

Islandwide census begins tomorrow

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The Census and Statistics Department will launch its first Islandwide census tomorrow after a lapse of 30 years and the Department has commenced enumeration, Director, Census and Statistics Department H.R. Gunasekara told the *Sunday Observer*.

He said that all District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries, 16,000 supervisors and 80,000 enumerators

who have been given extensive training during the past two months will collect data from every household in the country from tomorrow.

"They will collect data from each and every citizen in the country after calling over at houses during the enumeration from tomorrow till March



19. They will also have a second round of visit from March 19 to 21 during the revision of the enumeration", he said.

The Census Director appealed to the public to cooperate with the enumerators by providing them with the data of each member resident at their homes.

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"Those homeless will also be counted on March 19 night by the enumerators," he said.

"It will be helpful if householders provide details such as identity card numbers, educational qualifications, place of birth, professional qualifications of family members", he added.

"Each and every citizen of this country is bound to furnish correct data to the enumerators under the Census Ordinance and the enumerators will keep such information confidential, he said.

This year's census will be comprehensive in the context of the the development of the country as it will also assess the living standards of each and every citizen.



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