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PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA



Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin
Chief Statistician

Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)
(since 14th February 2017)

- **Chief Statistician Malaysia** with over 31 years of experience in national accounts statistics, external trade statistics, industrial and construction statistics & services statistics.
- DOSM was **honoured with the National Data Sharing Advocacy Excellence (Public Sector) Award** at Malaysia Digital Economy Industry Awards Presentation Ceremony 2022 in conjunction with the Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) Silver Jubilee celebration.
- Qualifications:
 - ➔ **Ph.D. (Economics)** at the University of Sheffield, UK (2012).
 - ➔ **Degree of Master of Arts (Economics)** at Vanderbilt University Nashville, USA (2003).
 - ➔ **Bachelor of Analytical Economics** at University Malaya (1989).
- **Adjunct Professor**, Faculty of Business Management & Professional Studies and Graduate School of Management, Management & Sciences University (MSU) (1st April 2022 - 31st March 2024).
- **Adjunct Professor**, Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, Universiti Teknologi Mara, (UiTM), 1st March 2021 - 28th February 2023.
- **Adjunct Professor**, College of Law Government and International Studies, University Utara Malaysia (UUM), 15th May 2021 - 14th May 2023.
- Awarded the **Malaysia 2020 CUEPACS Labour Day Icon Award**.
- **Chairman** of the National Organising Committee, 62nd ISI World Statistics Congress 2019 (ISI WSC 2019), Kuala Lumpur on 18th-23rd August 2019.
- **Commissioner** of Census for Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020 (MyCensus 2020).
- **Chairman** of the Bureau of ESCAP Committee on Statistics, 2018-2020 and has been reappointed as one of the **Vice-chair**, 2021-2023.
- **Chairman** of the 7th and 8th sessions of OIC Statistical Commission, and **Vice-chair** Working Group (WG) on the Development of New Strategic Vision of OIC Statistical Commission.
- **Member of various expert groups globally:**
 - ➔ Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (GC SIAP) (2022-2024).
 - ➔ International Comparison Program Governing Board (ICP GB), representative of Asia region (2021-2024).
 - ➔ United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (UN CEISC) (2021-now).
 - ➔ Advisory Group of the Handbook on Management and Organization of National Statistical Systems, Fourth Edition (2021-now).
 - ➔ Data Stewardship Working Group (2021-now).
 - ➔ Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment (2021).
 - ➔ Statistical Advisory Panel for 2020 Human Development Report (2020).
 - ➔ Friends of the Chair group on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FOC-FPOS) (2018-2019 & 2019-2020).
 - ➔ Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics (FOC-ES) (2018-2019).
 - ➔ International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) Executive Committee (EXCO) (2017-2019 & 2019 - 2021).
 - ➔ ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee (2017-now).
 - ➔ Regional Steering Group (RSG) for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific (2015-2019).
 - ➔ High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB) (2015-2016).



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National Institute of Statistics



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Source of Biography

H.E. Ms. Hang Lina

*Delegate of the Royal Government of Cambodia,
Director General
National Institute of Statistics (NIS)
Ministry of Planning, Cambodia
(since 1st April 2013)*

- Award recipient for **Medal of National Merit** (2013), **Medal of Royal Order of Cambodia Grand Cross** (2011), **Medal of Royal Order of Cambodia Grand Officer** (2009) and **Medal of Royal Order of Cambodia Grand Commander** (2007).
- Join membership as **Leader** of Statistical Coordination Committee and **Member** of Statistical Advisory Council (2007-present).
- **Master of Business** and Administration at Build Bright University, Cambodia in 2006.
- **Bachelor Degree of Economics** at National Institute of Management, Cambodia in 1992.
- Joined NIS since 1979, appointed as **Chief** of Administrative office in 1988 to 1993, **Deputy Director** of Social Statistics Department in 1994 to 1997, **Director** of Demographic Statistics Department in 1998 to 1999 and **Deputy Director General** in 2000 to 2012.



STATISTICS INDONESIA



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Source of Biography

Dr. Margo Yuwono

*Chief Statistician
Badan Pusat Statistik
(BPS-Statistics Indonesia)
(since July 2021)*

- **Former Principal Secretary** and **Deputy Chief Statistician** for Social Statistics.
- **Former Director** of Statistical Analysis and Development.
- **Former Head** of Statistical Analysis Sub Directorate in Badan Pusat Statistik (BPS), Statistics Indonesia.
- **Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics** from Bogor Agricultural Institute, Indonesia, **Master Degree in Regional and Rural Development Planning** from Bogor Agricultural Economics, **Bachelor Degree in Statistics** from Bogor Agricultural Institute and **Diploma in Statistics** from Academy of Statistics Indonesia.



