

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HIGH

The first of Aban (23 October) coincides with Statistics and Planning Day; I congratulate all those involved and activists in the field of statistics and planning and I thank and appreciate the efforts of all my dear colleagues. Today, we are in a situation where many of our people are infected with the malignant Coronavirus and some of them are mourning the loss of their dearest relatives. It is the situation where social events and public concerns resulting from sanctions and international economic and political shocks double the responsibility and mission entrusted to us, and fortunately in the Iranian New Year and in the pandemic conditions, thanks to God and redoubled efforts, we are witnessing the reaching good achievements in the fields of statistics and planning.

Fortunately, in the field of statistics in these difficult conditions, the Statistical Centre of Iran, with all its capacity and using the existing facilities and good cooperation of the Provincial Management and Planning Organization in preparing updated and timely statistics, has moved with proper pace, and the Statistical Research and Training Centre has done good actions in providing statistical analysis in the field of economic and social indicators, here I would like to thank all the dear persons that have contributed to these important activities in some way.

Addressing the issue of register-based statistics in the missions of the Statistical Centre of Iran as the leading official statistics authority of the country and approving the first implementation of the National Register-based Population and Housing Census in 2026 by the Cabinet is the starting point that plays an important role in development plans and we are going to consider it in the Seventh National Economic, Social and Cultural Development Plan.

It is expected that all government agencies, in line with the national development policies, will cooperate in realizing the goals of the national statistics and planning system based on defined and specific standards more and more, and will go along in this direction.

In the end, while congratulating again, I wish health and prosperity to all of you from God Almighty.

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