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Chairman and distinguished Colleagues,  
Good morning/afternoon everyone.

Department of Census and Statistic (DCS) Sri Lanka, with the view of ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of data, intends to direct its strategy towards “entering digital platform”, within which national and sub national data will be provided in various spheres of statistics.

As the initial step of entering digital platform, a geo-spatial database comprising all administrative boundaries was successfully developed and shared already with other government agencies.

DCS adopted new ICT solution by using computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) using tablet computers as well as e-census in the forthcoming Census of Population and Housing.

A comprehensive system is planned to establish comprising real time data related to food security, which will be facilitating to identify food unsecured households and to make remedial measures to ensure the food security of entire population of Sri Lanka.

Several approaches have been taken to create the Statistical Business Registry (SBR), and to have a regularly updated registry system. Limited agreements have been made with several government institutions. This is challenging.

With the intention of establishing a sound system of timely data, DCS has taken steps to strengthen its power, vested by the Census Ordinance and Statistical Ordinance.

Integration of statistical systems that are managed by different institutions is a challenging task due to institutional, legislative and technological concerns including infrastructure in digital settings.

Thank you.