

# Activities to Support Persons with Disabilities in the Asia-Pacific Region



## Foreword

The second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons of the United Nations ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) marked its mid-point year in 2007. To further promote the latter half of the Decade, ESCAP has adopted Biwako Plus Five to complement the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action, the policy guideline for the promotion of the Decade.

UN has also adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in December 2006, and various countries are working towards signing and ratifying the Convention. Influenced by such movements, different UN organizations have started to include disability issues in their programs.

Japan's international activities to support persons with disabilities in the Asia Pacific Region have been actively implemented in various different forms of cooperation and exchange projects/programs on not only the government but also the private sector basis.

It is in response to these developments that Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities decided to publish a photo collection that introduces activities carried out mainly in the Asia Pacific Region by non-government organizations, foundations, governmental organizations and international organizations.

There are, however, many other organizations implementing various activities besides the ones introduced in this booklet, and we regret that we were not able to cover all of them due to limited space.

We sincerely hope that this booklet will serve as an opportunity to inform NGOs engaged in the disability as well as the development fields and the general public about these activities

Your kind perusal will be deeply appreciated.

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# Asia Community Service & Exchange (ACE)

Established in 1993, Asia Community Service & Exchange provides, with its focus on Asia, support to non-government welfare organizations in Penang and Sarawak states of Malaysia and work with them for international cooperation and exchanges, with an aim to achieve a society where people in need of assistance and support, including those with disabilities, will be able to “lead an ordinary normal life in the community.”

## Our Activities

We work in collaboration with ACS (Asia Community Service), in Penang, and RCS (RAJANG CENTRAL ZONE COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION) in Sarawak, both non-government welfare organizations in Malaysia. Our aim is to achieve “a society where people can live together” and build “a barrier-free community,” where people respect each other’s differences regardless of race, religion, nationality, sex or disability.



EIP activity (First Step) of ACS:  
Fathers also take part in therapeutic education



Work at ACS Workshop for adults (Stepping Stone)



A building for ACS adult programs:  
“Support Center for Community Living”



The gate of the Day Center, “Muhhibah”  
(“Muhhibah” means Harmony in Malay)



The completed building of Day Center, “Muhhibah”



Japanese volunteers in work camp

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# Asian Development with the Disabled Persons (ADDP)

Since its establishment in 1992, Asian Development with the Disabled Persons (ADDP) has organized seminars for persons with disabilities in 18 countries and trained many disability leaders in various locations. Currently, we focus our activities on the support of persons with disabilities in Laos, and figure out and implement activities, which may be small but sustainable and hopeful, together with fellow friends with disabilities.

## Our Activities

### ① Training of disability leaders

To train young leaders with disabilities, we hold “Lao Disability Leader Training Seminar,” a leadership training seminar by persons with disabilities for persons with disabilities. The seminar is 3 to 4 days long, and active, inspiring disability leaders are invited as instructor from Japan or neighboring countries to tell their various experiences. The aim of the seminar is to share knowledge on specialized fields with participants, have discussions, and contribute to the empowerment of persons with disabilities in Laos. It also aims to lead persons with disabilities in Laos to draw up a proactive action plan of their own, taking advantage of expertise of persons with disabilities from other countries, for generating ideas on how to promote barrier-free access to education, public transportation, employment and information as well as on how persons with disabilities can cooperate with their fellow friends and change the society, in order for them to lead an active life based on self-determination.



Lively exchange among persons with visual disabilities at a seminar.



The first Young Blind Forum (held in July 2007). Fifty young persons with visual disabilities in Laos gathered together for exchange of opinions and network building, and had enthusiastic discussions.



Volunteer training workshop for building a network of volunteers who support livelihood of persons with visual disabilities. High school students, college students and working people in Laos were widely notified and 50 persons took part in the workshop. They were most interested in how to carry out eating assistance and mobility assistance.



## ② Support for disability sports

Sports have a great appeal and power to enhance human potential and build confidence. Especially for persons with disabilities, sports increase their self-reliance, contribute to their self-development, and give a strong impetus and appeal for them to be integrated into society. At present, ADDP supports projects for the development of disability sports in various ways, with the promotion of wheelchair basketball and the promotion of sports for persons with visual disabilities being the two pillars of our support.



