

Research Report

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Research Theme at Tokai University	
Title:	The Introduction of My Number in Japan by central and local government and the reception by citizens of digital solutions using My Number.
Abstract:	<p>The research is a continuation of the studies during a 2019 visit to Tokai University which concentrated on the digital communication between government and citizen and the introduction of citizen ID, in Japan known as the My Number System. The Covid 19 situation has led to increased demand for public sector digitisation and accentuated the importance of the My Number System both for central and local government and for citizens in Japan. The study will examine the influence of the increased political focus on public sector digitisation. The political process and the solutions chosen will be examined. Focus will be on the factors that have so far been seen as a hindrance to development of public sector digitisation, including the introduction of My Number, and how the Covid 19 situation and the new political focus influences these factors.</p>
Results / Achievements:	<p>Please write a summary of your research results / achievements. Also, please share your research papers/articles, books, poster presentations if there is any.</p> <p>During the 21/2 months I have conducted a number of interviews with Japanese central and local government, IT-companies, research institutions, professors and people close to the political parties. This has given me a good understanding of the present volatile situation in the development of Japanese public sector digitisation including the role of the My Number System. It has also given useful material for future research. I have been able to develop a number of contacts that will be useful for the continued work on this study as well as my for my studies in Japanese digitisation in general.</p> <p>I have given 4 lectures/webinars on Japanese and Danish digitisation. One paper has been started and another is planned, both in collaboration with researchers from Danish Universities.</p>