The Population and Housing Census (PHC) 2019

A BIG CHANGE IN AGE-STRUCTURE OF THE POPULATION

Changes in the proportions of population groups in the total population in the 2009-2019 period (percentage points):

- 0-14: Decreased by 0.2 percentage points
- 15-59: Decreased by 3 percentage points
- 60-80+: Increased by 3.2 percentage points

A RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OLDER PERSONS

In the 2009-2019 period:

- Total population increased by 10.36 million.
- Older population increased by 3.96 million.
- Of which, 3.1 million were those aged 60-69 (the young old).
It is critical to quickly implement national strategies and policies responding to the rapid population ageing trend.

- Population ageing is an inevitable demographic trend. Especially in the context of limited economic resources, it is required to be well-prepared for this.

- Both the proportion and the number of older persons in the total population have increased in the past decade (2009 – 2019) and will continue to rise rapidly in the coming decades. This creates both opportunities and challenges in promoting roles of older persons as well as in taking care of them.

- A high proportion of older women in the older population requires gender-sensitive policies and programmes to meet the specific needs of older persons, especially older women.