The first international friendship wheelchair basketball games in Laos were held in January 2007, which was the first big international wheelchair basketball games held in Laos with four countries played against each other.



Lao team is making great efforts!



Enthusiastic Japanese supporters cheer at the international wheelchair basketball games! Exchange with Lao players.



Newly organized Lao Wheelchair Basketball Team is exerting their efforts at the international games. Cheer with a smile.



Courtesy call to the Lao government. The forerunners from Japan talk face to face to the minister about their experiences in Japan, and offer an opinion on the results to promote the importance of disability sports.



Seminar for the promotion of disability sports (January 2007) The fourth seminar by persons involved in disability sports in Laos.



Teams from Japan and Malaysia. Their first tour to Laos.



Demonstration of the floor volleyball for persons with visual disabilities.



Opening ceremony of the first gymnasium for persons with disabilities in Laos. Ribbon cutting by ADDP President, Advisor, the Japanese Ambassador to Laos, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare and Minister of Public Health.



Lao wheelchair basketball team practices at the newly constructed gymnasium for persons with disabilities. The practice is held three times a week, while wheelchair basketball coaches are sent from Japan on a regular basis.



### ③ Support for IT workshops

A small IT workshop was launched by young persons with disabilities who have IT skills to improve the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. ADDP supports their activities.



IT seminar for persons with visual disabilities (January 2007)



IT skills training for persons with visual disabilities.



Now the dawn of information for persons with visual disabilities in Laos is beginning right here.



The IT workshop managed by young persons with orthopedic disabilities is a place of learning for young persons with visual disabilities. They empower one another and enjoy studying. The instructor is a former Duskin Training Program participant.



IT skills training for persons with visual disabilities. The instructor is a former JICA participant, a young person with polio.



There will soon be the first IT instructor with visual disabilities in Laos

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# FHCY Disabilities Partnership Association Asia

With an aim to provide support for the independence of persons with disabilities in Asia, we support workshops of persons with disabilities in Thailand, promote fair trade of products made by persons with disabilities in Asia, carry out awareness raising activities for understanding disability and human rights, work locally for the support of disability groups and CBR, as well as promote capacity building programs for local persons and enhance human exchanges.

## Our Activities

### ① Support for workshops of persons with disabilities

In the days when persons without disabilities face difficulty in finding work, the situation is all the more severe for persons with disabilities to find job and sustain livelihood. Against such a social background, there emerged activities, though little by little, among persons with disabilities themselves to move toward independence through production activities. FCHY supports community activities of persons with disabilities, especially in the rural areas.

<Workshop of persons with disabilities in southern Thailand>

In Srakaew Workshop of Persons with Disabilities (SHH) in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand, persons with disabilities have gathered voluntarily and are engaged in the production of folk crafts using coconut husk and wooden handicrafts. FCHY has carried out the construction and renovation of dormitories to improve the living environment of users as well as to implement temporary residential production skills training for persons with disabilities staying at home (Fiber Recycle Network Grant Project). In addition, we are involved with the management of GoSoDo, a workshop of persons with disabilities, mainly women, and support such areas as staff employment, workshop rent, and management cost. Also, we are connected to local production groups of persons with disabilities including Pokkala and Kiriwon disability groups, and provide support by means of fair trade.



Plant dyeing workshop of persons with disabilities in Charong.



Srakaew Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



Pokkala



Kiriwon disability group



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities  
(commuting to the workshop)



**② Support for skills and sales of products by persons with disabilities**

We support the producers financially by way of promoting their product and management skills and selling produced folk crafts in Japan, so that more people will know about the activities of persons with disabilities in Asia and the profits will be utilized for activities to support persons with disabilities in Asia.



Srakaew Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



Charong Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities  
(Consultation at the consignment store)



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities



### 3 Support for education of children with disabilities and support for CBR

We support children with disabilities to attend school through the system of education sponsorship. Also, we carry out rehabilitation of children with disabilities and propose programs for the independence of family with child(ren) with disabilities, in concert with CBR projects implemented locally by the Foundation for Children with Disabilities (FCD) of Thailand.

Furthermore, we support persons with disabilities and guardians of children with disabilities to establish groups and organizations and build networks.



