

Philippines

Item 3 (h)

Statistics

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Philippines supports the initiatives of the Committee of Statistics of UNESCAP in the following areas:

- (a) population and social statistics;
- (b) economic statistics
- (c) modernization of statistical information and information systems
- (d) agricultural and rural statistics
- (e) environmental statistics
- (f) civil registration and vital statistics, and
- (g) coordination of statistical training in Asia and the Pacific

We believe that the proposed core set of social statistics is fundamental since this will serve as a regional framework for capacity building among the countries in Asia and the Pacific towards monitoring achievement of commonly held objectives by 2020.

On the other hand, the efforts for improving civil registration and vital statistics are expected to benefit countries in developing and implementing meaningful health programs, exercising good governance, and safeguarding the rights of citizens.

Thank you.