

40th Anniversary of Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)

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On behalf of NIS and the National Statistical System of Cambodia, I would like to express our gratitude to SIAP for invaluable assistance to train our statistical staff during these decades and to warmly congratulate SIAP and its Director, Ms. Davaasuren Chultemjants, on the 40th anniversary of SIAP.

The statistical system of Cambodia had deteriorated in the early 1970s and was dismantled in 1975-1979 in the Khmer Rouge Regime.

I was the first NIS staff to participate in the 6-month course in practical statistics in Tokyo, Japan in 1993 after we started receiving the first technical assistance from international communities in 1992. Later on, many of my colleagues, leaders and staff of NIS attended various types of trainings provided by SIAP including in country training courses. These courses have been invaluable contributions in the work on rebuilding and strengthening the Statistical System of Cambodia and NIS in particular.

As concerns me, I revisited Japan for many times and especially I remember my participation in 30th anniversary of SIAP and my participation in the JICA Seminar on Creating a New Methodology for the Knowledge Society, in 2004. The practical statistics course and this latter seminar has significant impacts on my career and work, as head of NIS and chairman of Statistics Coordination Committee of Cambodia, to contribute to the improvement of official statistics in the country.

I wish the SIAP every success with its important work, contributing to building up a global community among government statisticians.