

Distance-learning training course on “Introduction to STATA”

The Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) conducted a distance-learning training course on 25 July 2011 for two countries – Cambodia and Mongolia - with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). This training course was organised jointly by SIAP, JICA and respective NSOs of these two countries.

This distance-learning training course on “Introduction to STATA” was a complementary or preparatory training for the Second Group Training Course in Production and Development of Official Statistics in Support for National Development Including the Achievement of MDGs which will be conducted jointly by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP-ESCAP) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 22 August to 22 December 2011 at the premises of SIAP with the objective to strengthening the statistical capability of developing countries in ESCAP region. The selected participants for this course from Cambodia and Mongolia were required to attend this course. The course curriculum was designed for official statisticians of those invited two countries to introduce STATA software for statistical data inspection and data analysis.

The main objectives of this distance-learning training course were: a) to increase the basic capability of trainees in the use of STATA software; b) to provide trainees with the basic skills to inspect statistical data and carry out descriptive analysis using STATA and c) to prepare trainees for further statistical training courses, namely Tokyo-based, regional, sub-regional and country courses. The course covered topics such as getting started with STATA and basic commands to inspect datasets.

There were two sessions and each session lasted in 50 minutes and between two sessions participants had a break of 15 minutes.

In total, 14 participants participated in this training course including those four participants who were selected to attend the Second Group Training Course in Production and Development of Official Statistics in Support for National Development Including the Achievement of MDGs. There were 10 female participants and all of them were from Mongolia.

The course conduction was evaluated by the participants. About two third of the participants stated that the course level and the course duration was just right. All the participants pointed out that the course content was either very useful or useful and the course was relevant to their work.

SIAP faculty member, Ms. Gereltuya delivered the lecture and hands-on exercises were given to the participants to be performed during the sessions.