Going-out program for children with disabilities (respite care)



Visitation to a home with children with disabilities



Visitation to a home with children with disabilities



Visitation to a home with children with disabilities



Rehabilitation



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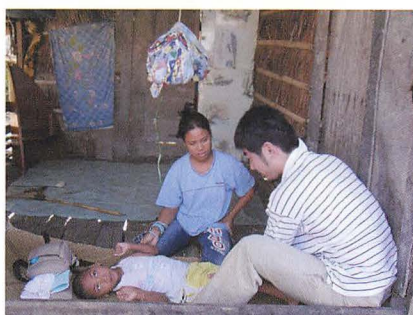
Visitation to a home with children with disabilities



Support for children with disabilities to attend school (renovation of the special classrooms for children with disabilities)



Therapeutic education group (CBR project office)



Visitation to a home with children with disabilities



Going-out program for children with disabilities and their parents



**4 Awareness raising activities on understanding of disability and human rights**

In Asian countries, discrimination and prejudice against persons with disabilities are so deep-rooted that they prevent them from participating in society. FHCY promotes the educational activities, called Nang Talung project, on understanding of disability and disability issues using the shadow puppet theater (Nang Talung), a popularly favored traditional performing art of southern Thailand. The shadow puppet theater is recorded on VTR and shown in training programs as well as awareness campaigns and events at schools and public health centers in Thailand. Also, we organize events and give lectures for elementary and junior high school students to understand disability.



Nang Talung Project



Introduction of play equipment for rehabilitation purposes



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities (organizing community events)



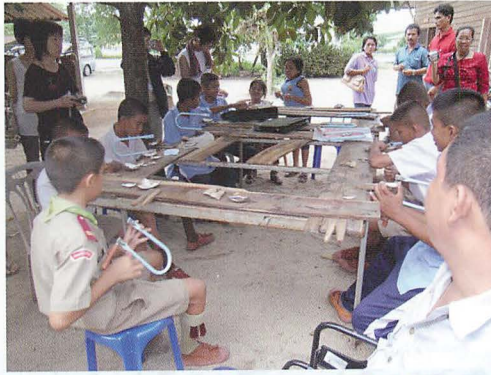
GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities (lecture at an elementary school)



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities (organizing community events)



GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities (organizing community events)



Srakaew Workshop of Persons with Disabilities (lecture to elementary school children)



## ⑤ Exchanges of human resources and technologies

We invite leaders of persons with disabilities and volunteer leaders as well as experts in welfare and education fields in Asian countries to Japan, and implement training and visit programs. We also learn from each other through technology and information exchanges, while working together in cross-border efforts to solve the problems persons with disabilities are faced with.

In addition, we organize a study tour & work camp to visit the sites and learn problems of daily lives faced by persons with disabilities and the situations of CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation) implemented in rural areas. Through the program, we look at how future international cooperation should be. This program is carried out twice a year.



Training in Japan (the demonstration at the fair trade show received the NHK TV coverage)



Study tour (school for integrated education)



Study tour (school for integrated education)



Study tour (school for children with intellectual disabilities)



Exchange of experiences with people from GoSoDo Workshop of Persons with Disabilities

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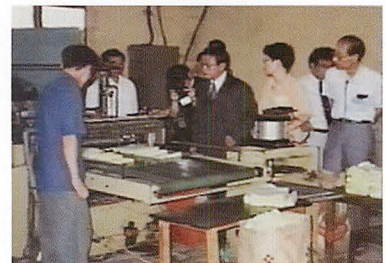
# KYOSAREN

Since its establishment in 1977, KYOSAREN has developed greatly and is presently engaged in the management of community workshops as well as sheltered workshops, group homes, living facilities and living support centers. We work for the enhancement of systems and measures necessary for the life of persons with disabilities, while making policy proposals and collaborating with relevant organizations.

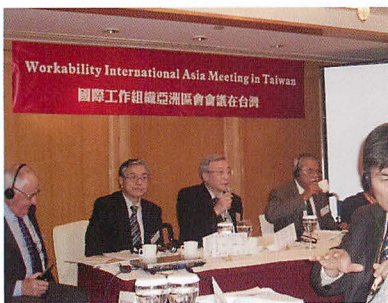
## Our Activities

“I have a disability but I want to work!” – based on this wish, KYOSAREN has promoted the movement to establish community workshops in various locations, and seeing that this movement would be of benefit without modification to the current status of Asian countries, we have continued grassroots exchange with Vietnam, Thailand and other Asian countries.

