

Welcome Speech and Report

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**At the Ceremony for Releasing the National Report on Final Results of the
2011 Economic/Establishment Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia**

presided over by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN,

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

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Respected:

- **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- H.E. Massafumi Kuroki, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Excellencies Deputy Prime Ministers, Senior Ministers, Ministers, Secretaries of State, Members of the Royal Government
- Excellencies Ambassadors, Representatives of the International Organizations and Development Partners
- Dr. Paul Cheung, Director of United Nations Statistics Division
- Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative of JICA, Cambodia
- H.E. Governors and Deputy Governors of Municipality, Provinces, Ladies, Gentlemen and Participants

1. In this very auspicious opportunity, on behalf of the Ministry of Planning, National Committee for 2011 Economic Census, and on behalf of the whole Ceremony, I would like to express my highest respect and deep thanks for the presence of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who spent a very busy schedule and high valuable time to preside over the Ceremony for releasing the National Report on the Final Results of the 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia. At the same time, I would like to express my warmest welcome to H.E. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia for participating in the Releasing Ceremony of the National Report on Final Results of the 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia at this time, and the whole Ceremony has the honor by having the participation of Director of United Nations Statistics Division and former Director General of Statistics Bureau of Japan, who were actively participated in strengthening the capacity building of National Institute of Statistics of Cambodia and assisted in integration of Cambodian Statistical System into the region and in the world. The Ceremony having attended by representatives from line

ministries, institutions, representatives from development partners, NGOs, private sector, associations, owners of establishments, media nets, totally about 600 persons.

- **Respected Samdech Prime Minister**
- Excellencies, Ladies, Gentlemen

2. JICA Project started since 2005 from Phase I, by training about more than 600 staff of National Institute of Statistics (NIS), line ministries, municipality and provinces. The JICA Project, Phase II jointly supported with UNFPA the preparation and conduct of General Population Census 2008, strengthening statistical infrastructure, providing a new building to the NIS, conducting the 2009 Establishment Listing and the 2010 Pilot Survey of Economic Census. The Project Phase III was started from September 2010 to 2015 supported the 2011 Economic Census, preparation for Inter-Censal Population Survey 2013, the Establishment Survey 2014, and capacity building of staff of the NIS of the Ministry of Planning and Municipal and Provincial Planning Departments in data analysis derived from Population Census and Economic Census, small area statistics and other statistical activities.

3. Taking this great opportunity, I would like to thank the Government of Japan and JICA for providing the technical and financial support for the 2011 Economic Census, the first Census in Cambodia, and this was really contributing to the development of Cambodia.

4. Economic/Establishment Census is one of the three important censuses (Population Census, Economic Census, and Agricultural Census) stated in the Statistics Law. The 2011 Economic/Establishment Census (EC2011) of the Kingdom of Cambodia is the first census, which have never been conducted so far of Cambodia's history. The economic/establishment census has two main objectives:

- First, to provide with the fundamental statistics on the current status of the business activities of the establishments and enterprises, wholesale and retail trade economic units including the financial aspects as well as the economic situation of the whole country.
- Second, to provide sampling frame for the sample surveys of establishments.

5. The EC2011 was conducted according to the Statistics Law and Sub-decree on 2011 Establishment Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia with March 01, 2011 as reference date. The 2011 Economic Census was carried out covering all villages or enumeration census areas and markets located in all districts, khans, communes, sangkats in the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia. In the implementation of Economic Census, the total number of persons participated was 4,628, of which, 4,030 were Interviewers, 484 were Supervisors, 84 Assistant of Regional Officers, 24 Regional Officers and 6 Senior Census Officers.

6. The National Committee for Economic Census has approved the establishment of Technical Committee for Economic Census and Steering Committee for Education and Census Campaign for Province and Municipality, approved the work plan of the EC2011, testing of questionnaire's pilot survey and organizing of other activities in order to implement Economic Census. This Committee has also monitored the progress report of organization of Economic census, report of Pilot Survey 2010, planning activities of economic census 2011, financial planning of economic census 2011 and activity report of the Steering Committee for Education and Census Campaign for Economic Census, also conducted other training courses for analysis and follow up the progress report of Economic Census Committee of Municipalities, Provinces and report of special census survey team.

7- The Technical Committee for Economic Census has actively carried out its activity, coordinated with JICA in monitoring and solving the important technical problems arising during the implementation, preparation of pre-operation of economic census and preparation of outline documents for EC2011, work plan for economic census, conducting Pilot Survey, drafting the questionnaire, organizing the ceremony for announcement of Municipal/Provincial Committees for Economic Census, selection of draft logo for economic census, budget and other works.

