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ECONOMIC CENSUS 2013/14—DATA COLLECTION OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

His Excellency the president has directed the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) to conduct an Economic Census in 2013/14 covering the sectors agriculture, industry, trade and services. Agriculture and Environment Division was responsible for collection of agriculture sector data under the Economics Census 2013/14. Agriculture sector data collection of the Economics Census 2013/14 was planned to be conducted in two stages. At the first stage, the listing of all estates was carried out during June-July 2013 and the second stage: collection of detail data from the estates and small holdings was carried out during June-August 2014. A preliminary report based on the data collected at the listing of estates has already been released. The first copy of the report was presented to Hon. Ministry of Plantation Industries Mr. Mahinda Samarasinghe.

Under the second stage, all large farm holdings or estates and all small holdings were covered and information pertaining to the farm opera-

tor and sub operator, Farm operator's household, land use and ownership, area under plantation crops, area under seasonal crops, bee culture & Flower/Ornamental Plants, Irrigated area and source of irrigation, agricultural machinery, use of fertilizer & pesticides, aquaculture and livestock information etc. This information will be useful in making informed decision to improve the Agriculture Sector of Sri Lanka.



In addition, reports completed using information collected during second stage will be released in a number of instances. Within a short time period after the completion of the collection

of information from the field, a preliminary report incorporating the summary reports prepared during the stage of information collection from the field will be issued. Similarly, a descriptive report incorporating information collected will be issued after data preparation and through that report statistical information at the National, District and Divisional Secretariat level are will be published. Accordingly, the number of

farm holdings, number of farm operators, information on area under different crops, use of agricultural machinery, etc. will be published. Further, in this Census DCS is using decentralized scanning system for data capturing. This is the first time scan technology is used at the statistical branch of District Secretariats in the country for census data capturing. Scanning of questionnaires already been commenced at the statistical units of District Secretariats.

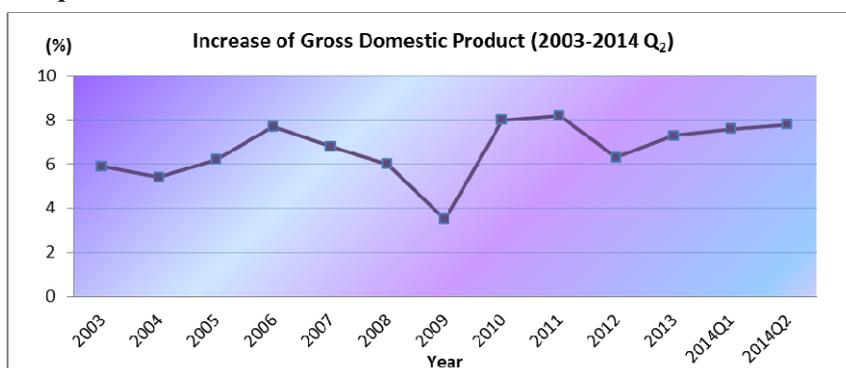
TIMELY CHANGES OF ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA

The preparation of Estimates of National Accounts of Sri Lanka is entrusted to the Department of Census and Statistics since 2007. It is the main role of the National Accounts Division of the department to perform this task precisely. The main economic indicators which measures the overall economic growth of Sri Lanka are prepared annually and quarterly. Information on economic behavior with economic capacity and structural changes of the economy

are provided to policy planners and other professionals using these indicators. National Accounts are prepared according to the recommendations of Systems of National Accounts (SNA) of United Nations. The final Accounts are prepared under 15 headings according to a combination of guidelines of SNA 1968 and SNA 1993 and the year 2002 as the base year. Production approach is used to prepare the quarterly National Accounts, whereas the prepa-

ration of Annual National Accounts are done using both production and expenditure approaches. The National Accounts system will adapt the recommendations of SNA 2008 from the next year, with base year brought forward to year 2010. Therefore all estimates of National Accounts including Gross Domestic Product in Sri Lanka will be issued according to the SNA 2008 systems in future.

