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2010 POPULATION CENSUS OF INDONESIA CLOSING IN ON FINAL ENUMERATION

Indonesia, the fourth most populous country in the world, conducted its sixth population census in May 2010. The complete enumeration of the 2010 Population Census of Indonesia officially ended on 31 May 2010, after a full month of field operations. During this past month as many as 700,000 enumerators, team coordinators and field coordinators have been working tirelessly in the field. In addition, about 1200 Students of the BPS' Statistical College and another 400 BPS-Statistics Indonesia Headquarters senior staff have also been sent to all parts of the country at the initial stage of the enumeration for quality assurance monitoring. BPS – Statistics Indonesia also invited at least 15 researchers, demographers and other population related professionals from the University of Indonesia, the Australian National University, the National Institute of Sciences and representatives from other concerned-Ministeries to go to the field to observe and obtain direct experiences regarding the 2010 Census field operations. They are also expected to provide feed back to BPS from their missions to the field.

Professor Terance Hull of the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute of The Australian National University, who was one of the observers of 2010 Census has prepared a series of short reports and comments on the 2010 Indonesian Population Census. They are located on the following webpage:

http://adsri.anu.edu.au/people/terry_files/index.php

BPS-Statistics Indonesia thank Professor Hull for sharing his reports.

On 31 May 2010 Director General of BPS-Statistics Rusman Heriawan instructed the ensus enumerators to continue their work for another two weeks to comb completely their census blocks to ensure that everyone has been enumerated. A nationwide publicity campaign through all news media was carried out for the entire enumeration month, and daily announcements were made asking anyone who had not been enumerated to inform the local leader of the Neighborhood Association (R.T. or Rukun Tetangga) so that a census worker could be sent to visit him.



BE SURE YOU ARE COUNTED

The Indonesian President, Susilo Bambang Yudoyono, stated at the outset of the census enumeration that Indonesia will have the most recent and accurate population data as the outcome of the 2010 Population Census. The data will be used by both the central and regional governments in formulating their policies and for target-oriented development planning. This year's population census data will be the only official population figures that must be used by all government ministeries, institutions and other organizations. The use of different population figures could result in different interpretations and incorrect planning.

The BPS web site stated that the aims of the 2010 Population Census, among others, are to update the population data and to evaluate the achievements of the development programme stipulated in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. So far the participation of all segments of the Indonesian society has been great.

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