Also, in 1997, on the occasion of the establishment of APWD (Asian and Pacific Work Center Network for Persons with Disabilities), we collaborated with Japan Social Employment Council (SELP Council) and Zencolo Association, with an aim to create work opportunities for persons with disabilities and improve their working life, to call for various organizations to be involved, leading to the set-up of the APWD secretariat in KYOSAREN in 2000. In 2002, the end year of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, APWD organized the assembly and an international seminar in Otsu City of Shiga Prefecture, Japan, for the promotion of concrete cooperation with an eye to the new decade to follow, as well as the fair and exhibition of products from different work centers in various countries. APWD activities were subsequently turned over to WIA (Workability International Asia), where KYOSAREN continues to play a significant role.



Grassroots exchanges with Asian countries



WIA Conference in Taiwan (2006)



WIA Conference in Seoul (2007) Workshop for

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# SHAPLA NEER = Citizens' Committee in Japan for Overseas Support

Since its establishment in 1972, our organization has been engaged in the rural development in Bangladesh, Nepal and India, and support for street children in these countries, as well as the emergency relief operations for natural disasters with the whole South Asia in our raising perspective. In Japan, we import and sell handicrafts and promote awareness activities by way of “the most accessible form of international cooperation.”

## Our Activities

### ① Our approach to disability issues and awareness raising in Bangladesh

In rural areas of Bangladesh, the first step to be taken in order to carry out our activities is to have village people recognize persons with disabilities. In Narsingdi District, PAPRI (Poverty alleviation through Participatory Rural Initiatives), a Narsingdi-based NGO funded by SHAPLA NEER, gathered children and adults working to improve their livelihood and villagers in general and held a sports festival, where they provided wheelchairs and crutches as part of their awareness raising activities.

In Mymensingh, in conjunction with the “International White Cane Day” on October 15, a demonstration march was held by mostly villagers and local children with visual disabilities, with an aim to have local people and local governments recognize persons with visual disabilities. The march was organized by a partner group of SHAPLA NEER that has now become independent as a local NGO, COLI.



Sports festival with villagers and the provision of wheelchairs and crutches



Campaign for the International Day of White Cane



Villagers receive wheelchairs.



## ② Training and awareness raising programs in collaboration with CDD and other organizations in Bangladesh

PAPRI has had various training opportunities for its full-time staff by establishing partnership with CDD (Center for Disability in Development) that specializes in dealing with disability and development issues. The staff members who received long-term training courses implement programs funded by SHAPLA NEER, one of which is to teach mothers a simple physiotherapy for their children with cerebral palsy.

In addition, SHAPLA NEER provides fund for a project of managing the supplementary study center for children, which is carried out by PAPRI, in the form of collaboration between CDD and an organization supporting persons with disabilities. The windows are bigger and spaces are wider than in ordinary rooms, and as a consideration for children with low vision, the wall behind the blackboard is painted white so as to enhance the contrast.



A mother learns how to practice physiotherapy for her child with cerebral palsy. (Narsingdi District)



The board illustrates the collaboration with organizations supporting persons with disabilities.



Class at the supplementary study center for children



Supplementary study center for children (Narsingdi District)

### SHAPLA NEER = Citizens' Committee in Japan for Overseas Support

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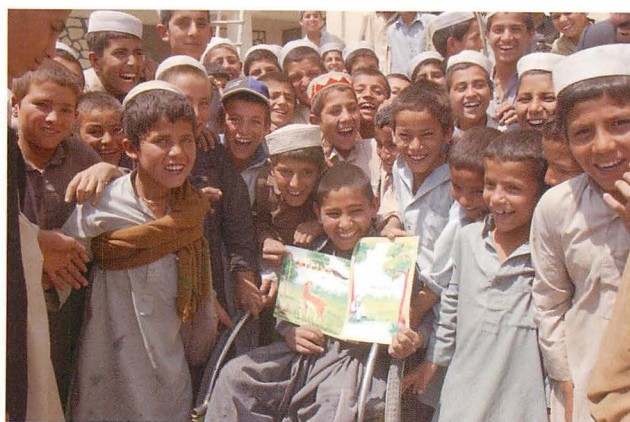
The predecessor of Shanti Volunteer Association was Japan Sotoshu Relief Committee which was inaugurated in 1980, when large numbers of Cambodian refugees flooded into Thailand. We work for the realization of a society in Shanti (peace) where people are able to “learn together and live together” through educational and cultural activities especially in Asia.

