

Toward the Business Frame in Japan

In Japan, the new Statistics Law will be fully enforced in April 2009. The law prescribes the creation of the “Establishment Database”, which will be used as a statistical frame and data source with which to compile new statistics.

The former “Statistical Frame of Establishments and Enterprises” was constructed using information from the “Establishment and Enterprise Census” (Statistics Bureau). The new database will be constructed mainly based on information from the new “Economic Census”, which is planned to start in 2009. In addition, information from various censuses (Census of Manufacturers, Census of Commerce, etc.) will also be used.

The items included in the new database will be the name, address, phone-number, number of employees, and business activities of the establishments and enterprises. Accounting data and information concerning the corporate group (parent company, subsidiaries, etc.) will be included in future.

It is anticipated that various administrative data will be used for the database. Presently, only the Corporate Register data is available.