

# *Micro Data Laboratory News Bulletin*

—A new approach to international cooperation in statistical data analysis—

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## *The First International Workshop*

The Workshop was held at Waseda campus of Tokyo International University on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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Presentations were made to report on “the characteristics and disclosure status of official micro data statistics” of the participating countries by the government officials from Statistics Bureau of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand and Japan



International Workshop group photo

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- 1) Keynote Speeches were delivered by Prof. Y. Matsuda and Prof. S. Suoh  
Prof. Y. Matsuda (Aomori Public College)  
“Micro Data Laboratory for Official Statistics: its Purpose, and System and Usability”  
Prof. S. Suoh (The University of Hyogo)  
“The Database System for the Micro data Analysis of Household Survey Data”



Prof. Yoshiro Matsuda

- 2) Results of the analysis using micro data of Indonesia and Nepal were presented by Dr. N. Endo and Mr. A. Ito respectively as follows:

Presentation Title	“Characteristics of Indonesian Households Categorized by Expenditure Level” using National Socio Economic Survey 2000
Researchers	Dr. N. Endo (Sinfonica) : Presenter Prof. M. Suga (TIU) : Co-researcher
Presentation Title	“Nepalese Economic Activities in Contrast with Japanese” using Nepalese Living Standards Survey II 2003/2004
Researchers	Mr. A. Ito (Sinfonica) : Presenter Ms. K. Yonezawa (Sinfonica) : Co-researcher Ms. H. Yasui (Sinfonica) : Co-researcher

- 3) Following the research presentations, the delegates from the National Statistical Offices of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and Thailand, including two newly-inaugurated doctors from Graduate School of Economics of Tokyo International University paid a courtesy call on Mr. Kawasaki, Director General of Statistics Bureau of Japan.



Group Photo with Mr. Shigeru Kawasaki, Director General of Statistics Bureau of Japan (center), and Mr. Akihiko Ito (right edge)

#### 4) List of Participants from National Statistical Offices

Name	Affiliation and Status
Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad	Deputy Secretary, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
Mr. Dipankar Roy	National Accounting Wing, BBS, Bangladesh
Mr. Arizal Ahnaf	Deputy Chief Statistician for Social Statistics, BPS, Indonesia
Ms. Rozita Talha	Director of Population and Housing Census, NSO, Malaysia
Mr. Mahesh Kumar Subedi	Director, Central Bureau of Statistics, Nepal
Ms. Kulluck Lerpatarapong	Senior Statistician of Statistical Forecasting Bureau, NSO, Thailand
Mr. Anang Laksono	Graduate Student Dispatched from BPS, Indonesia to Tokyo International University (TIU)
Mr. Chirawat Poonsab	Graduate Student Dispatched from NSO, Thailand to TIU
Mr. Seiji Takata	Vice-Director, Planning Division, Statistical Survey Department, Statistics Bureau of Japan

## *The Outline of the Project*

- 1) This Bulletin informs the concerned parties of progress of the Project named **AN EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY FOR RESEARCH PURPOSE STATISTICAL USE OF MICRO DATA**. The Project tries to follow the example of “Luxemburg Income Study (LIS)”, a Research Institute located in Luxembourg and a cross-national Data Archive which includes income micro data from a large number of countries at multiple points in time to be used for research and analytical purposes, aiming to be an equivalent of LIS in Asia.
  
- 2) The Project was highly evaluated with its significance, and Grants-in-Aid were awarded to the Project by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The Project runs through April 2009 to March 2013. During this period, annual international workshops are scheduled to take place, each of which covers 2 or 3 countries’ official household micro data in its analysis.
  
- 3) Listed below is the research schedule, for which the agreement on micro data provision has been obtained from respective countries, mostly based on the Charter duly signed by Chief Statisticians of National Statistical Offices on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2006.

2009 : Indonesia and Nepal

2010 : Bangladesh and Cambodia

2011 : Malaysia, Thailand, and (Laos or Sri Lanka : to be requested)

2012 : Mongolia, Vietnam, and (Laos or Sri Lanka : to be requested)

4) Members of this Project are as follows:

Name	Affiliation and Status
◆ Project leader	
Mr. Akihiko Ito	Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis (Sinfonica), Chairman Japan Statistical Association, Chairman Former Director General of Statistics Bureau of Japan
◆ Project members	
Mr. Yasumasa Baba	The Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Professor Emeritus
Ms. Nao Endo	Research and Development Center, Sinfonica, Researcher
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Mr. Yoshiro Matsuda	Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Aomori Public College, Professor
Ms. Mariko Murata	Research and Development Center, Sinfonica, Principal Researcher
Mr. Mikio Suga	Faculty of Economics, TIU, Professor
Mr. Setsuo Suoh	The University of Hyogo, Professor Graduate School of Economics, TIU, Visiting Professor
Ms. Hiroko Yasui	Research and Development Center, Sinfonica, Researcher
Ms. Kaori Yonezawa	Research and Development Center, Sinfonica, Principal Researcher



Akihiko Ito, Chairman, Sinfonica