## Our Activities

We work together with people suffering from poverty, wars, internal strives, environmental disruption, or disasters on the earth in order to solve these problems. In refugee camps, activities of picture book distribution and publication have started as culture-based education support so that children of refugees displaced from their mother countries will be able to have dreams and hopes. At present, we have office in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma) refugee camp, and Afghanistan, where we carry out support activities including library activities as well as construction of school buildings and training of teachers. We also undertake emergency relief and reconstruction support activities for disaster-afflicted areas both in Japan and abroad.



In Thailand, disadvantaged children and children with disabilities gather together on the Children's Day observed in January and hold the national conference for children. SVA-supported children also participate in the conference and observe the dialogue with government officials.



Smiles are finally back on children's faces in Afghanistan. Construction of elementary school buildings and library activities are under way in the eastern region which is finally pulling out of the lengthy state of war.

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In Baan Sawai village of Surin Province in northeast Thailand, we engage in care activities for persons with disabilities together with government-related persons.

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# Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET)

Japan NGO Network on Disabilities, established in 1993, is a network of non-profit and non-governmental organizations in Japan that are engaged in international exchanges and activities in the disability field mainly in the Asia-Pacific region. Our major activities include email newsletter publication for information exchange, and holding of seminars and workshops. We also organize seminars on inclusion of disability in community development.

## Our Activities

### ① Public relations and awareness raising activities

We carry out exchanges of information through monthly publication of email newsletters, events organized by member organizations, and introduction of relevant conferences and seminars held in Japan and abroad. In 2006, we published “JANNET’s 10-year History”.



Seminars/Workshops/ Asian cooperation program for the visually impaired (2006)



Asian cooperation program for the visually impaired (2006)

### ◆ Public Relations and Awareness Raising ◆

#### 1. Publication

- Email newsletter – monthly since 2003 to the present day
- Newsletters in English – annually since 1997 to the present day (Except in 2003)
- JANNET directory
  - 1996 – First edition (also available in English Braille and Braille disks)
  - 2000 – Revised edition
- JANNET’s 10-year History in 2006

#### 2. Information provision on the website – Launched in 1999

<http://www.normanet.ne.jp/~jannet/>

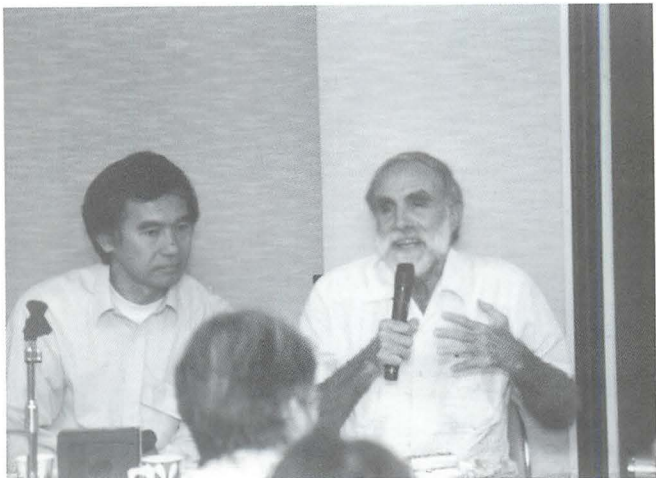
#### 3. Other activities: publication of newsletters

- 1994 – 2003 Four times a year



② Organizing of seminars and exchange meetings

We have invited world-renowned personalities in the disability field as lecturers and held seminars. Since 2005, we have invited speakers from CDD (Center for Disability in Development) in Bangladesh for seminars. CDD supports, through training programs, that development organizations include disability in their activities.



Mr. David Werner known for his books, Where There Is No Doctor and Nothing About Us Without Us. (USA)



Mr. Masudul Abedin of CDD



Mr. F. Stephen from India (left)  
Mr. Noman Khan of CDD (right)



Seminar: “Development and Disability – Learn from NGOs in South Asia” (2007)



Lecture meeting by Mr. Kazumasa Kakimi, also known as OK Baji, who works actively in Nepal  
(From left: Mr. Masayuki Wada who supports Mr. Kakimi from inside Japan, Mr. Kazumasa Kakimi, and Mr. Krishna Gautam)







Seminar with Mr. Nazmul Bari of CDD from Bangladesh as lecturer



Seminar with Mr. Bari

### ③ Participation in the Global Festa

The Global Festa is held every year in Tokyo's Hibiya Park under the co-organization of Japan International cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC); aid agencies and NGOs engaged in international cooperation present their activities at the Festa. JANNET also sets up a booth to promote our activities to a wide range of people.



