

Utilization of Census

The population and housing Census, by providing comparable basic statistics for a country as a whole and for each administrative unit and locality therein, can make an important contribution to the over all planning process and the management of national development.

The Census 2000 of Korea, by the illuminating the present state of affairs in Korea with objective numerical value, could present the vision of 21'st century. And, Items related to knowledge-foundation society, information-oriented society and welfare were added to confirm to the new policy of 21'st century in the 2000 Census.

The results of 2000 Census rapidly provided with various publications, CD-ROM, Internet, etc. to the users, and was evaluated to play an important role of making moments to promote the national interests in the low fertility and rapid ageing which is issuing universally and to develop the concerned policies. For example, the Census 2000 in Korea highlights ageing population concerns. It offers a snapshot of an Korea that is a remarkdly declining fertility and increasing elderly population. The census has revealed that for the first time there are more than 3.4 million people aged over 65, about one in every fourteen Koreans. The long form questionnaires collected data on the old population through four questions which asessed the structure of dependency for the Korean elderly such as geographic proximity to thier children, the means of living, the main financial support for the elderly, and the limitation of every activities.

Recently, we have come to the finish 2000 Census, and started to prepare for the Census 2005. For the coming Census, we are trying to develop the new items (or elaborate previous items) that can be conformed to the changed circumstances of the nation by the closed connection with the demographic experts and users, to study on the method of data processing like OCR, field entry etc. to be possible for more rapid utilization of the results, and to study on the quality of census data.

At this point of view, we have carried out 3 times of pre-test for checking on the field adaptation of the items, on the availability of the administrative data to protect the subject of census from the duplication and missing, and on the census system, data processing, questionnaire, supplies etc.