



# Open Access Korea, Phase 1: 5 years on

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# **OAK(Open Access Korea) Project**

- **Project Overview**

- Purpose

- Facilitating knowledge sharing globally through Open Access
    - Sharing of Domestic Knowledge Information and Developing Advanced Information Environment by Promoting OA Movement in Korea

- Project period

- 5 Years : March 2009-February 2014

# OAK(Open Access Korea) Project

- Implementing Agency
  - Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information(KISTI)
- Immediate Objectives
  - Promoting open access movement in Korea
    - Green road : Guiding, developing and diffusing of institutional repositories
    - Gold road : Leading scholarly societies and publishers to declaration on open access journals and developing a XML based open access journal publishing system

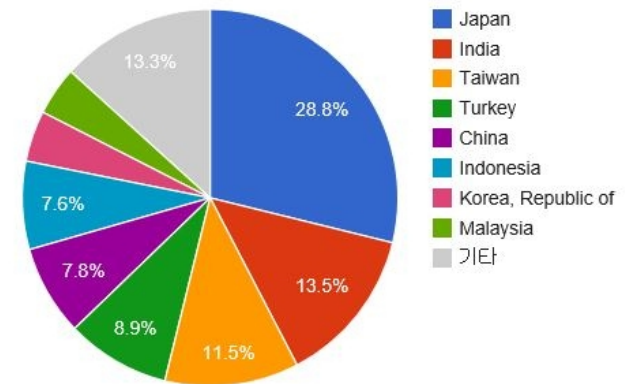
# Project Outcomes and Activities

- **OAK Institutional Repositories**

- Through this project, 23 IRs were developed at selected universities, research institutes, public libraries in Korea and have been being operated since the n.

- ❖ Diffusing IRs based on Dspace.
- ❖ Developed OAK IR open source package
- ❖ Special group with OAK repository members
  - Information sharing and cooperation
  - Education and seminars

