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Statistical Advisory Council

Minute Meeting on the Statistical Advisory Council
April 30, 2007

On April 30, 2007 at the meeting hall of National Institute of Statistics, held the meeting of Statistical Council under patron of Senior Minister of Planning, **H.E. Chhay Than**, chairman of the meeting. The member of Statistical Council participated: secretary of State from line Ministries and other member 14 participants had attended the meeting. In particularly, during the meeting 5 representative's ministries were absent as follow:

1. Ministry of Rural Development
2. Ministry of Finance and Economic
3. Ministry of Education and Youth, Sport
4. Ministry of Social Affair, Disability and Training
5. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Fishery

First of all, **H.E. Chhay Than**, opened welcome remark to the members. He said that this meeting is the first meeting of Statistical Council to past the statistical master plan from statistical council member. This meeting is important to determine framework and priority work and demand budget resources for efficiency implementation statistics. The meeting was showed progressive structure work and statistical system development. And statistics law and penalty was forced into authority in May 9, 2005; Sub-decree on proceeding of national statistics system. It is focusing on coordination and cooperation statistics data collection activity in respond to information age. And furthermore, in order to be smooth and efficient to proceeding national statistic system. Development framework statistics in Cambodia is Statistical Master Plan that we have to discuss to today. The statistical Master Plan has to pass from statistical council member first before submit to council minister to approve.

H.E. San Sy Than, Director General said we have produces sere of surveys in order to produce statistics data by smoothing and acceptable. We have to prepare Statistical Master Plan to identify long term priority planning and finance for running statistic system. Furthermore we have to collaborate with line ministry for collection and sharing data. In the statistical master plan has clear mentioned about census and survey program as follow:

- Population census in March, 2008
- Agricultural census will be scheduled in the end of year 2009 if budget available
- Establishment census will be scheduled in year 2011

So far, human resource has many trained for provincial planning department staffs and NIS's staffs were funded by JICA. Mr. San Sy Than was mentioned that in the statistical master plan stated that in 2015 statistical work will be running mostly by Cambodia government budget.

After that, Dr. Andrew was decelerated focus on the proceeding of the statistical council and statistical coordination committee, especially statistics law implementation and sub degree, conducting the national statistical system performance. And the designated statistics will submit in near future to council minister.

H.E. Eng Hout, secretary of State of the Ministry of Health was agreed on statistical master plan procedure. So far, the Ministry of Health was closed cooperated with NIS for data collection and publication of result survey CDHS 2005. If Ministry of Health conduct the survey a lone, it will be difficult, so we need to cooperation because NIS has any experiences to conduct survey and census, especially, methodology use, that is why, international opinions truth on CDHS survey 2005.

H.E. Bun Uy, secretary of State of council Minister said that he totally support for the effort of the leader of NIS and the Ministry of Planning for build up Statistical Master Plan and at this time has submitted to council minister to approve. He asked a question to chairman census in 2008 it is overlap with national election how do you think?. On the other hand, statistics is not more interest because they dot understand, therefore NIS should focus on more training to line ministry and relevant agencies, but for this we need budget to training, so we need to ask development partner.

H.E. Lor Sarat secretary of state of telecommunication and post, statistics action is very essential and NIS is good at data collected as today because NIS have used software as a tool. However, data collection is not yet enough from any section, so we need more incentive to NIS's staff to wake up their spirit to concentrate on statistics work.

Mr. Net Parom, said the duty of statistical council is focusing on statistical master plan, that mean to seeking for budget to do census or survey which have state in the statistical master plan, that's why statistical master plan have to request approval from council minister and ministry of finance and economy. Furthermore, based on qualitative data and methodology and data using of census and survey, he would like to coordinate and sharing and comparing to avoid inconsistency.

H.E. San Sy Than,DG, NIS has answered related to all that question the above is that, for the census is no matter depending on our experience census in the past in March 3, 1998; it is not affect to the general election, it had conducted in June, 1998.And the budget get from UNFPA and JICA, Germany government and Japan government and counterpart budget (700000 US\$) from government of Cambodia for buying car and Motorcycle. Essentially, the time conduct the census after the harvest season, so it is very fit to farmers free from agriculture action. And for agriculture census in 2009 still pursue discuss with CIDA (Canada) for budget. For this it will take time if Canada agrees to support TA and FAO insure to support, if the budget can solve, so agriculture census it is able to process.

- Today, establishment survey JICA is supporting, so as objective maybe JICA totally support establishment census in phase 3, (In 2010 JICA project will end phase 2).
- For Phnom Penh University, NIS has cooperated with, especially qualitative research and statistics based on measurement to quantitative, so we have to fill out each other, and request to support representative of PP University “Coordination is essential”.

For the data collection we have statistics law as a tool, so it is better than before and it was disseminating for all provinces: responding and personal confidential and punishment act. We have no intended to put punishment on respondent, but we require correct answer to be believable and on time, all of this is only an objective to produce data for any user to be efficient.

- For budget which supported by partner development is unrealistic before, but for this time it seem to be realistic because SIDA is supporting socio-economic survey 2006-2007 and JICA assisted census such as: build up census department inside Ministry of Planning campus, and WB has consultant to assist in training act. Human resource need to train for every time, so this meeting is also has material related to training for reviewing as well.

Final conclusion of H.E. Chhay Than, statistics is difficult skill, if talk about statistics, we need a person is good at algebra to calculation. He said as he knows the statistician has a few human resources in NIS. Establish develop plan as well as state and private are require statistics data, if it has no statistics data, we can not measure development plan. Establish development plan with statistics data is a science and realistic and efficiency development plan, in contrast, establish development plan without statistics data is an adventure and unreality development plan. Although statistics data is no respond to market demand, but for government and private sector and development partner are very strong require to statistics data. Related to statistics master plan have been done and for implementation will be proceeding tomorrow. Our goal is focusing on good quality statistics data to be confident to user. As you know, our statistical master plan has been integrated statistics component such as: priority statistics, designated statistics and budget for proceeding statistics. And our meeting today is past our agreement and then submits to Royal government to approve. And for absent representative ministries, we will inform through minute meeting today to follow up statistical master plan and if they have recommendation, we will include into our statistical master plan, but if they do not send their recommendations to NIS, MoP that mean they have agreed on our meeting today.

The meeting was totally agreed on draft statistical master plan.

The meeting was ended at 11 o'clock and 45 minute at the same date and year.

Seen and approved

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**Senior Minister, Minister of Planning
and the Chairman of the meeting**

Minute meeting maker

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