8. The announcement ceremony of Municipality/Provincial Committee for Economic Census was held in February 15, 2010, presided over by the Minister of Planning, Chairman of the National Committee for Economic Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia with the participation of H.E. Ambassador of Japan, Chief Representative of JICA. At sub-national level, especially, was organized meeting of Municipality/Provincial Committee for Economic Census, held from December 13, 2010 to January 15, 2011 in order to explain the sub-national census officer's duties and check the mapping works.

9. The Steering Committee for Education and Census Campaign has monitored and prepared all publicity materials for economic census, such as TV and radio spots, posters, banners and radios and TV read the message of **Samdech Techo**, Prime Minister for about one week, from February 28, 2011 in order to get the success in census operation. As results, we observed that all establishments, especially medium and large establishments were participated in providing well answer to census officers.

10. The total budget for Economic Census of Cambodia is USD 3.26 millions. Of which, the support from JICA was USD 0.54 million and counter part fund from Government of Japan was USD 2.24 millions. The Royal Government of Cambodia has contributed USD 0.48 million, and we used vehicles as means of transportation received earlier from 2008 population census in 2011 Economic Census.

11. The Pilot Survey of the EC2011 Economic Census of Cambodia was conducted one year before EC2011. The survey covered 199 villages in the 112 districts

and khans of the 24 municipality and provinces. The pilot survey was successfully done and provides the experiences for economic census that have to focus on census publicity, in particular for the large and medium establishments.

12. Large-scale (nation-wide) training was held in February 2011, for one week, to enumerators and supervisors, approximately 4,500 persons. Census staff of districts/khans, communes/sangkats and special census team were trained once during the mid of February. Village chiefs were assisted in the location of establishments in the economic census operation. Thus, in the 2011 Economic Census, the total number of persons who directly and indirectly involved, was more than 20, 000 persons.

13. In the EC2011 we have used the definition according to United Nations International Standards Industrial Classification (ISIC). Based on this definition, the establishment can be defined as economic unit or one part of economic unit that engages at a single location and has single productive activity or principal productive activity accounted for most of the value added.

The EC2011 covered all establishments excluding Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, Public administration and defense and some household's activities. However, establishments which process agriculture forestry and fishery products were included in the economic census, in manufacturing sector.

14. In the EC2011 there were 43,653 street businesses which were not counted in the 2009 Establishment Listing. Street businesses includes merchandise stalls such as newspapers, cigarettes and vehicles fuel cottages located on the sidewalk or the roadside. Street businesses accounted for 8.6% of the total number of establishments. Establishments with female representatives accounted for 75.7%, more than three fourth of total number of street businesses. Street businesses with one or two persons engaged accounted for 91.1% of that total number of street businesses. That is, most of street businesses are with one or two persons engaged only.

15. The EC results shows that in Cambodia, there were 505,134 establishments, and many other data sources such as number of establishments by municipality/ provinces, density of establishments per square kilometer, number of establishments per 1000 persons, number of establishments per 1000 households, number of establishments by persons engaged and by industry, small and medium establishments with persons engaged more than 100 persons, establishments by economic activity, number of persons engaged by sex and employment status, annual income and expenditure statement, total fixed assets as of December 31, 2010 and so on. These results will help us capture all economic situations and can provide data for economic analysis, compilation of national accounts, and fillings the need of data users in macroeconomic sector and provides establishment-based indicators. Local and foreign investors, large, small entrepreneurs, private sector, also development partners and the public needed these establishment-based data. Moreover, these data will also be needed by

international organizations, such as UNSD, ESCAP, UNIDO and ASEAN etc. The NIS as well as National Statistical System, will strengthen economic statistics, economic census, economic surveys in order to have more comprehensive establishment-based data for users from now onwards.

Further, from now until June 2012, the Ministry of Planning will continue to dissemination widely the Final Results of Economic Census at sub-national level.

16. Thanks to leaders of Ministry of Planning, National Institute of Statistics and line ministries such as Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Interior, and other relevant Ministries for facilitating and leading the activities of 2011 Economic Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the success. Excellencies Chairmen of Municipal and Provincial Board of Governors and Chiefs of cities, districts, khans, Chiefs of communes, sangkats and all Chiefs of villages, who provided administrative facilitation for the implementation of EC2011. Also, thank to all owners of small, medium and large establishments, who participated in providing the answer about its establishment to the census officers and thank to all Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, who involved in the 2011 Economic Census of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and contributing to the great success of EC2011.

17- Once again, I would like to express my deep thanks and gratitude to **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who has supported and leded the 2011 Economic Census of the Kingdom Cambodia to the success and **Samdech** has decided to preside over this great releasing ceremony at this time.

18- Finally, on behalf of the whole ceremony, I would like to wish **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia good health and success in the great mission of **Samdech** for serving Cambodian people and the nation.

I wish Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen good health and every success in your tasks.

On this auspicious occasion, I have the honour to invite **Samdech** to have a speech, please!