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LAO STATISTICS
BUREAU



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Source of Biography

Ms. Phonesaly Souksavath

*Head
Lao Statistics Bureau
(since July 2020)*

- **The first ever of woman head** of Lao Statistics Bureau.
- **Lead** the development of Lao national statistical system in a new data ecosystem.
- **Extensive professional experience and supervision** in areas of Economics and Social Statistics in particular with developing Lao Consumer Price Index, National Accounts and Poverty Statistics.
- Joined Lao Statistics Bureau since 1990.
- **Master's Degree in Economics** from Karl Marx University, Leipzig, Germany.



Philippine Statistics Authority
PSA



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Source of Biography

Dr. Claire Dennis S. Mapa

*Undersecretary
National Statistician and Civil Registrar General (NSCRG)
Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
(since 27th May 2019)*

- Before appointment, served as **Dean and Professor in Statistics** of the School of Statistics at the University of the Philippines (UP).
- Held notable positions in various organisations and projects such as **UP Statistical Center Research Foundation, Inc.** (UPSCRFI), **Governing Board of the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute** (PSRTI), **Philippine Statistical Association, Inc.** (PSAI) and the **Gas Policy Development Project** (GPDP).
- **A multi-awarded researcher** conducts researches in the areas of poverty analysis, household savings, fertility, population dynamics, measuring market risk and forecasting methods for volatility.
- **Writer** for nationally and internationally published books and monographs in the areas of population, poverty and hunger, youth unemployment and energy.
- **Bachelor of Science Degree** in Statistics, **two Master's Degrees** in Economics and in Statistics and has a **Doctorate** in Economics all from University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman.



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Source of Biography

Dr. Koh Eng Chuan

*Chief Statistician
Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS)
(since 1st April 2022)*

- **Deputy Chief Statistician** at DOS on 1st April 2015.
- Contributed to **the development of population and household statistics** and expanded the use of integrated administrative databases to support studies and compilation of statistics on a more frequent and timely basis.
- Actively contributed to process **re-engineering and enhancements to the collection and compilation of price statistics as well as household surveys.**
- **Led the planning and conduct of the Singapore Population Census** during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.



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Source of Biography

Ms. Wanpen Poonwong

*Director-General
National Statistical Office of Thailand
(since 28th January 2020)*

- **Acting Director** of the National Statistical Office (2019).
- **Deputy Director** of the National Statistical Office (2017).
- **Inspector General** of the Department National Statistical Office.
- Awarded of **Honor People** who intend to carry out the mission of the National Statistical Office with honesty and integrity in 2008.
- **Master's Degree in Master of Development Administration (Applied Statistics)** National Institute of Development Administration, 1986.
- **Bachelor's Degree in Science (Statistics)**, Ramkhamhaeng University in 1984.



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Source of Biography

Ms. Nguyen Thi Huong

*Director General
General Statistics Office (GSO), Viet-Nam
(since 3rd July 2020)*

- **Ph.D. in Economics** (Specialisation in Economic Statistics).
- Participate in the Anti-corruption Steering Committee of the Ministry of Planning and Investment on behalf of the General Statistics Office.
- **Chairman** of the Science and Technology Council of the General Statistics Office.
- **Chairman** of the Initiative Council at the General Statistics Office level.
- **Chairman** of the Board of Emulation – Commendation of Statistics branch.



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Source of Biography

Mr. Elias dos Santos Ferreira

*Director-General
Statistics Timor-Leste
(since 1st July 2016)*

- **Joined National Directorate of Statistics** since 2002 and was a **Project Manager** for Poverty Survey 2001, 2007 and 2011.
- **Project Manager for Timor-Leste Demographic and Health Survey** in 2003, 2000/10 and 2016 as well as the **Project Manager for Population and Housing Census** 2004, 2010 and 2015.
- **National Director for Statistics** since 2009-2013, **National Director for Methodology and data Collection** since 2013-2016.
- **Master Degree in Magister Management** in Gajayana University Indonesia and have experience more than 28 years in the Statistics area.



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Source of Biography

Dr. G P Samanta

*Chief Statistician India
Secretary Ministry of Statistics and
Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
(since March 2021)*

- **Advisor** in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Department of Statistics and Information Management, part of the editorial committee which assists RBI in publishing its monthly bulletins.
- **Former Director** and faculty member at the Reserve Bank Staff College in Chennai.
- Recipient of the **prestigious Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis Award for the year 2006 for 'outstanding contribution to quantitative economics'**.
- **Master of Statistics** from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and hold **Ph.D. in Economics** from the University of Mumbai.
- Co-authored a research paper for the RBI, titled **'Monetary Policy Transparency and Anchoring of Inflation Expectations in India'** was released in January 2021.



