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Good morning, first I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Algonquin people and all Indigenous people in this region who are the traditional guardians of this land named “Ottawa”, where we currently live.

My name is Channarong Intahchomphoo. I am the Data Research Librarian for Education, Law, Management and Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa Library, and Research Fellow at the University of Ottawa’s School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. My topic of today’s lighting talk is, “***A Sharp Increase in the Demand for Scholar Portal’s ODESI and Dataverse during the COVID-19 Pandemic***”.

Since the global health crisis started last 2019, I noticed many researchers from all disciplines are interested to conduct research to solve COVID-19 pandemic problems facing in their areas. This includes those working in non-medical fields like Education, Law, Management and Social Sciences. Often, we refer to the COVID-19 pandemic an unprecedented event and I would add that the pandemic also could be referred as **unprecedented challenges in research** because we now see experts from all disciplines conducting research on the COVID-19 virus, from different approaches and often doing **interdisciplinary research**.

I have been receiving inquiries from researchers, students, and professors to help them searching for the dataset that could be used to compare **inequality based on race, gender, immigration, employment** between different population groups in Canada in the pre-COVID era and during the ongoing crisis. Often, researchers aim to compare the social and economic inequalities between White and Indigenous or visible minority Canadians. For example, researchers are using the socio-demographic characteristics datasets in the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) of Statistics Canada. The Scholar Portal’s ODESI has been very useful for many researchers.

Many researchers are also collecting their own data using survey, interview, or social media data sources related to COVID-19 and some of them have been **sharing data** on the Scholar Portal’s Dataverse. I think it is a good step to see these research data sharing activities happen in Canada. Especially during this time where we need to work together. This is encouraging as soon, the research data sharing rule for all Tri-Council funded projects will be enforced. I think this is a great time to promote a repository like the Scholar Portal’s Dataverse, that has been put in place to support researchers to share their data.

Thank you.