Implementing DDI in the SSJDA
Easy DDI Organizer project and Nesstar system operation

Overview

In the efforts for the internationalization of data archive and the projects in the Joint Usage / Research Center, the SSJDA has been promoting the implementation of DDI, that leads to the following two major projects*.

*The SSJDA is managed in the Center for Social Research and Data Archives (CSRDA).

- Easy DDI Organizer: Software development project for metadata management and survey planning tool.
- Nesstar System Operation**: the DDI-based metadata publishing and online analysis system.

**Nesstar is owned by Norwegian Social Science Data Services (NSD).

Nesstar System Operation at the SSJDA

As a trial implementation, the SSJDA conducted the operation of a DDI-compatible online data publishing and data analysis system in 2009. In 2012, it was followed by the trial operation of Nesstar, subsequently leading to the normal operation in January 2014.

The Datasets hosted on the server include...

- Japanese Life Course Panel Surveys for the Youth (JLPS-Y) wave 1-6, 2007-2012
- Japanese Life Course Panel Surveys for the Middle-aged (JLPS-M) wave 1-6, 2007-2012
- Japanese General Social Surveys <JGSS-2008>
- Post-Election Survey for the 46th House of Representatives Election, 2013
- International Survey of Youth Attitude, 2013

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