

RESTRUCTURING THE MAINTENANCE METHODS OF THE BUSINESS REGISTER IN JAPAN

***- Changing the Methods of the Economic
Census for Business Frame-***

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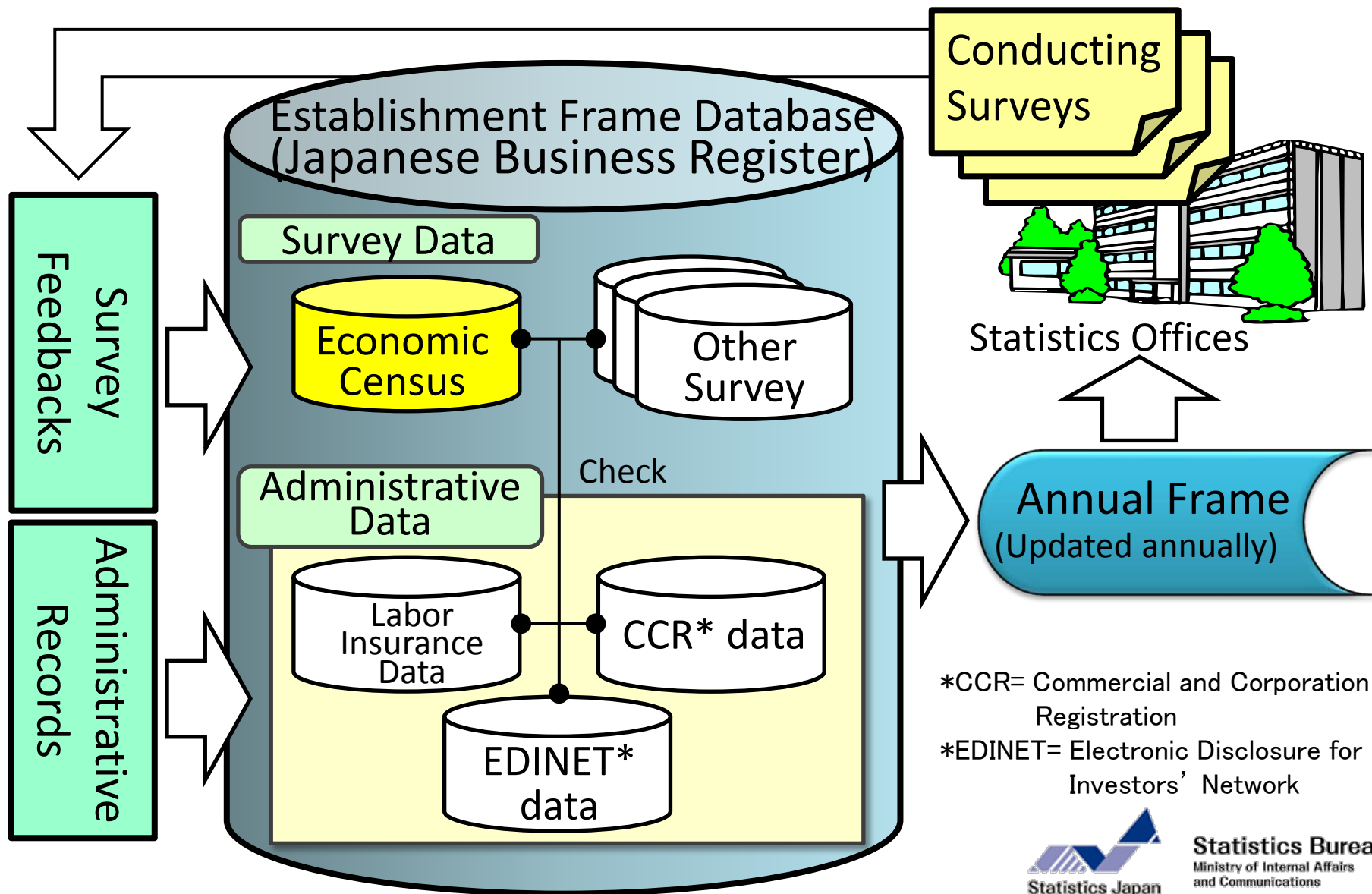
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- **To understand the status and structure of businesses more precisely in the BR:**
 - **Planning to restructure the maintenance methods of the BR by changing the methods of the Economic Census which is the main data source for the BR**

- **The current BR in Japan was renovated in 2012.**
- **Main data source for the BR consists of the results of the Economic Census.**
- **Various survey results and administrative data are also used for the data source for the BR.**
- **“Annual frame” has been provided for users every year since 2014.**

BR Maintenance cycle



- **Economic Census consists of two surveys:**
 - 1) Economic Census for Business Frame (EC-BF)**
 - 2) Economic Census for Business Activity (EC-BA)**
- **Each survey is conducted once every five years as follows:**

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
EC- BF	○					○		
EC- BA			○					○

Economic Census for Business Frame (EC-BF)

- Gathering information about the Business Frame for conducting various business statistics.
- Focusing on number of establishments, enterprises, employees, etc.

Economic Census for Business Activity (EC-BA)

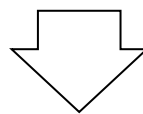
- Identifying the situation of economic activities of businesses.
- Focusing on amount of sales, costs, value added, etc.

