

PREFACE

The Census of Population 2010 was the fifth census carried out in Singapore since Independence and the fourteenth in the series of census taking in Singapore. The census is the most comprehensive source of information on population and households. It provides benchmark data for all demographic, economic and social statistics.

The Census 2010 adopted a register-based approach, similar to the Census of Population 2000. Basic population count and characteristics were compiled from administrative sources. More detailed information on demographic, education, economic, transport, household and housing characteristics were obtained from a sample enumeration of about 200,000 households.

As in the conduct of the Census 2000, a tri-modal collection strategy comprising Internet, Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and face-to-face interviews was adopted to facilitate data collection for the households in the census sample. The Census 2010 went paperless during the face-to-face interviews, with the use of Ultra-Mobile Personal Computers (UMPCs) to assist data collection. This data collection methodology brought about savings in manpower, data security in the field, as well as improvements in quality and timeliness of data.

The Census of Population 2010 Statistical Release 1 - Demographic Characteristics, Education, Language and Religion is the first of a series of statistical publications on detailed census results. This release provides the broad trends and changes in the demographic characteristics, education, language and religion of the resident population since 2000. The report includes detailed statistical tables to enable more comprehensive study by users as well as a glossary of census concepts and definitions.

I would like to thank all who have, in one way or another, contributed to the success of Census 2010. My deep appreciation is extended to all participating households who had given their full support to the Census 2010. The contributions of many government ministries and statutory boards, which provided pertinent information for the Census 2010, are gratefully acknowledged.

Wong Wee Kim
Chief Statistician
Singapore

January 2011