JANNET's exhibition booth at the Global Festa 2006



## List of publication by JANNET

	Title	Date of issue
1	Newsletter (in Japanese language)	April 1994 – April 2003
2	Newsletter (in English language)	1997
3	Proceedings of the Fifth Year Anniversary Seminar (November 17, 1998) CBR and International Cooperation in the 21st Century Lecturer: Mr. David Werner	April 1999
4	Proceedings of the JANNET workshop (January 20, 2002) Contact Point between Welfare and Development Lecturer: Mr. Mitsuhiro Hosaka	April 1999
5	Proceedings of the JANNET workshop (August 27, 2003) Recent Developments in CBR Lecturer: Dr. Maya Thomas	September 1999
6	Proceedings of the JANNET workshop (June 6, 2004) The Goal of International Disability NGOs – Toward the Enactment of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – (Web edition)	June 2004
7	Proceedings of the JANNET workshop (March 6, 2005) Mental Disabilities and International Cooperation (CD-ROM) Lecturer: Mr. Ryoji Arizuka	
8	JANNET workshop (June 26, 2005) Life in a Rural Community in Nepal (CD-ROM) Lecturer: Mr. Kazumasa Kakimi	August 2005
9	JANNET Seminar (November 5, 2005) Inclusion of Disability in the Development Lecturer: Mr. Nazmul Bari	March 2006
10	JANNET Seminar (January 21, 2006) Challenge Towards Issues of CBR Lecturers: Mr. Yukihiko Osawa, Ms. Miho Takamatsu	March 2006
11	Community Based Rehabilitation: Author: Malcolm Peat, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada Translation: JANNET	April 2008



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14	Japan International Blind Exchange and Cooperation Network (JIBEC)		
15	Japan League of Developmental Disabilities (JLDD)	1	Japanese Service Dog Resource Academy (JSDRA)
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18	Japan Portage Association (JPA)		
19	Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists (JAOT)		
20	Japanese CBR Network		

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# Japanese Federation of the Deaf (JFD)

The Japanese Federation of the Deaf is the sole national organization of the Deaf in Japan whose aim is to promote the human rights of the Deaf. JFD aims to enhance the cultural level of the Deaf and promote their social welfare, and JFD also endeavors to promote the recognition of sign language interpretation and establish formal sign language interpreting systems. JFD conducts movements to eliminate discriminatory treatment, and to promote social participation and independence of persons with hearing disabilities.

## Our Activities

### ① Support for deaf schools in Nepal

JFD provides Shreejana Deaf School (operated by the Gandaki Deaf Association) and Shree Manakamana Deaf School (operated by the Gorkha Association of the Deaf) with supports including scholarships, donation of school buses and computers, and funds for repair of school buildings and schoolyard.



Renewed school building following landfill, seen from outside (Shreejana Deaf School)



A teacher looks around the class in the morning to see if they are prepared (Shreejana Deaf School)



Nepalese sign language lesson for all students (Shreejana Deaf School)



Students of Shree Manakamana Deaf School



Holding Nepalese sign language classes for the parents of students at different sites (Gandaki Deaf Association)



Students enjoy a meal in the new dining room (Shree Manakamana Deaf School)

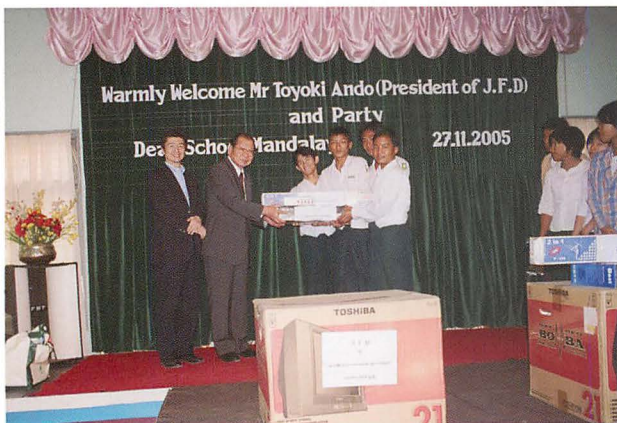


## ② Support for deaf schools in Myanmar

JFD supports Yangon School for the Deaf, National School for the Deaf in Mandalay and Mary Chapman School for the Deaf with donations of stationery, TV sets, videocassette recorders, DVD players/recorders, sewing machines, and knitting machines, as well as provision of funds for gasoline for school buses.