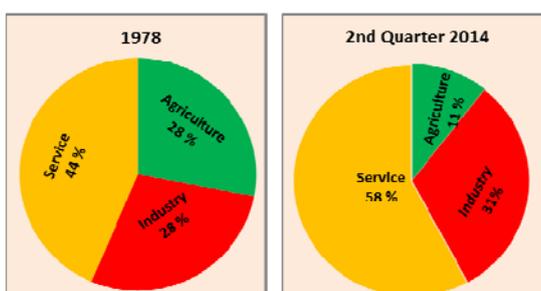
Graph 1



Graph 1 shows the growth of Gross Domestic Product from year 2003 to second quarter of 2014. It has reported a decrease during the period of 2006 – 2009. This may be due to war situation prevailed in the country as well as the world economic crisis took place in 2009. The highest growth rate is recorded in 2011 as 8.2 percent in the corresponding period.

Generally, the mainstays of the economy are agriculture, industry and services sectors. The timely change of Gross Domestic Product is dependant on the growth of these three sectors. The transformation of Sri Lankan economy from traditional agricultural economy to a modern services economy is clearly shown in graph 2.

Graph 2



In the latter part of the 70th decade, agriculture sector has contributed 28 percent for the national economy. It was the same as the contribution of industry sector. This has gradually decreased to 11 percent by second quarter of 2014. The service sector has expanded its contribution up to 58 percent by the time and shouldered more than 50 percent of the economy by 2014.

Latest information on Gross Domestic Product (second quarter – 2014)

Dry weather conditions prevailed in the early months of the year 2014 badly affected the paddy cultivation of the country. The supporting weather conditions existed for tea and coconut during the year 2013, increased the value added of these two sub sectors by 7.1 percent and 9.4 percent respectively in the second quarter of 2014. The freshwater fishing industry also has shown a considerable growth of 73 percent in this period compared to the second quarter of 2013.

Service sector which contributed 58 percent to the Gross Domestic product of the country has increased by 5.7 percent in the second quarter of the year 2014, compared to the second quarter in 2013. All sub sectors under services sector i.e. Wholesale and retail trade, Transport and communication, Bank, insurance and real estates and Export trade, have recorded an increases in growth rates by 5.9 percent, 7.6 percent, and 6.1 percent and 11.1 percent respectively. Export trade of Sri Lanka has increased to RS. Million. 343,058 in the Second quarter of 2014, therefore shows a high growth of 17.8% in comparison with 2nd quarter year 2013. The tourist arrivals in 2nd quarter of 2014 also shows a considerable growth of 24.4% compare to the second quarter of 2013.

POPULATION AGEING

Population ageing is a common issue in all regions and in countries at various levels. Sri Lanka is no exception. Elderly population (age 60 years and above) in Sri Lanka is 2,520,573 and this number, as a percentage to the total population is 12.4%. Considering the age, elderly population is divided into two groups namely,

“Young old” and “Old old”. An elder, age between 60-74 years is called “Young old” and elder beyond age 74 years is called “Old old”. According to the data 78% of elders are between age 60-74 or “Young olds”.

Female elderly population stands at 1.4 million or 56% out of total elders. Among the elders age above 80

years old, 60% of them are females. When consider marital status of elders, one out of every five elders is a widow and among the female elderly population 86.3 % are widowed. When consider the health condition of elders, one out of every five elders is reported any kind of physical disability.

