

The Spirit of Statistics Day Spreads throughout Indonesia



Buildings Complex of BPS-Statistics Indonesia

BPS-Statistics Indonesia is a very large and important institution with around fifteen thousand employees spread all over Indonesia. In BPS headquarters, there are about two thousand employees.

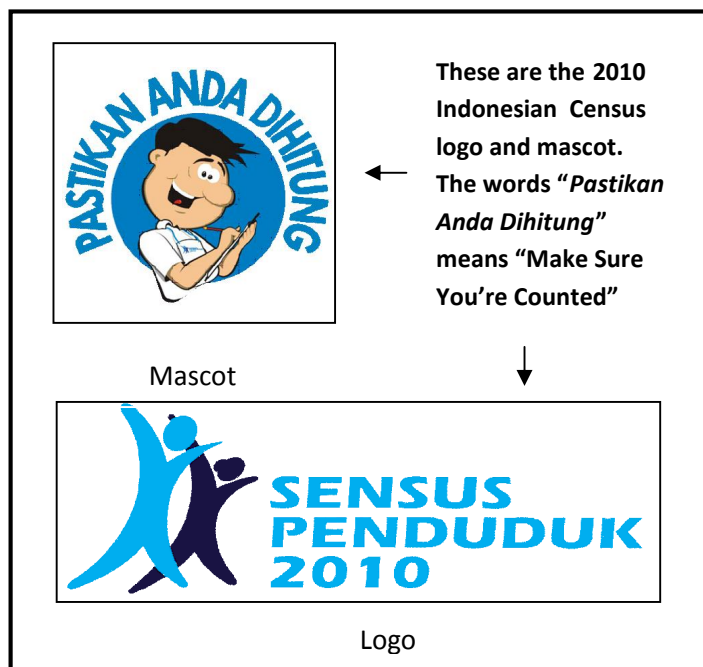
Introducing the World Statistics Day

Every September 26, we celebrate the Statistics Day in Indonesia through some events, both held in BPS headquarters and provincial, regency/municipal offices in Indonesia, which will be further described later. However, BPS-Statistics Indonesia, the Indonesia's official statistics agency, is a part of the international statistics community. We feel obliged to also brighten up and introduce the World Statistics Day to Indonesian society so that Indonesian people would learn the many contributions of official statistics. By this mean, we could raise people's awareness of the important of statistical agency and the data it produce, therefore, related to the conduct of population census around the world in 2010, the people are expected to take part in it by giving the right answers.

In order to achieve this point, it will be a good thing if the UNSD are kind enough to send us posters, banners, calendars, or anything related to the celebration of the World Statistics Day held by UNSD so that we could possibly manage some of our time to arrange seminars on the World Statistics Day or any events to socialize it.

Celebration of the Indonesia Statistics Day

This paragraph forward describe about the celebration of Statistics day in Indonesia. The day is celebrated every September 26, not only by BPS -Statistics Indonesia's employees but also by all statistics community all over Indonesia. The celebration of Statistics day is the best moment for all statistics community to keep on arousing the society's awareness of the significance of statistics for social, national, and country life. Quality statistics (trustworthy statistics) is highly needed by many parties,



including the government that use the data as a basis for arranging and evaluating policy; and corporate world for determining targets of business development; and also providing various kinds of data for the society.

BPS-Statistics Indonesia as the National Statistics Bureau celebrated the Statistics day in various ways, both formal (i.e. seminar on statistics and flag ceremony) and informal (i.e. fun hike, sport games, and popular entertainment). The celebration of Statistics day is held not only

in BPS headquarters but also in BPS provincial offices and regency/municipal offices. The activities aim at stimulating sportivity, professionalism, integrity, and enthusiasm towards quality statistics (trustworthy statistics), enhancing greater concern given to the statistical services of official statistics, the main product of BPS-Statistics Indonesia.

Celebrating statistics day this year is very special because we integrated it with the campaign of the 2010 Population Census. With the census mascot, standing banner, banner and T-shirt, 2800 BPS

staffs, including staffs from BPS Jakarta municipal office and some other municipal offices in the vicinity of Jakarta, such as Depok, Bogor, and Tangerang. Statistics day is also a medium for promoting the 2010 Population Census (the 2010 PC). Through this promotion, we expect that the society would give the right answers during the 2010 PC so that we would obtain quality data that can be used by the



government in making policies for the development of our country.

The final goal that we want to achieve is full concern coming from every components of the society in all areas for the availability of quality statistics, moreover through the 2010 Population Census in May 2010 which is expected to give constructive contribution to the development of the country.

Several activities conducted to celebrate Statistics day in Indonesia reflecting the spirit of sportivity, professionalism, integrity, and enthusiasm on quality statistics are summarized in the following documentations:



Raising Indonesian flag along with singing the national song of Indonesia entitled “Indonesia Raya” on Statistics day in South East Sulawesi Province.



BPS Chief Statistician Rusman Heriawan along with the Echelon I in BPS and the retirements of BPS in an event called “Halal Bi Halal (Gathering) with the retirements of BPS”.

This event aims at tightening the relationship between BPS employees and the retirements. as well as giving reward for them who had give invaluable contribution for BPS.



One of the games during Statistics day Celebration in Gorontalo Province is trying to tuck the strand into the needle hole, which requires patience and accuracy.



The big family of BPS West Sulawesi Province and Mamuju Regency's are commemorating the Statistics day by joining Fun Hiking at Griya Pesona Rimuku Indah Housing.



Traditional Dance, as an appreciation of the cultural heritage, was performed during the Statistics day Celebration in West Sulawesi Province.



One of the highlights during the celebration was Wooden Clog Race, a traditional Indonesian game.



Volley Cups and Cash Awards for the Winners of Volley Tournament during the Statistics day.



Catfish Fishing Contest at BPS Provincial Office of Central Java.



These are the winners of Fun Tea Walk at Gunung Mas Tea Plantation. One of the activities that we have at BPS headquarters in celebrating The Day.



Motto "Make Sure You're Counted" marked on every T-shirt, is also a means of campaign for promoting the 2010 Population Census.



About 2800 people joined the Tea Walk at Gunung Mas Tea Plantation, forming a very long line just like a snake.



Buses as means of transportation to Gunung Mas Tea Plantation.



Statistics Day Seminar was conducted to develop greater understanding of the role of official statistics to support the government activities and policies.