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PREFACE

With the full cooperation of the Japanese people, the enumeration stage of the 1980 Population Census of Japan, which was conducted on October 1, 1980 was successfully completed. The results are now being tabulated by the Statistics Bureau of the Prime Minister's Office.

Japan's first Population Census was conducted in 1920, more than half a century ago. Since then, large-scale population censuses have been carried out in Japan every ten years. Supplementary censuses are taken in the fifth year after each large-scale decennial censuses and are termed simplified censuses. The 1980 Population Census of Japan was the thirteenth census in Japan's history and was a large-scale one. Also, the 1980 Census formed a part of the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme that was advocated by the United Nations.

Population censuses were conducted to find out the size of the Japanese population and its distribution in the prefectures, municipalities and other statistical areas and to obtain important basic data needed for social and economic policy decisions in such fields as employment, housing, social welfare, environment and sanitary, and traffic problems. In recent years, structural changes in the Japanese population, especially the aging of the population, have caused various social and economic problems. Population distribution, employment structure and household composition which changed remarkably during the period of high economic growth are showing different trends during the current business slowdown.

Population censuses are expected to provide, in a timely manner, data indispensable for analysing the present situation and for making and effectively implementing various administrative policies. Census results are also widely used in many fields such as industrial and scientific research.

About 700,000 census enumerators were temporarily employed by the government for the field work, and a new modern tabulation method was adopted to speed up the tabulation process.

This report, "Volume 1: Total Population", presents the total population and land area of the whole country, and of the prefectures, municipalities and densely inhabited districts.

Other statistics on the characteristics of population are being processed and will all be eventually published in Vol. 2 – Vol. 7, the "Special Volume", the "Final Count: Population and Households", and the "Final Report" as the 1980 Population Census Report. "Vol. 2: Results of the First Basic Complete Tabulation, Part 1. Whole Japan" and "Part 2. Prefectures and Municipalities" and "Vol. 5: Commutation" have already been published.

On this occasion, I wish to express my deep appreciation to those who participated in the planning, execution, tabulation and publication of the Census.

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