➤ **BR is updated twice in five years by the results of these two surveys.**

- **“The 2nd Term Master Plan Concerning the Development of Official Statistics” was implemented by Cabinet decision in March 2014.**
- **The future directions and issues for the BR were indicated as follows:**
 - 1) Reconsidering the status of the EC-BF**
 - 2) Grasping the changes of the structure of enterprises more accurately**

- After sufficient consideration, SBJ concluded that the EC-BF will be reformed to two kinds of usual activities from FY 2019 as follows:

**Economic Census for Business Frame
(Once every five years basis)**



**Rolling Survey on Grasping
the Status of Businesses
(Regular basis via local
governments)**

**Profiling the Structure
and Activity of the Enterprises
(Regular basis by SBJ)**

1) The Rolling Survey

Enumerators practically check the activities of businesses on the spot.



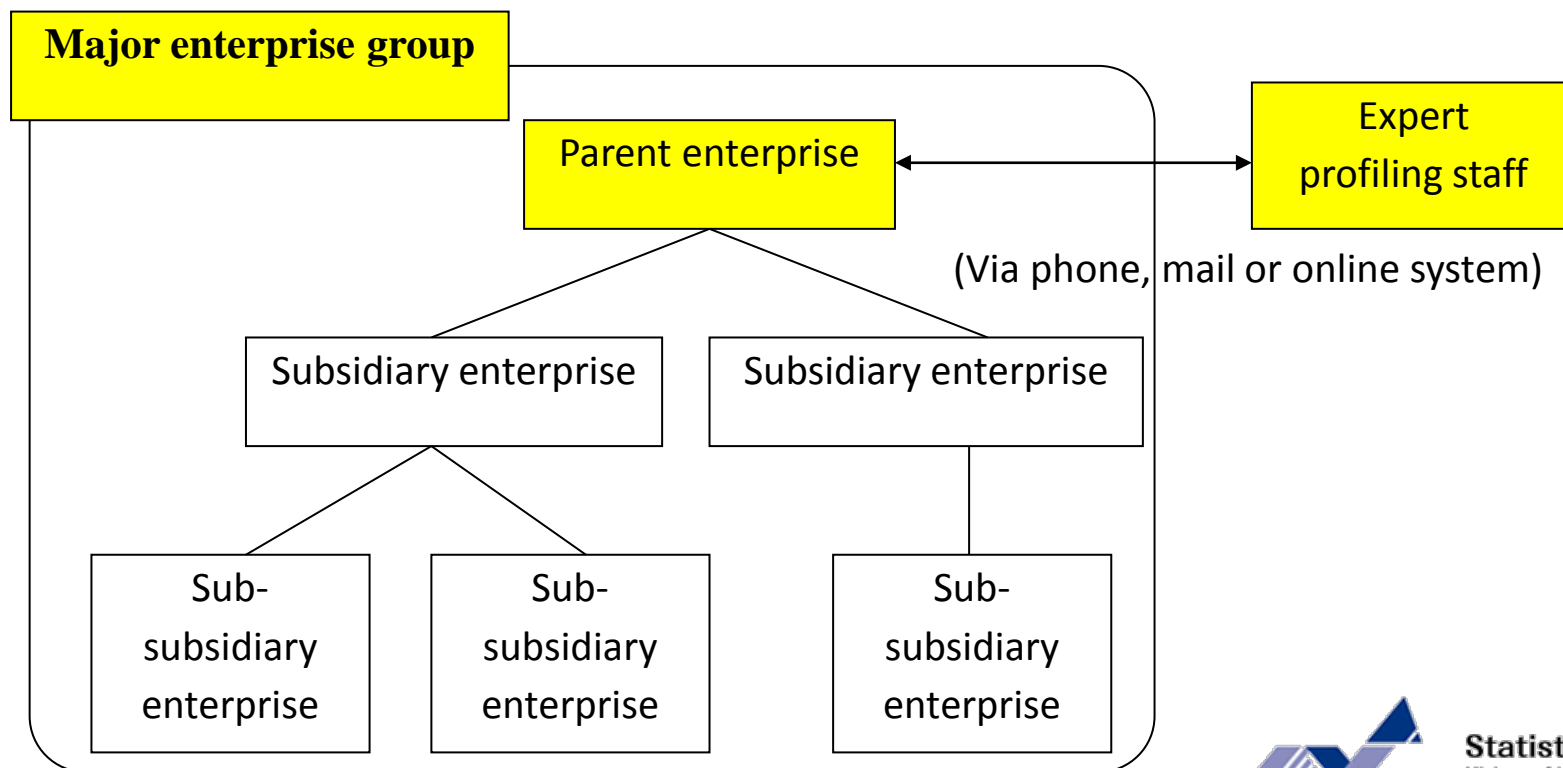
Interim terms of the EC-BA

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2) Profiling

Expert profiling staff grasp the necessary information on major enterprise groups



➤ **By this effort:**

- **It will be possible to get and provide the information on businesses and the structure of the enterprises more precisely**
- **The quality of the BR will be improved**

➤ **Schedule:**

- **Pilot survey: FY 2017**
- **Full-scaled restructuring: FY 2019**

Thank you for your attention

ビルくとケイちゃん

Economic Census mascot
("Bill-kun & Kei-chan")

