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Collecting Contents for NAGOYA Repository
The Quest for Sustainable Development

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Gathering Theses and Dissertations
Only one system cannot be applied to all departments of Nagoya University, so several procedures for gathering theses and dissertations have been developed.

Flexible Systematization

Theses and Dissertations
Theses and dissertations are held by several offices of the university, and the need for them is high. But in Japan, these are difficult to gather. T & Ds are generally held by the National Diet Library and authors’ universities. However, this does not mean that the need for them is less. Electronic theses and dissertations (ETD) give it a solution. Nagoya University holds 15,000 theses and dissertations. In academic year 2007, the central library received 152 requests for them. This number includes 43 requests from outside the university. NAGOYA Repository holds 35,791 T & Ds in electronic form. The number of download for them was about 50,000 in total, in the same time period.

In Nagoya University, it is rather difficult to establish a unified rule for systematic collection of electronic T & Ds, because among academic areas the importance of T & Ds differs in many senses. So, we are proceeding with flexible systematization for each faculty in the university.

Researchers’ Community
Promotional announcements of an institutional repository do not easily reach to most of researchers. Even if they reach, they don’t easily believe in words of library staff. Sometimes they misunderstand IRs. So it is important that they be encouraged by word-of-mouth communications among their colleagues.

We firstly organized the early adopted researchers into a community and concentrated our service for them. We also made pamphlets and asked the members to pass their colleagues, expecting spread effects outside the community.

Summary
This poster shows the main two strategies for keeping steady pace of growth of NAGOYA Repository.
One of them is flexible approaches for gathering electronic theses and dissertations. The second is forming the community of researchers who have goodwill toward IRs.

NDLTD
The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) is an international organization dedicated to promoting the adoption, creation, use, dissemination and preservation of electronic analogues to the traditional paper-based theses and dissertations. NAGOYA Repository supports harvesting its metadata from NDLTD as the first data provider in Japan.

¹ From NDLTD site: URL: http://www.ndltd.org/

Researchers’ Community
This community was organized in the aim for encouraging researchers to communicate each other about IRs.

Tea Party
Setting up casual meetings to give them opportunity to exchange frank opinions about IRs.

Blog
Some researchers might keep blogs, and would post their (hopefully positive) thoughts about IRs.

Usage Reports
NAGOYA Repository offers bimonthly download reports to each members of their own items.

Promotion
We prepared pamphlets for helps to promote IRs by the members of the community.

Active Submission
Members of the community themselves are frequent submitters for IRs.