiet	
02A Thma Koul	08B 080206 Kokir	15A Kandiang
020201 Ta Pung		150209 Veal
020202 Ta Meun	08C Kandal	150504 Sangkat Phteah Prey
020208 Kouk Khmum	080205 Kbal Kaoh	150505 Sangkat Prey Nhi
02B Bat Dambang	080209 Preaek Aeng	16A 160202 Sangkat Labansiek
020301 Sangkat Tuol Ta Aek	080212 Veal Sbov	
020302 Sangkat Preaek Preah Sdach	080801 Baek Chan	17A 170602 Kampong Thkov
020303 Sangkat Rotanak	080805 Kamboul	
020304 Sangkat Chamkar Samraong	080806 Kantaok	17B Siem Reab
020305 Sangkat Sla Kaet	080909 Preaek Phnov	171001 Sangkat Sla Kram
020306 Sangkat Kdol Doun Teav	0811 Krong Ta Khmau	171002 Sangkat Svay Dankum
020309 Sangkat Ou Char	09A Smach Mean Chey	171003 Sangkat Kouk Chak
020310 Sangkat Svay Pao	090401 Sangkat Smach Mean Chey	171004 Sangkat Sala Kamraeuk
020801 Anlong Vil	090402 Sangkat Dang Tong	171009 Sangkat Siem Reab
020802 Norea		18A Mitakpheap
03A 030308 Soutin	09B 090606 Srae Ambel	180101 Sangkat Muoy
	10A 100101 Chhloung	180102 Sangkat Pir
03B Kampong Cham	10B Kraecheh	180103 Sangkat Bei
030501 Sangkat Boeng Kok	100208 Sangkat Krakor	180104 Sangkat Buon
030502 Sangkat Kampong Cham	100209 Sangkat Kracheh	19A 190401 Sangkat Stueng Traeng
030503 Sangkat Sambuor Meas		
030504 Sangkat Veal Vong	100210 Sangkat Ou Ruessei	20A Svay Rieng
	100211 Sangkat Roka Kandal	200601 Sangkat Svay Rieng
03C 031303 Chrey Vien	11A 110503 Sangkat Spean Mean Chey	200602 Sangkat Prey Chhlak
03D Tboung Khmum	12A 120510 Prey Sa	21A 210802 Sangkat Roka Knong
031608 Chob		22A 220404 Sangkat Samraong
031701 Sangkat Suong	12B Phnom Penh	
	1201 Chamkar Mon	23A 230201 Sangkat Kaeb
04A 0403 Krong Kampong Chhnang	1202 Doun Penh	
	1203 Prampir Meakkakra	24A 240101 Sangkat Pailin
05A 0502 Krong Chbar Mon	1204 Tuol Kouk	
	120501 Dangkao	
05B 050511 Veang Chas	120505 Chaom Chau	
	120506 Kakab	
06A Stueng Saen	1206 Mean Chey	
060301 Sangkat Damrei Choan Khla	120702 Tuol Sangkae	
060302 Sangkat Kampong Thum	120703 Svay Pak	
060303 Sangkat Kampong Roteh	120704 Kilomaetr Lekh Prammuoy	
060306 Sangkat Kampong Krabau	120706 Ruessei Kaev	
060308 Sangkat Prey Ta Hu	120708 Preaek Lieb	
060309 Sangkat Achar Leak	120710 Chrouy Changvar	
	120711 Chrang Chamreh Ti Muoy	
07A 070605 Kampong Trach Khang Kaeu	120712 Chrang Chamreh Ti Pir	
	1208 Saensokh	

Notes: The letters colored in blue presents name of "urban agglomeration" or independent urban commune.