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What are the challenges of presenting Japanese cultural heritage through digital archives: the potentiality of the union database of Japanese pre-modern works for international Japanese studies

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Purpose of the research

The purpose of this research is to explore the international use of the Database of Pre-Modern Japanese Works by scholars. It aims to identify the challenges of this database and produce suggestions for improvement and better use of the database.

Who will be participating?

Participants to the questionnaires will be international scholars who would use the Database of Pre-Modern Japanese Works.

What will you be asked to do?

Participants to the questionnaires will be asked to complete an online questionnaire, which should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Participation is voluntary. Participants may withdraw from the questionnaire prior to submitting answers.

What are the potential risks of participating?

The risks of participating are the same as those experienced in everyday life.

What data will we collect?

The following data will be collected via the online questionnaire:

- brief demographics of the participant (nationality, academic discipline and the competency of Japanese language),
- participant's use of the Japanese pre-modern works in general
- participant's use of new Database of Pre-Modern Japanese Works of NIJLD
- the participant's idea regarding potential use of the NIJL's Database of Pre-Modern Japanese Works.

What will we do with the data?

The collected data will be stored on the School's Research Data drive. Back up of the data will be kept on researcher's university account Google drive which should be password protected. For the purpose of future research studies, the stored data will be retained safely and securely after the completion of this dissertation project.

Will my participation be confidential?

The data collected via questionnaire will be anonymised. All the participants to the questionnaire will be anonymous. No personal details other than participant's nationality, academic discipline and the competency of Japanese language will be collected in this research. Data collected will only be used for the purpose of this research project. The data will be stored in the drives which are password protected and will not to be shared.

What will happen to the results of the research project?

The results of this study will be included in my master's dissertation which will be publicly available. Please contact the School in six months. The results of this research may be reported in journal papers.