

## **ROUND TABLE – 3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACADEMIC ASSET PRESERVATION AND SHARING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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### **Collaborative network**

- With the workshop series entering its third round, participants agree that it is time to start building a collaborative network.
- Prof Shoichiro Hara shared an approach for research datasets and databases for all participating institutions

### **Gaps/Problems to be addressed**

- Disappearing research datasets and databases especially in the humanities and social sciences
- Most of such resources do not survive beyond grant periods, and due to the lack of standardisation and unstructured nature of data, it is challenging to ensure their survival beyond the respective funding periods
- Researchers often do not know what databases are available for their research

### **Related work**

- Registry of Open Access Repository (ROAR) -> Prof Sugimoto felt that contents are quite homogenous in ROAR but the nature of contents in humanities/social science research is quite heterogenous
- Participants also agreed that a network like this should provide benefits for participating institutions (e.g. value-adding to datasets by providing GIS layers where relevant, enrichment of metadata so that connections can be made to other relevant/related data)
- To explore the suitability of DataVerse for our needs.

### **Questions / Discussions**

- Essential to articulate a framework that can be used to facilitate cooperation and mutual trust in governing and sharing data
- All agreed that as a first step, datasets and databases are not being shared but rather, it is collecting information about available resources for now by using a commonly agreed metadata schema
- After some discussions, participants agreed with a loose definition of “digital research asset” which refers to resources that researchers create and can be in the form of datasets, collections of multimedia, manuscripts, records and so on.

- See this as a bottom up approach which is targetted at the sustainability of small, endangered, undocumented datasets/databases

**Next steps:**

- 1) Naming our network (working name: RsDA: Research Small Data Alliance/Asia)
- 2) Sep: a revised version of metadata schema to be circulated to all
- 3) Next workshop at Khon Kaen University: harvesting and populating metadata (in July)