Proportion of Repositories by Country - Asia

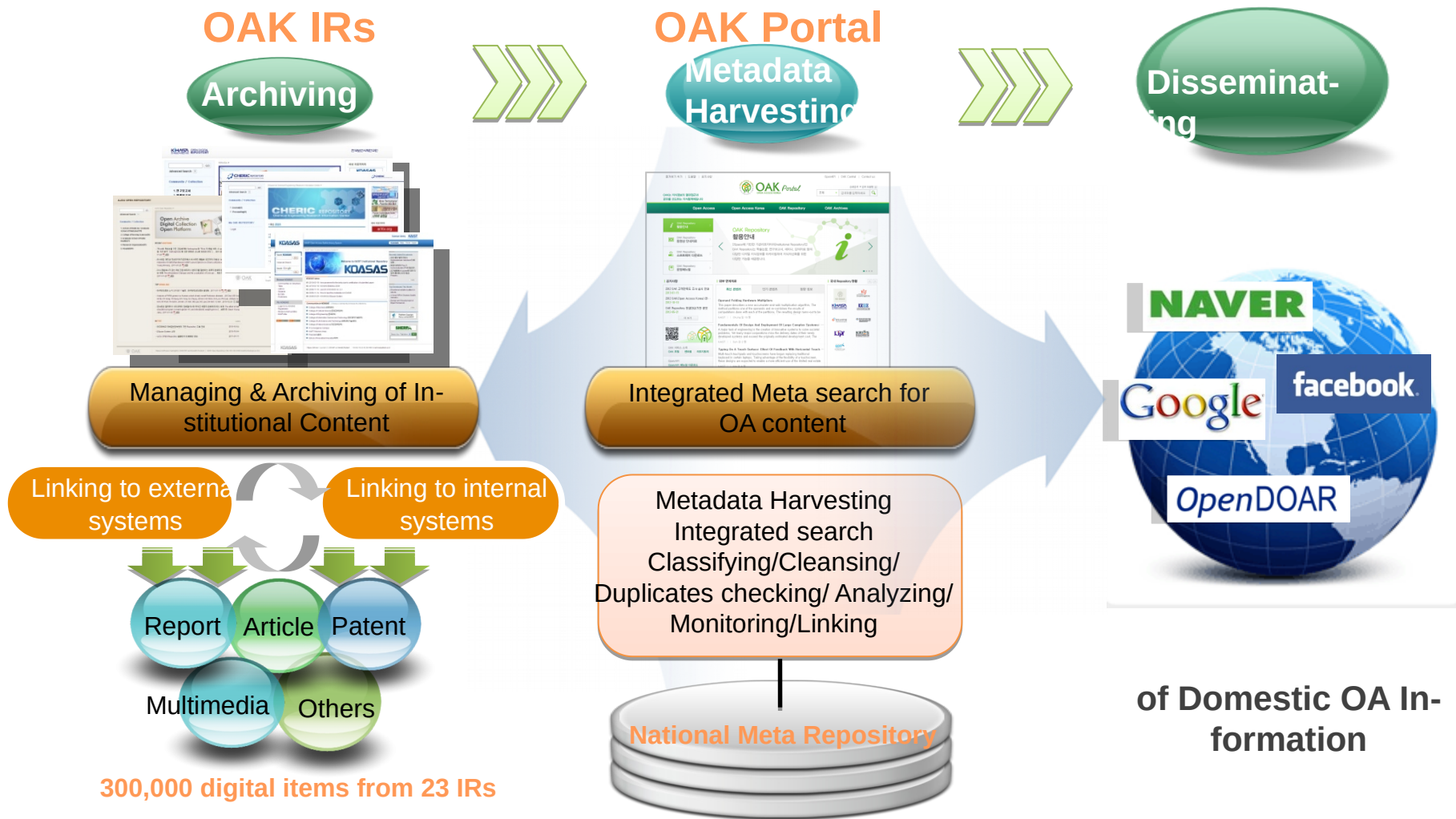


Total = 503 repositories

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OpenDOAR Repositories by Korea : 7<sup>th</sup> in Asia  
<<http://www.opendoar.org/>>

# IR Content Archiving & Dissemination Process



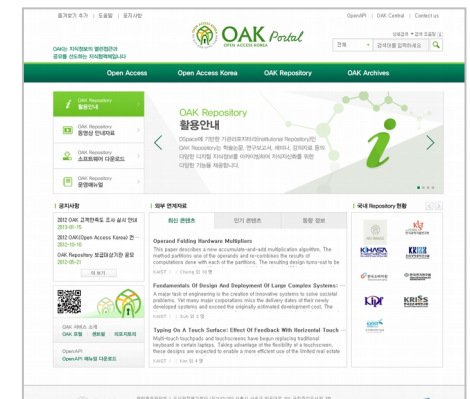
# Project Outcomes and Activities

- **An OAK Portal**

- which is a search platform for the contents collected from those 23 IRs, was developed and has been being operated.

- It holds about 300,000 items of contents(journal articles, monographs, multi-media etc.) by now.

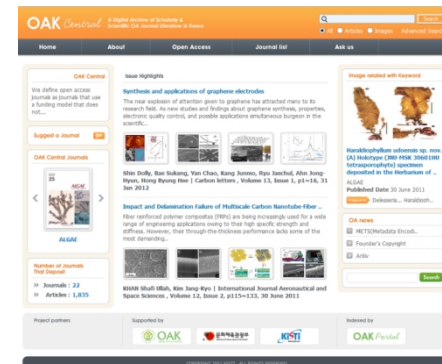
- Please visit <http://oak.go.kr>



# Project Outcomes and Activities

- **OAK Central**

- One of the prominent outputs of the project, is the digital archive for about 25 peer-reviewed, Korean open access journals.
  - Constructing full-text according to PMC DTD 3.0
  - Developing a work-bench, a semi-automatic tool to convert a PDF file to an XML file
- It contains about 2,979 XML based full-text articles including figures, tables and references
- Exposure to Google, Naver KoreaScience
- See <http://central.oak.go.kr>



# Project Outcomes and Activities

## •Research on Public Access Policy

- KISTI studied on ‘public access policy to research outcomes funded by government’ for two years from 2010-2011
  - Investigated Korean policy and legislative system for the public access to research outcomes
  - Investigated public access policies of foreign countries
  - Analyzed interest and relationship among stakeholders including researchers, universities, learned societies, and DB companies.
  - Prepared a draft bill for public access in Korea

# Project Outcomes and Activities

- **Other promotional programs and activities**
  - Videos available for explaining about OAK and related activities (See video at <http://goo.gl/7oFld>)
  - Related educational program has been launched
  - Has hosted both domestic and international meetings and conference under the theme of OA every year
  - An expert committee for OAK has been organized and held the several meetings during the project
    - 20~30 members from government, institutes, universities and DB companies interested in open access.
    - Workshops or seminars to discuss topics on open access.

# Discussions

- **Gold OA**

- Understanding of OA awareness is still early stage in KOREA
- Structurally difficult promoting OA, since it has a lot of stakeholders; authors, publishers, libraries, funders, aggregators, information providers
- Private DB companies having business of information services are strongly against OA movement
- Participating in SCOAP3 on behalf of Korean scientific libraries in order to improve accessibility to HEP journals, but we are still develop cost reduction scenarios for SCOAP3 in KOREA.

# Discussions

- **Green OA**

- In spite of national and systematical supports, the number of OA IRs was about 23 institutions
  - There has been very slow growth of OA IRs
  - Copyright issues/plagiarism risks/internet security
    - Conflicts with the publishers/societies after sharing in the IR
- Institutional Written Mandates or Guidelines/Policies are NOT yet established for operations of IRs
  - Several IRs have policies of internal use only
- Most of IRs are operating by the libraries
  - Cooperation between related internal functional departments, such as the computer team, and research office are needed