

*Opening remark made by His Excellency Parliament Speaker
S.Tumur-Ochir at the 20th International Conference on
Population Censuses: Utilization and Analysis of the 2000-
2001 Round of Asia-Pacific Censuses*

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Dear guests and participants!
Ladies and Gentlemen!

I'd like to state that the 20th International Population Census Conference which is being organized in our country with the support of the Association of National Census and Statistical Directors and the East West Center is an important and meaningful event.

Demographic and population studies determining in detail a number of population development indicators bears an invaluable significance in developing policies and programmes on economic development as well as evaluating their implementation. As being a country which has been pursuing socially oriented political guideline Mongolia is ever increasingly prioritizing a goal of development of pressing economic and social issues in compatibility with human development.

Mongolia is duly included in a list of the countries in the region which started the conduct of population census from the earliest period. It conducted the census 9 times since 1918 in the last twenty century. I am pleased to note that the arrangement of the population and housing census, its quality and results have seen improvement over the years.

The last population and housing census of our country was successfully carried out under the leadership of the National Statistical Office in conformity with the UN recommendations and basic principles. The results of this census were released and disseminated to the public.

The periodic international conference in the region this time focuses on and promotes the share of experiences on the utilization and analysis of the population and housing censuses which were implemented in the countries of the region during 2000-2001 and discusses how to further enhance the arrangement of the census and methodologies of

census data collection and processing as well as dissemination of the results. Hence, I have no doubt that the conference will have significant implications in censuses which will be conducted in the years ahead.

Let me express my hope that the 20th International Conference on Population Census will result in many significant suggestions and recommendations to feed in identification and inference of the achievement of the population development level and future tendency in comparison with international and regional level and updating of state policy on population.

Likewise I expect that the conference will concentrate on refurbishing the methods and methodologies of incorporation of the census results in development and enforcement of state policies, policies, population planning, training and research work.

Finally, I am extending my thanks to all of you, senior officers of statistical organizations and researchers of America, Asia and Pacific countries for coming to the 20th population census conference. I welcome to Mongolia and in the same time I wish success with the conference.