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Source of Biography

Dr. Javad Hosseinzadeh

*Head
Statistical Center of Iran
(since 1st July 2019)*

- **Deputy Minister** of Economy and National Accounts of the Statistics Center of Iran.
- **General Manager** of the Economic Accounts Office of the Statistics Center of Iran.
- **Plenipotentiary representative** of the Statistics Center of Iran in the Monetary and Banking Statistics Committee under the supervision of the Supreme Statistics Council since 2012.
- **Exemplary manager** of a country selected in Shahid Rajaei Festival 1973.
- **Sample manager** of the country's statistical system (selected on the day of statistics and planning) in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2013 and 2014.
- **Ph.D. in Economics**, Economics & Public Sector Economics, Tehran University of Science and Research.



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Source of Biography

Dr. Naeem-uz-Zafar

*Chief Statistician
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
(since September 2021)*

- Joined Government of Sindh as Chief Economist and **headed the Technical Committee** of Planning & Development Department (P&DD).
- Published **first official Multidimensional Poverty report** based on PBS's Pakistan Standards of Living Measurement in 2015.
- Switched Poverty Estimation from narrowly defined Food-Expenditure-Intake (FI) Method to more relevant Cost of Basic Needs (CBN) Method in 2016.
- **Ph.D. in Economics** from Illinois University, USA in 2010 and MBA from Institute of Business Administration, Karachi and undergraduate in Mechanical Engineering from NED University, Karachi in 1998 and 1990 respectively.
- **Lecturer** at Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (January 2001 to December 2003).



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Source of Biography

Mr. Erhan Çetinkaya

*President
Turkish Statistical Institute
(since 28th January 2022)*

- **Bachelor of Science Degree** from Industrial Engineering Department of Bilkent University in 2004.
- Worked as an **analyst and project engineer** at Cybersoft Information Technologies between 2004-2005.
- Started working at the **Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency of Turkey (BRSA)** in 2005 and worked on banking supervision and banking legislation in Audit and Risk Management Departments until 2012.
- Received his **Master of Business Administration Degree** from Duke University, The Fuqua School of Business in USA in 2014.
- Served as the **Head of Risk Management Department** at the BRSA in 2015.
- Represented Turkey in the **working groups of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision** in Switzerland.
- Holding CFA (Certified Financial Analyst), FRM (Financial Risk Manager) and Capital Markets Board of Turkey Advanced and Derivative Instruments certificates.
- Served as **Deputy General Manager for Operations** from September 2017 to December 2019 at Vakıf Katılım Bankası A.Ş.
- **Deputy Chairman** of the BRSA from December 20, 2019 until January 28, 2022.



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Source of Biography

Mr. Ning Jizhe

*Commissioner
National Bureau of Statistics, China
(since March 2016)*

- **Alternate Member**, 19th Communist Party of China (CPC), Central Committee (2017).
- **Deputy Director**, National Development and Reform Commission (2015).
- **Director**, Research Office of the State Council (2013-2015).
- **Deputy Director**, Research Office of the State Council (2001-2013).
- **Assistant Director**, Research Office of the State Council (2006-2007).
- **Member**, Research Office of the State Council CPC, Leading Party Group (2005).
- **Staff Member**, Research Office of the State Council (2003-2006).
- **Doctorate degree** at People's University of China Beijing Municipality (1983-1998).



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Source of Biography

Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh

*Chairman
National Statistics Office of Mongolia
(since January 2021)*

- **Director General** of Research and Statistics Department, Bank of Mongolia (2019-2021).
- **Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)** Charterholder (September 2019).
- **Director General** of Markets Department, Bank of Mongolia (2016-2017).
- **Director** of Balance of Payments Research and Statistics Division, International Economic Department, Bank of Mongolia (2013-2016).
- **Senior Investment Officer**, Financial Market Division, International Economic Department, Bank of Mongolia (2011-2013).
- **Master of Science** in Banking and Finance, Luxembourg School of Finance, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg (2011-2012).



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Source of Biography

Mr. Han, Hoon

*Commissioner
Statistics Korea
(since May 2022)*

- **Deputy Minister** of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (May 2021-May 2022).
- **Deputy Director General** for Economic Budget of Budget Office in the Ministry of Economy and Finance (January 2020-May 2021).
- **Director General** of Policy Coordination Bureau in the Ministry of Economy and Finance (December 2018-January 2020).
- **Innovation Growth Policy Officer** of Policy Coordination Bureau in the Ministry of Economy and Finance (February 2018-November 2018).
- **General Affairs Officer** of Job Planning Team in the Presidential Committee on Jobs (June 2017-February 2018).
- **Policy Planning Bureau** in the Ministry of Education (September 2016-June 2017).
- **Ph. D. in Economics** at the University of Washington (March 2003).



