



**MEDIA RELEASE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2011

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1. The Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, through the Department of Economic Planning and Development (JPKE) will be conducting the **Population and Housing Census (BPP)** for Negara Brunei Darussalam this year.
2. BPP 2011 is the fifth such census to be conducted in Brunei Darussalam. The earlier censuses were conducted in 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001.
3. The main objectives of BPP 2011 are:
 - a) To collect comprehensive and latest information on the total count as well as demographic, social and economic characteristics of the population; and

- b) To collect comprehensive and latest information on the total number of living quarters with housing characteristics and the availability of household amenities.
- 4. BPP 2011 will be conducted in two stages. The first stage is the house-numbering stage by kampung/area in each district throughout the country. The house-numbering stage will be carried out starting from 1 until 30 April 2011. Meanwhile, the second stage for interviewing every person will start from 20 June until 3 July 2011.
- 5. To ensure the smooth running of BPP 2011, JPKE has appointed trained census officers to visit all living quarters in the areas assigned to them during the census period to collect the required information. The head or members of households are advised to ensure that the census officers that visit their houses are legitimately appointed, by checking their census passes and smart cards.
- 6. BPP 2011 covers all persons, whether Brunei Darussalam citizens, permanent residents or temporary residents according to their usual place of residence, who have stayed or intended to stay as usual members of the household for a period of 6 months or more in 2011. During the house-numbering stage, census officers will collect the list of names and smart card numbers of each household member and will affix a sticker to each living quarter. For the second stage, census officers will collect more detailed information from each household member, covering personal, education and employment characteristics. The method of data collection in the census will be by face-to-face interview or self-enumeration where the household members will fill up the provided questionnaires themselves to be picked up and checked by the census officers at an agreed time.

7. The data collected through BPP 2011 will provide the most comprehensive information on the population by various demographic, social and economic characteristics, as well as information on the total stock of living quarters together with basic housing facilities or amenities. This will be the new benchmark for the purpose of review, planning and policy formulation by the Government; and will facilitate analyses and researches by other users. Hence, the cooperation of members of the public in providing the most accurate data is needed.
8. Along with the house-numbering during the first stage of BPP 2011, a listing of business establishments will also be carried out in each kampung/area. The owners or managers of business establishments are requested to give their cooperation by providing the required information, as well as ensuring that their workers, especially foreign workers are enumerated in the census at their respective living quarters.
9. BPP 2011 is conducted under the Census Act, Chapter 78 from the Laws of Brunei Darussalam. The Census Act makes it obligatory for the public to answer all census questions and guarantees the confidentiality of information furnished.
10. For any enquiries regarding BPP 2011, please refer to JPKE by contacting the BPP 2011 Secretariat during working hours at 2230265 or email: info.statistics@jpke.gov.bn. Further information on BPP 2011 can be accessed at JPKE website at www.jpke.gov.bn.