Figure 1 :Growth of elderly population 1946-2012

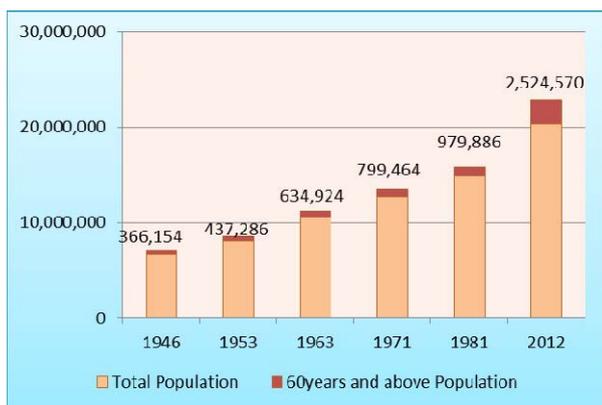


Figure 2: Age 60 and above population by Age and Sex - 2012

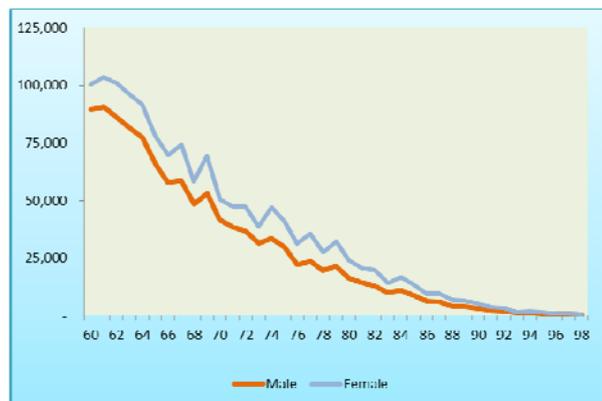
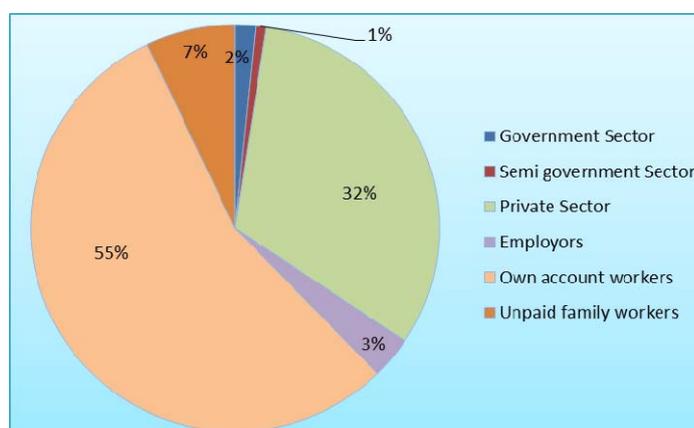


Figure 3: Economically engaged elderly population by status of activity



According to the census data, 1.8 million or 76% of elders are not engaged in any economic activity. Among the economically active elderly population, majority (351,935) of them are own account workers followed by employees (218,883). Table 1 presents economically active elderly population by age group and status of activity. According to this table majority of elders are economically active when age between 60 and 64 years.

Table 1: Economically active elderly population by age group and status of activity

Age group	Em- ployees	%	Employers	%	Own account workers	%	Unpaid family work- ers	%
60-64	123,489	56.4	10,565	50.0	185,229	52.6	23,391	52.2
65-69	55,879	25.5	5,572	26.4	96,908	27.5	12,066	26.9
70-74	20,791	9.5	2,733	12.9	44,232	12.6	5,639	12.6
75-79	7,798	3.6	1,420	6.7	17,882	5.1	2,474	5.5
80 and over	10,926	5.0	835	4.0	7,684	2.2	1,266	2.8
Total	218,883	100.0	21,125	100.0	351,935	100.0	44,836	100.0

Census data reveals that among the economically active population 32% of elders engaged in private sector, 2% of elders engaged in government sector and only 1% engaged in semi government sector. (Figure 3)

UPCOMING PUBLICATION ON GENDER STATISTICS

The major output of Research and Special Division on improving and publishing the gender statistics, which is focused on critical gender disparities prevalent in the social economic spheres. Producing gender disaggregated data is the most reliable way to recognize and account for the women's contribution.

Three publications have been released by the department, to the portrayal of women's stand in comparison to that of Men, such as "Women and Men in Sri Lanka" (1995), "Changing Role of Woman in Sri Lanka" (1997) and "The Sri Lankan Women - Partner in Progress" (2007). On the request of Ministry of Child Development and Woman's Empowerment, the fourth publication is being processed by this division in this series and expect to be released on 2014.

This publication will be focusing on Population, Education, Health, Nutrition, Contribution to Economy, Public Life and Special Concerns with the current disaggregated information on woman's status and measure the level of progress by comparing the other countries.

NATIONAL DIGITIZATION PROJECT

The Library of the Census & Statistics Department has been selected for the National Digitization Project, which carry out by the National Science Foundation. It is expected to digitize the old documents (rare books), statistical reports, Abstracts, census of population, Census of Agricultural reports etc., and also get an opportunity to refer the old documents belongs to the department through the web page of the library and documentation section.

The Inauguration of this event has been started under the patronage of Mr. D.C.A. Gunawardena, Director General of the Department with the participation Dr. A.J Satharasinghe of the Additional Director General and Ms. W.J Nigamuni Director on 2014.09.10 at the Library and Documentation Divison.

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