

## **Short notice of state of 2010 population and housing census of Mongolia**

During 20th century, Mongolia organized population censuses 9 times. The latest census was organized in 2000 collecting very comprehensive population information. In principle, Mongolian censuses follow common international standard recommended by United Nations (UN) for its member countries.

The reference timing for the census is non transferable night time. That means that new births after reference time and deaths before reference time will not be counted. The reference time for 2010 census will be UB time 00 from 9 Jan 2010 to 10 Jan 2010.

The census operation will start at 8 a.m. of 10 January 2010 and continue for 7 days until 17 January 2010. This the time the country has the least movement among population.

The pilot census will be conducted in January 2009 and it will cover 1.5 percent of total population.

GIS will be used to come up with the detailed census maps and we will establish GIS and used ArcGIS software.

The new advanced technology will be used in data collection, processing, and dissemination. In accordance with the World Program of 2010 round census, and UN recommendations, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will be used to determine location of population and households. Moreover, there is need to procure officially licensed software for local networking and antivirus protection. In addition, Security.Suite software will be purchased to evaluate data security.

The Census Bureau will organize systematic dissemination of census results soon after the census results are available. The following dissemination tools will be used: publication of census monographs, CD-ROM and DVD containing census results, and also special census reports on the demand of the users of census results. In addition, the census results will be disseminated through census website. The national and local level seminars and workshops will be organized among the users of census results.

The main census results will be processed at the national and aimag level and monographs will be prepared and published for the national and aimag level census results. The monographs will be published in Mongolian and English.

Consumer based DEVINFO will be used to disseminate the census results.

### **The main features of 2010 census;**

- The first census to undertake in 21st century collecting information on population counts, age, sex composition, population location, and other socio-economic characteristics of population to use in formulation of Government's socio-economic policies, and programs and to monitor implementation status;
- The first census to implement a new census law;
- Master plan will be prepared for the first time;
- The census will be guided by new UN recommendations. The questionnaire will include questions on disabled people;

- The new communication strategy will be used to enable public participation in census activities;
- GIS will be used to come up with the detailed census maps;
- The Census Bureau will utilize an advance data processing technologies in data processing, exchange information between national and local Census Bureaus, which would enable: (i) the preliminary census results would be processed very quickly; (ii) improve coverage of the census; (iii) reduce the cost for transportation and communication;
- The Census Bureau will closely coordinate with the Mongolian Embassies and consulate offices in order to fully cover mongolian nationals living abroad in census enumeration. The special training modules will be designed to train the staff of the Ministry of External Relations;
- The census questionnaire will have the coding of bags and khoroos, coding of enumeration areas, which will be the basis for sample surveys in the future;
- The housing questionnaire will have the questions to identify the total number of houses of the particular households.

It is estimated that **13.2** billion MNT (approximately 11 million USD) will be required to organize the 2010 Population and Housing Census. And 27.6 percent of the grand total or **3.6** billion MNT (approximately 3 million USD) will be planned in the budget. NSO will collaborate with international and bilateral donors to seek their support in allocating 72.4 percent or **9.6** MNT of the total census budget.

We are facing following difficulties:

- Lack of required equipments and softwares
- Insufficient ability to work on ArcGIS of officers
- Lack of finance and budget