



Quality Management System of Korean Official Statistics

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Official statistics of Korea are produced by a host of government ministries and agencies. Statistics Korea(KOSTAT) is responsible for implementing the assessment for the quality of all official statistics. The frames of quality management in KOSTAT consist of three-type quality management methods; regular, ad-hoc and self-assessment. Quality levels of official statistics are measured by the six quality dimensions set by the KOSTAT's quality framework, which is basically based on Eurostat's quality framework. Due to decentralized nature of Korea's statistical system, some ministries or agencies lack adequate infrastructure to ensure high statistical quality. For these ministries or agencies lacking infrastructure, KOSTAT provides consulting on improving statistical quality. KOSTAT will be developing guidelines for the quality reports and the assessment implementation. These guidelines will be applied to the regular quality assessment program. The report of the regular quality assessment program can be usefully used by both statistics compilers and statistics users. Also quality assessment conductors can use the subset of the reports according to their own purposes.

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