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**The Fourth Meeting Minutes of
the Statistics Coordination Committee**

Two thousand nine, May, on the twenty second day, at nine, at the meeting hall of the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning, the Statistics Coordination Committee meeting presided over by **H.E SAN SYTHAN**, Director of the National Institute of Statistics as the Committee Chairman, was held with the following components:

1. H.E. VY HIENG: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning;
2. Ms. BIRGITTA MANNFELT Chief Advisor of Swedish Statistics
3. Mr. TE SOKSRENG Representative of the Ministry of Land Management,
Urban Planning and Construction
4. Ms. KUY PHALLA Member of the Ministry of Education, Youth and
Sports
5. Mr. PAL VUDHIKA Member of the Ministry of Post and
Telecommunications
6. Mr. UY SOKHARAT Member of the Ministry of Commerce
7. Mr. PAU CHANPHAL Member of the Ministry of Labor and Vocational
Training
8. Ms. KHAOL KHEMRAVY Representative of the Ministry of Health
9. Mr. HUOT CHANTHA Representative of the Ministry of National Defense
10. Mr. SUOS SALY Representative of the Ministry of Water Resource
and Meteorology
11. Mr. SUONG MADY Representative of the Ministry of Tourism
12. Mr. TAN SOKHAN Member of the National Bank of Cambodia
13. Mr. MEN SOTHY Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries
14. Mr. TEUNG DARA Representative of the Ministry of Ministry of Social
Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation

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| 15. Mr. HOK THY | Representative of the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy |
| 16. Mr. HONG PHOU MA | Representative of the Ministry of Woman Affairs |
| 17. Mr. SDOEUNG SOKEA | Representative of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport |
| 18. Mr. UY SAMBATH | Representative of the Ministry of Rural Development |
| 19. Mr. HAM SOTHY | Representative of the Ministry of Interior |
| 20. Mr. KHUT KHUN | Member of the Ministry of Justice |
| 21. Mr. LAV CHIMEAN | Member of the Ministry of Information |
| 22. Mr. SAOM SENGLY | Representative of the General Department of Customs and Excise |
| 23. Mr. KEO SAVUTH | Member of the General Department of Taxation |
| 24. Mr. HORL THIVIT | General Department of Taxation |
| 25. Mr. CHAN REAKSMEY | Member of the Ministry of National Assembly
Senate Relations and Inspection |
| 26. Mr. SONG MAKARA | Representative of the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation |
| 27. Mr. SEM VANNAK | Member of the State Secretariat of Public Functions |
| 28. Mr. SORN SIDENIN | Representative of the Council for the Development of Cambodia |
| 29. Ms. EUNG PUTHEAVY | Representative of the Office of the Council of Ministers |
| 30. Mr. ROATH PHALLY | Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation |

Absentees: Member of the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts

Member of the Ministry of Ministry of Environment

Member of the Ministry of Cults and Religions

Firstly, H.E SAN SYTHAN, Chairman of the Statistics Coordination Committee, expressed his sincere thanks to all the members for attending the meeting, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the Sub-Decree on Designated Official Statistics with Ms. **BIRGITTA**, Chief Advisor of Swedish Statistics, sharing her experiences on the development and sturdiness of Swedish Statistics.

On that occasion, His Excellency reported the result of 2008 census to be disseminated and introduced by the National Institute of Statistics in the near future. We will conduct the establishment, enterprise or economic census in accordance with the Law on Statistics. For the agricultural census, we are mobilizing and seeking assistances for the operation in 2010 and the Royal Government has paid much attention, paying nearly 700,000 dollars. We have communicated with the ADB, WB, European Community, and CIDA, pending their responses. ADB is hard because they only have small projects and the agricultural census still lacks nearly 3 million dollars. For the establishment or economic census, JICA will cover both techniques and budget, along with the share of the Royal Government for operation. We have been guided to create a nationwide establishment list, and currently we are entering them into computer system; on this June 9, we will disseminate the temporary result to the users. This economic census will begin in 2011, and currently the Japanese advisors are training our core officials in preparing to implement the tasks at that time.

For the draft Sub-Decree on Designated Official Statistics distributed to the meeting for examination this time, we have also made revision to fit the situation of Cambodia. Thereafter, His Excellency invited Ms. **BIRGITTA**, Swedish advisor, to give comments and share her experiences with the meeting.

Ms. **BIRGITTA**: The Swedish Statistics reformed the responsibilities for the official statistics to a decentralized system in 1994 by creating 24 governmental agents to take responsibilities. The users or clients are able to use good quality statistics to make decisions, implement development projects, allowed to communicate, discuss and give comments on the research to the National Institute of Statistics in widely coordinating the cooperation.

Sweden has a number of legal instruments for enforcing its statistic system, such as the Law on Statistics and the Sub-Decree on Official Statistics etc.

The Swedish Statistics has established a task force with the governmental agents responsible for the designated official statistics to work together as a team or arrange a workshop in case of problems relating to the statistic system.

The official statistics requires several conditions:

- Punctuality
- Quality is a must for official statistics
- A logo needs to be used to identify the official statistics
- Development of template or format for controlling the statistic quality

Every governmental agent responsible for the official statistics requires a website in order to facilitate access to data and task relation.

The National Institute of Statistics, in accordance with the Law on Statistics and regulations in force, shall enforce its duties in cooperating and coordinating the statistics because cooperation and coordination are necessary for enforcing the statistic system, as well as the designated official statistics.

Next, His Excellency the meeting Chair allowed His Excellency **VY HIENG** to report to the meeting on the affairs relating to the Sub-Decree on Designated Official Statistics.

Comments given by His Excellency **VY HIENG** reported to the meeting on some of the following administrative works: during the new parliamentary term from 2008 to 2003, a number of officials have been promoted to department directors or deputy directors-general and this situation affects membership of the Statistics Coordination Committee. Therefore, if you are promoted to higher position than the principles, you are able to request replacement by requesting official letter of appointment of new members from the His Excellency the Minister of the Ministry concerned.

The Sub-Decree on Designated Official Statistics we are now examining is being finalized, therefore you are requested to reexamine; should there be addition or subtraction and it be inappropriate to make decision now, we can raise this case to the management for decision and submit it to the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning for entry; after the revision, we will submit it to the Royal Government for approval.

Finally, His Excellency the meeting Chair requested comments from the meeting on the articles in chapter 4 relating to coordination affairs. The meeting generally agreed to the coordination mechanism provided by the Office of Statistics Coordination and Consultation and existing in the new draft.

The meeting concluded at eleven and thirty on the same date.

Seen and approved
Meeting Chair

Minute Taker

SAN SYTHAN

VY HIENG