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Source of Biography

Mr. Stepan Mnatsakanyan

*President
Statistical Committee of the Republic of
Armenia (since 21st May 2018)*

- **Associate Professor**, Department of Management, Armenian State University of Economics from 1991 to the present.
- Awarded the medal of the **UN Food and Agriculture Organisation** (2016).
- **Vice-Chairperson** of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), UNECE from 2015.
- Received the second class Medal "**For Services Contributed to the Motherland**" (2015).
- Recipient the medal of the **Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia** (2006).
- **Ph.D. in Economics, Associate Professor** at Faculty of Branch Economics, Yerevan Institute of National Economy (1979).





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Source of Biography

Mr. Budagov Tahir Yagub

*Chairman
State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan
(since 13th August 2015)*

- **Graduated with honor** from Azerbaijan State Medical Institute in 1987 and continue the education at clinical residency and **received Doctoral Degree** during 1989-1992.
- **Deputy Chairman** of New Azerbaijan Party-Head of the Central Administration (5th March 2021).
- **Member** of Management Board of New Azerbaijan Party (NAP) since 5th March 2021.
- **Deputy Head** at Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan (2006-2009).
- **Deputy Minister** of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan (1999-2006).
- **Chief Doctor** at Rehabilitation Centre for Persons with Disabilities (1997-1999).



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Source of Biography

Mr. Gogita Todradze

*Executive Director
National Statistics Office of Georgia
(since May 2018)*

- **Chair**, Bureau of Statistics Committee, UNESCAP (August 2020-present).
- **Member** of Bureau of Statistics Committee, UNESCAP (July 2018-August 2020) and group of expert on Business Statistics, UNSD, UNECE (November 2017-present).
- **Professor** at Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) (2017-present).
- **Deputy Executive Director**, National Statistics Office of Georgia (July 2016-April 2018).
- **Head** of Business Statistics Division, National Statistics Office of Georgia (February 2010-June 2016).
- **Ph.D. in Economics** at Ivane Javakhisvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Economics, speciality Statistics (2003-2006).



Ministry of Internal Affairs
and Communications, JAPAN



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Source of Biography

Mr. YOSHIKAI Shojiro

*Director-General
Policy Planning on Statistical Policy
Ministry of Internal Affairs and
Communications (MIC)
(since 20th July 2020)*

- **Graduated** from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Economics.
- **Deputy Director-General** for the Administrative Evaluation Bureau (July 2017-June 2018).
- **Deputy Director-General** for the Administrative Management Bureau (July 2018-June 2019).
- **Director-General** for Policy Making and the **Chief Record Officer** of the Minister's Secretariat (July 2019-June 2020).



Statistics Bureau of Japan



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Source of Biography

Mr. INOUE Takashi

*Director-General
Statistics Bureau (SBJ)
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
(since 1st July 2021)*

- **Graduated** from the University of Tokyo (Economics).
- **Director-General**, Statistical Survey Department of SBJ (2019-2021).
- **Director-General** for Statistical Research and Training Institute (2019).

Note: All of the information in this newsletter is updated as of June 2022.

SNAPSHOTS OF PROGRAMMES INTERNATIONAL



Meeting of the Bureau Members of ESCAP Committee on Statistics

.....
17th February 2022
Side Event of UN53SC



The 11th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS11)

.....
12nd-14th October 2021
Virtual Meeting
Coordinated from Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam



The 10th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee

.....
8th-10th December 2020
Hanoi, Viet Nam



The 9th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee

.....
9th-11th October 2019
Bangkok, Thailand



The 8th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee

.....
9th-11th October 2018
Singapore



Meeting of the Bureau of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics

.....
15th June 2021



SNAPSHOTS OF PROGRAMMES INTERNATIONAL



**Committee on Statistics,
Sixth Session**
.....
16th to 19th October 2018
United Nations Conference
Centre (UNCC), Bangkok,
Thailand



**Asia-Pacific Stats Cafe
series: 50 years of
Statistical
Capacity-building by UN
Statistical Institute for
Asia and the Pacific
(SIAP): Perspectives from
Alumni Chief Statisticians**
.....
24th August 2020



**Committee on Statistics,
Seventh Session**
.....
26th to 28th August 2020
Virtual Meeting
Bangkok, Thailand



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