

Speech by HE Chhay Than
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At the Opening Ceremony of Releasing the Results of Pilot Survey of
2011 Economic Census of Cambodia
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- HE. Masafumi Kuruki, Japanese Ambassador
- Mr. Yasujiro Sujuki, Chief Representative, JICA
- HE. Secretaries of State, Under Secretaries of State, MOP
- Mr. Nishi, Chief Advisor, and JICA Project Experts
- Representatives of International and National Organizations
- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

Today I have great honor and pleasure to preside over the ceremony of releasing the results of Pilot Survey of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia and welcome to the presences of Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen who participate in this ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Ministry of Planning and on my own behalf, I would like to thank and highly appreciate the Government of Japan and JICA for technical and financial support through the project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia in cooperation with National Institute of Statistics and conducted successfully the Pilot Survey of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia in March of 2010.

Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen

Because of the limited budget of Royal Government of Cambodia, the National Institute of Statistics has stopped to conduct the establishment survey since the ADB project has finished in 2003.

After finishing the ADB project, the National Institute of Statistics has received JICA support for conducting establishment surveys in some provinces and conducting nation-wide establishment listing of Cambodia in 2009 and preparing the 2011 Economics Census of Cambodia in line with the Statistical Master Plan (SMP) 2008 - 2015.

Through support of JICA and Government of Japan, NIS has conducted establishment surveys and the Pilot Survey of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia and the fieldwork started from March 1 till March 31, 2010.

This is the nation-wide establishment survey of Cambodia conducted by counting all establishments in sampled villages, except the agricultural, fishery and forestry establishments and mobile establishments. This survey supported technically and financially by Government of Japan and JICA through the project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia. We are now producing the official data and we are releasing results today.

The Pilot Survey is very crucial to provide the data for compiling the national accounts, main indicators, allowing us to know about our economic situation. From these results we can produce the statistical tables such as total number of establishments, number of workers by economics activities, characteristics of representative of establishment, ownership of establishment, kind and area of business place, kind of business activities, balance sheet and income statement. Through these activities, we will improve our knowledge, skills and capacities of both NIS and provincial staff to support 2011 economic census in 2011.

Generally, the results of the pilot survey will provide the information of economic activities of current situation of Cambodian economy as well as general demands of data such as policy makers, NGOs, private sectors, researchers, and other development partners and specifically provide database for 2011 Economic Census planning.

Finally, I would like to thank Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen for honoring the ceremony of releasing results of the pilot survey. In particular, I would like to thank HE. Ambassador and JICA Chief Representative, Chief Advisor, JICA experts and Government of Japan for supporting the statistical system of Cambodia, the pilot survey in 2010 and the economic census in 2011. I would like to wish Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen the four Buddhist gems and the success. I would like to officially release the results of the Pilot Survey of 2011 Economic Census of Cambodia from now on.

Thank you!