

**Speech by Mr. KAWAMURA Hiroshi  
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at the Ceremony for Releasing Final Results  
of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia**

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- His Excellency Mr. KEAT Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance,
- His Excellency Mr. CHHAY Than, Senior Minister, Minister of Planning
- Excellencies,
- Distinguished Guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to take part in this ceremony for Releasing Final Results of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia, under the presence of His Excellency KEAT Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance. This Census was implemented by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) at the Ministry of Planning in cooperation with the Government of Japan. I would like to express my sincere congratulations on the successful release of the final results.

Accurate statistics are indispensable as a basis for the formulation of effective planning for national development. Thus, the Government of Japan has been assisting Cambodia since 2005 in its efforts to build capacity of statistics staff and compile more comprehensive and reliable statistics by providing considerable technical assistance.

Accurate statistics are never be acquired without the cooperation and understanding of the general public. Accordingly, NIS has invested a strenuous effort in raising the people's awareness on the importance of reliable statistics. I believe that this first Economic Census was successfully implemented with such

relentless efforts by NIS under the guidance of Royal Government of Cambodia and His Excellency Mr. CHHAY Than.

This first Economic Census in Cambodia provides comprehensive picture on the real economic activities in the country. The obtained data is particularly important for the government to lead effective and efficient economic strategy, leading to the further development of Cambodia.

Although compiling statistics always involves complicated and laborious operations, continuity is also significant. Continuous data will show the real picture of the evolving country. I hope that regular census will continue in Cambodia and they will certainly help to encourage investment from foreign countries including Japan.

I would like to conclude my remarks by expressing my heartfelt appreciation to all the people who have worked towards today's release of the final results of the 2011 Census and sincerely hope that the cooperation in statistics field will further strengthen the amicable relations between Cambodia and Japan.

Thank you very much for your attention.