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**PAMBANSANG LUPON SA UGNAYANG PANG-ESTADISTIKA**  
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Dear Dr Cheung :

The Officials and Staff of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) (Philippines) wish to congratulate the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) under your leadership for being a recipient of the 2010 UN21 Award for 'Improvement in Client Services' in recognition of UNSD's UNdata services.

Your initiatives to develop and maintain the UNdata are indeed commendable because we are sure that it is useful to the work of national statistical systems all over the world. In the case of the Philippines, we have been using the UNdata in, among others, the following cases:

1. searching and downloading of time series datasets which we use to compare the performance of the Philippines with other countries in various social and economic development areas;
2. as a reference for internationally-accepted definitions of statistical indicators and other metadata; and,
3. as a portal to websites of other international organizations and national statistical offices

Warm regards and we look forward to more innovative initiatives of the UNSD towards the development of the global statistical system.

Very truly yours,

**ROMULO A. VIROLA**  
Secretary General