

Department of Census and Statistics – Sri Lanka

On behalf of the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) of Sri Lanka, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to SIAP on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and wish all the best in its future activities. This important event is certainly a precious opportunity for us to appreciate significant contributions of SIAP over the past 40 years through statistical training. By providing valuable training to statistical staff in the region, SIAP has contributed tremendously to build the capacity of officers in the region's national statistical offices (NSOs). DCS too has benefited and improved considerably our knowledge and skills in different statistical fields, studied international best practices, standards, and classifications, and acquainted with the recent developments in statistics through SIAP programmes. DCS would like to thank SIAP for its continuous assistance in improving the National Statistical System of Sri Lanka. I am confident that SIAP will continue to build statistical capacity of the countries in the region and in doing so, help to train and develop our staff to meet new challenges in an increasingly changing and complex environment. I am looking forward to further strengthen the links between SIAP and the DCS of Sri Lanka.

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