

Press Release

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Promotion Seminar on Small Area Statistics¹ in Indonesia by JICA Project for Developing the Information System of Small Area Statistics

After the introduction of the Law on Decentralization enacted in 1999, local administrative agencies became responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, thus basic statistical data for policy formulation and planning became an urgent need. However, there were not enough basic statistical data presented by local administrative areas, such as *Kecamatan* and *Desa*. In order to tackle these issues, BPS has been making effort to improve the capacity of enumeration and tabulation for various statistical surveys, as well as for censuses.

JICA has been assisting such effort by implementing "the Project for Developing the Information System of Small Area Statistics in Indonesia" from August 2006 to July 2008. The project supported BPS to acquire knowledge and techniques to develop an information system of small area statistics and to prepare statistical data derived from the database.

More concretely, the Project activities include support for the development of Small Area Statistical Database (such as *Kabupaten-Kecamatan*, Census Block, and Grid Square) derived from the 2000 Population Census, the 2003 Agriculture Census, and the 2006 Economic Census, transfer of knowledge and techniques for utilizing, analyzing, and providing statistical data from the above database, as well as preparation of statistical maps using the data from the database.

As a conclusion of the Project, JICA will hold a Seminar on Small Area Statistics. In the Seminar, staffs from BPS will present the usefulness of Small Area Statistics and encourage participants to utilize Small Area Statistics for their own work, as well as present the outcomes from the Project.

Small Area Statistics shall serve as basic data for all policies such as poverty reduction strategy planning, emergency planning, epidemiological prevention planning, flood control planning, industrial development planning, social and educational service planning, utility service planning, voting district delineation, agricultural development planning, and etc.

The Seminar

1. **Date/Time**

July 2, 2008 (Wednesday) / 08:15 ~ 14:00

2. **Venue**

Hotel Nikko Jakarta - Diamond I Hall, Ground Fl.
Jl. M. H. Thamrin No. 59, Central Jakarta

¹ "Small area" in the Project refers to the areas including "Grid Squares" and "Census Blocks" developed for statistical purposes as well as administrative areas such as the Kabupaten/Kota (regency/municipality), Kecamatan (district), and Desa (village) under a Propinsi (province). The Small Area Statistics refer to the statistics compiled or prepared on the basis of those small areas described above.

3. Main Participants

Indonesian side:

- a. BPS staffs
- b. BAKOSURTANAL staffs
- c. Academicians
- d. Staffs engaged in related fields from various Ministries

Japanese side:

- a. JICA Experts team
- b. The Embassy of Japan
- c. JICA Indonesia

4. Program

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| 08:15 - | Registration |
| 09:00 - 09:10 | Opening Remarks from Director General of BPS |
| 09:10 - 09:20 | Remarks from Resident Representative of JICA |
| 09:20 - 09:35 | Coffee Break |
| 09:35 - 09:55 | Presentation by Dr. Sihar Lumbantobing (Deputy DG for Methodology and Statistical Information, BPS): <i>Performance of the Project for Developing the Small Area Statistical Information Systems, BPS</i> |
| 09:55 - 10:05 | Presentation by Mr. Gema Purwana (Director of Statistics Information Systems, BPS): <i>Construction of the Small Area Statistical Database</i> |
| 10:05 - 10:15 | <i>Presentation by Drs. Abdul Rachman (Director of Statistical Dissemination, BPS): Statistical Indicators by Small Areas</i> |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Presentation by Mr. Mohammad Ari Nugraha (Head of Statistical Mapping Sub-directorate, Directorate of Developing Methods of Censuses and Statistical Surveys, BPS): <i>Grid Square Statistics and Statistical Maps by Small Areas</i> |
| 10:45 - 11:10 | Presentation by Dr. Hamonangan Ritonga (Director of Developing Methods of Censuses and Statistical Surveys, BPS): <i>Use of the Data from Small Area Statistical Databases – Applying in Poverty Analysis</i> |
| 11:10 - 11:40 | Presentation by Dr. Khairil Anwar (Professor, IPB): <i>Application of Data from Small Area Statistical Databases to Scientific Research</i> |
| 11:40 - 12:15 | Presentation by Dr. Atsushi Otomo (JICA Expert): <i>Use of the Data from Small Area Statistical Databases for Administrative Purposes and Others</i> |
| 12:15 - 13:00 | Discussion/Q&A |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch |

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