

Abstract

The Official Statistics as the Fundamental Information Infrastructure for the Society”

- Disseminating relevant and reliable statistics to various users in a timely and user-friendly manner -

In Japan, the Statistics Act was thoroughly revised in May 2007. In the Statistics Act, it is positioned as the fundamental principle of the official statistics that the official statistics is the fundamental information infrastructure for the society. In order to realize the above-mentioned principle, it is necessary to respond to various social needs, collect and compile relevant and reliable statistics, and disseminate them in a timely and user-friendly manner. Moreover, under harsh administrative and fiscal circumstances of recent years, the Statistics Bureau of Japan is facing to promote the rationalization and effectiveness of statistical operations, as well as ensuring the quality of statistics.

This paper mentions the following major challenges of the Statistics Bureau of Japan:

- to increase relevance of official statistics,
- to improve cost effectiveness of statistical work,
- to ensure participation in statistical surveys,
- to improve usability of statistical data.