

A horizontal banner featuring a stylized map of Asia in shades of green and yellow, set against a background of teal and blue geometric patterns. The text "NASSDA" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters, followed by "Network of Asian Social Science Data Archives" in a smaller, black font.

NASSDA

**Network of
Asian Social Science
Data Archives**

Introduction of NASSDA

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Why NASSDA?

- Data archives, which have been established in most Western countries, serve as crucial resources for empirical research and social science education. Examples include the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) both established in the 1970s.
- By contrast, data archives in East Asian countries have historically lagged behind their Western counterparts.
- Commencing in the mid-1990s, initiatives to establish social science data archives were launched in Taiwan and Japan. Moreover, in the 2000s, South Korea and China began to develop their own data archives, thus creating momentum for social survey data archives in East Asia.
- As data archives in East Asia grow, efforts have begun to promote information sharing among archives and facilitate the mutual utilization of data.

Who Are We

01

Developing an open platform for cross-national discussions on managing social science data archives

02

Sharing best practices in preserving and curating social science data

03

Strengthening collaborative networks among data archives

Our Members



Chinese
National
Survey
Data
Archive

CHINA



Korea
Social
Science
Data
Archive

KOREA



Social
Science
Japan Data
Archive

JAPAN



Survey
Research
Data
Archive

TAIWAN

Our Story:

The History

Leading to

NASSDA's

Establishment



2008

- SSJDA organized a workshop titled “*Data Archives and Their Prospects in East Asia: Collaborative Data Collection, Dissemination, and Data Sharing.*”
- It introduced GESIS initiatives and share information regarding the resources available for social science data archiving in East Asia.
- It marked the initiation of SSJDA’s international collaboration with other countries.

2012

- SSJDA organized a workshop titled “*Social Science Data Preservation and Dissemination in East Asia.*”
- Experts from KOSSDA and SRDA shared information regarding their activities, thus enhancing the understanding of data archives and secondary data usage in each society.



Our Story:

The History Leading to NASSDA's Establishment

2014

- The Asian Census team of the Asia Center at Seoul National University hosted a conference titled “*Asian Social Survey and Data Sharing.*”
- It aimed to facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences among Asian scholars and specialists in social surveys and data archiving.

2015

- SSJDA invited experts from the Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD) to host an international conference titled “*International Conference on Data Preservation and Dissemination.*”
- It provided insights into the latest trends in storing and reusing social science data in Europe, particularly by understanding the CESSDA's current situation.
- It provided examples illustrating the institutional and technical relationship between FSD and CESSDA.



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Finnish Social Science Data Archive



International Conference on Data Preservation
and Dissemination, 2015

Through international conferences, data archives in East Asian countries fostered collaboration, shared information, and established discussion platforms. These continuous efforts ultimately resulted in the NASSDA's establishment.



Establishment of NASSDA 2016

- KOSSDA hosted the *“Conference on Data Sharing and Beyond among East Asian Countries”* in January 2016.
- Each institution shared information regarding the current state and activities of its data archives and featured a business meeting on *“Future Networks and Cooperation for East Asian Social Science Data Archives.”*
- KOSSDA, SSJDA, CNSDA, and SRDA agreed to form NASSDA and held annual meetings in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China in rotation.

Our Activities: NASSDA Meeting 2017

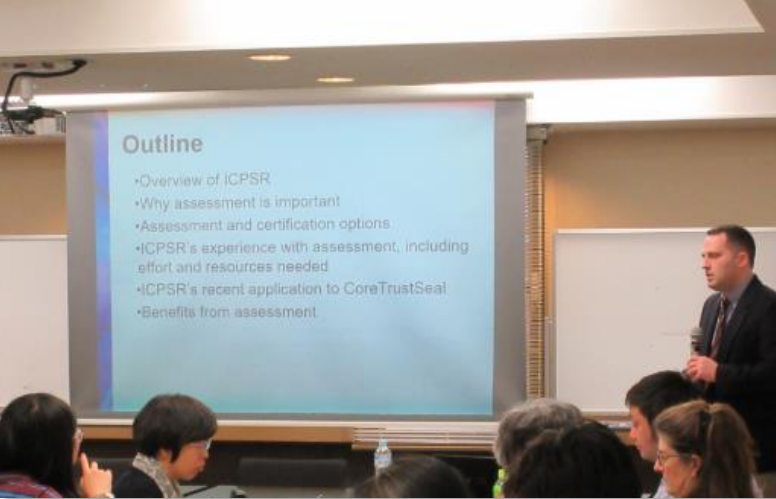
- Hosted by SRDA
- The International Workshop on Social Science Data Archives, featuring activity reports from SSJDA, KOSSDA, and SRDA.
- Key discussion points:
 - Future collaboration among Asian data archives.
 - Agreement to create a shared data catalog, including web links and brief archive introductions on individual websites.
 - Appointment of a designated contact person for each archive to facilitate cooperation.



