



# **Census of Population and Housing**

## **Enumeration Stage: 2012 February-March**

### **Media Announcement**

#### **Department of Census and Statistics**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) has been planned to be carried out in three main stages. The first stage where all the Grama Niladhari divisions in Sri Lanka were mapped and the second stage where all the building units in the country were listed have already been successfully completed. The most crucial third stage of the Census of Population and Housing where the enumeration of persons and housing will take place will be conducted in two main rounds. Collection of information on persons and their residences will be carried out during the three week period from February 27 to March 19. This will be followed up by the revision round on March 20 and March 21 where houses are revisited and the population information collected during the first round are revised taking into account the births and deaths occurred since the data collection round up to the Census date. In addition, enumeration of persons who do not have a usual residence and hence live outdoor is conducted on the night of March 19<sup>th</sup> the night before the Census day.

According to the Census Ordinance, the Director General of Census and Statistics is the Superintendent of Census. The administrative responsibility of the Census at field level is borne by District Secretaries as Census Commissioners, Divisional Secretaries as Deputy Census Commissioners and Assistant Divisional Secretaries as Assistant Census Commissioners. The enumeration in the entire country is conducted by about 80,000 enumerators who are recruited by Divisional Secretaries for the period of enumeration. About 16,000 Grama Niladharis and other government officers will be appointed to supervise the enumerators. The technical monitoring and other administrative coordination responsibilities of the Census will be held by the Directors and Deputy Directors of the DCS as Deputy Census Superintendents, Senior Statisticians and Statisticians as Assistant Census Superintendents, and Statistical Officers and Statistical Assistants as Regional Census Officers.

Awareness programmes for the Census Commissioners and Deputy Census Commissioners of the enumeration stage of the Census have already been conducted. Training of Census Supervisors throughout the country will be commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> January while training of enumerators will be started on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

The forthcoming Census of Population and Housing is the first Census that covers the entire island after a lapse of 30 years. General public can assist the Department of Census and Statistics in this venture of national importance by providing accurate information to the enumerators who are visiting their places of residence during the enumeration stage. Therefore the DCS would like to request the support of electronic and printed media by creating the necessary awareness among general public to successfully conduct the enumeration round of the Census of Population and Housing.