

## **Call for Participation**

### **Opinion Analysis Task at NTCIR Workshop 6**

#### **1. Introduction**

Opinion Analysis is a pilot task in the series of NTCIR Workshops. In recent years, several important conferences such as AAI, ACL, COLING, SIGIR, WWW, etc., have published works on opinion extraction, sentiment, and subjective information analysis. However, no common platform exists that can be used to evaluate these technologies. In 2005, the open submission session at NTCIR-5 collected researchers' comments about a new pilot task. This pilot task aims to build Chinese/English/Japanese opinion extraction corpora based on the past NTCIR CLIR test collections, and to promote investigation of opinionated information access.

Opinion extraction is one of the kernel technologies related to opinion analysis tasks. In this pilot task, Chinese/English/Japanese sentences are the basic units for extraction and relevance judgments. Opinions and the opinion holders are the information we focus on. The test collection consists of topics and the relevant documents. For each topic and the corresponding relevant documents, participants have to report which sentences have subjective information relevant to the designated topic, their polarity, and the "explicit" opinion holder.

If you are interested in this task, please join the discussion about task description through the mailing list by just write an email to the organizer at [opinion-admin@nii.ac.jp](mailto:opinion-admin@nii.ac.jp), or send an email with the command "subscribe [ntc-opinion@nii.ac.jp](mailto:ntc-opinion@nii.ac.jp)" to [majordomo@nii.ac.jp](mailto:majordomo@nii.ac.jp) in the message body.

#### **2. How to Participate and Register**

Participation and registration information is available on the web at:

<http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-ws6/howto-en.html>

#### **3. Tentative Schedule**

2006-10-16 Test set release, 2006-10-31 Results submission

2007-02 Evaluation results, 2007-03 Paper submission deadline

2007-05-15 to 18 NTCIR6 Conference, Tokyo, Japan (see also [http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-ws6/important\\_dates-en.html](http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-ws6/important_dates-en.html))

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