Our Activities: NASSDA Meeting 2018

- Hosted by KOSSDA
 - At the KOSSDA Data Fair: *Personal and Social Well-being Surveys and Data Archives in Asia.*
- Researchers from NASSDA member institutions shared overviews of their archives and highlighted popular well-being datasets.
- Key discussion points:
 - Drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and exchanging banners on the webpages of member archives.
 - NASSDA's webpage design, governance, and plans for future membership.
 - Utilizing Nesstar, standardizing data identification formats, organizing data fairs, and implementing educational programs.





Our Activities: NASSDA Meeting 2019

- Hosted by SSJDA
- Experts from ICPSR and Harvard University presented on data repository assessment, certification, and the Dataverse project.
- Key discussion points:
 - Banner exchanges with web links for each archive, drafting of a brief history, and plans for a permanent website.
 - Collaboration on standard platform formats such as DOI and da/jra for metadata sharing.
 - Exploration of a remote system's construction in the future.





Our Activities: NASSDA Meeting @Zoom

- SSJDA hosted the 2021 meeting
- Professor Gary King (Harvard University) introduced *Social Science One and Dataverse*.
- Key discussion points:
 - Operating archives during the pandemic.
 - SRDA's experience applying for the Core Trust Seal.
 - Archiving new data types, such as big data.
- The new [NASSDA website](#) was launched in June 2021.
- CNSDA hosted the 2022 Meeting
- The Director of CESSDA provided updates on recent activities.
- Key highlights:
 - Initiatives to strengthen data infrastructure and improve user services to promote secondary analysis.
 - Ideas exchanged on the following year's work plan and possibilities for future collaboration.



Our Activities: NASSDA Meeting @Zoom

- SRDA hosted the 2023 Meeting
- The Director and Manager of the Australian Data Archive (ADA) presented on social science data archiving and research infrastructure in Australia, including ADA and the national Humanities and Social Science framework.
- Key highlights:
 - Activity reports from each institution.
 - Discussion on the potential addition of new NASSDA members.
- KOSSDA hosted the 2024 Meeting
- Discussions focused on the NASSDA's future and global collaboration following institutional reports.
- Key ideas:
 - Co-authoring an article to introduce NASSDA.
 - Organizing a panel discussion session at an international conference.

[Coming soon] Joint Article Initiative



NASSDA as a Data-
Collaborative Network to
Enhance Social Science
Research in East Asia

RESEARCH PAPER

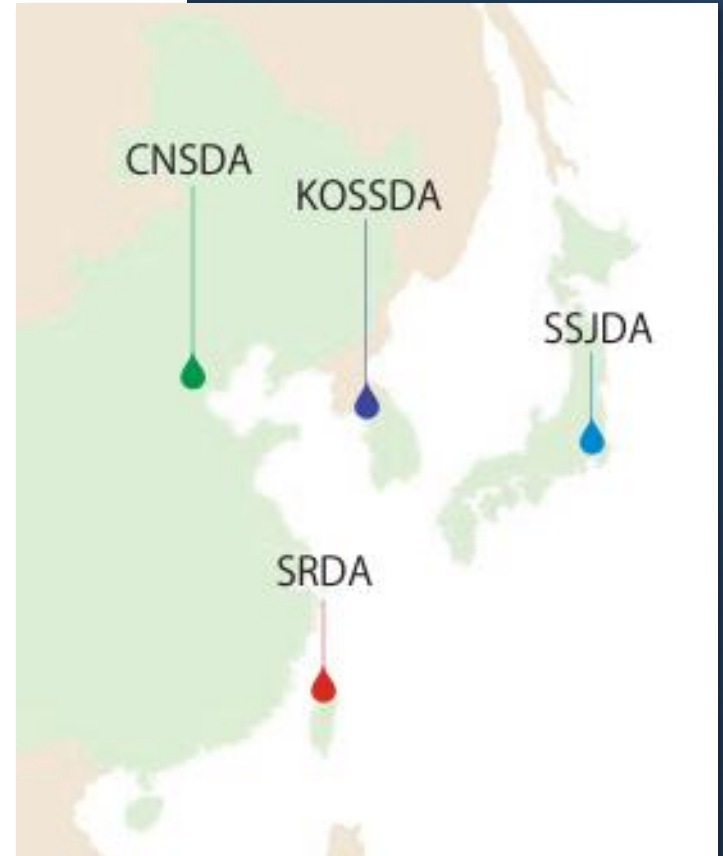
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Challenges and the Future

- International collaboration remains challenging because of differences in infrastructure, financial and personnel constraints, and national policies.
- NASSDA focuses on collaboration within existing constraints through the following:
 - The promotion of initiatives via the website.
 - The organization of annual meetings for information exchange and idea-sharing.
- These efforts aim to align future directions with other institutions, foster mutual understanding, and pave the way for deeper collaboration.





THANK YOU!