A student uses the donated knitting machine  
(Yangon School for the Deaf)



Donation of TV set, videocassette and stationery  
(Mandalay School for the Deaf)



Handkerchiefs made by students using the donated sewing machine  
(Yangon School for the Deaf)



Students enjoy captioned DVD  
(Mandalay School for the Deaf)



The school bus which runs on the supported gasoline  
(Mandalay School for the Deaf)



Students at a deaf school (Mandalay School for the Deaf)



### ③ Support for Students of deaf schools in Thailand

We support students with scholarships at Nontaburi School for the Deaf, Chiang Mai School for the Deaf, and Nakhon Phanom School for the Deaf. Selection of eligible students and the financial management are conducted under cooperation of the National Association of the Deaf in Thailand and deaf schools.



Scholarship-presenting ceremony at Chiang Mai School for the Deaf

<A letter from a student at Chiang Mai School for the Deaf>

Thank you very much for the scholarship.  
I promise to make the most effective use of the scholarship.  
The other day, a teacher took me to a bookstore in Suriwon.  
I will be completing the 12th year before long, and although  
I wish to continue studying at Ratchasuda College, I do not  
know if my father can afford the school fee.  
I watch the news about Japan on television.  
Their advanced technologies are amazing.  
I do hope to visit Japan someday.





#### ④ Support for production of the Thai Sign Language Dictionary (six volumes)

The Thai Sign Language Dictionary (volumes 1 through 6) has been published, making use of the technical support of JFD and the financial support of Postal Savings for International Voluntary Aid. One volume contains over 200 signs, with total covering over 1500 signs. The National Association of the Deaf in Thailand subsequently published Volume 7 with their own efforts.



The Thai Sign Language Dictionary (6 volumes)



A process of making the Thai Sign Language Dictionary



A process of making the Thai Sign Language Dictionary



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A process of making the Thai Sign Language Dictionary



JFD provided concrete support throughout the production process



## ⑤ Support for the Deaf in Myanmar

JFD requested Mandalay School for the Deaf to make conference bags for participants of the 55th National Congress of the Deaf in Kagawa cum 60th Anniversary of the establishment, and visited Myanmar to confirm the production status and checked the specification details. Approximately 2000 participants of the Congress enormously welcomed the sturdily sewn bags.



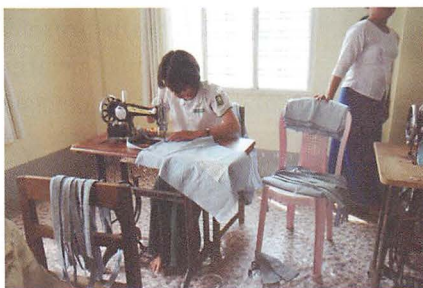
The production work is divided.



Technical level of embroidery is extremely high.



People are pleased with the sturdy embroidery and longer lasting shape.



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# TOKYO HELEN KELLER ASSOCIATION (THKA), INC.

Commemorating Miss Helen Keller's second visit to Japan in 1948, the Tokyo Helen Keller Association (THKA) was established in 1950 with the appointment of Miss Keller as honorable presidency. At the same time, the Helen Keller Medical Academy was opened for persons with visual disabilities to train them as practitioners of massage, acupuncture and moxibustion. Subsequently, the Printing House for the Blind, the Library for the Blind and the Appliance Center for the Blind were established, along with the implementation of the Overseas Program for the Blind.

## Our Activities

Taking the opportunity of the International Year of Disabled Persons of 1981, in the following year of 1982, the Overseas Program for the Blind opened its office with the aim "to promote independence and rehabilitation of persons with visual disabilities in Asia, to enhance welfare for them and to prevent disabilities," and also launched fundraising activities to support the programs.

### ① Braille Printing Project

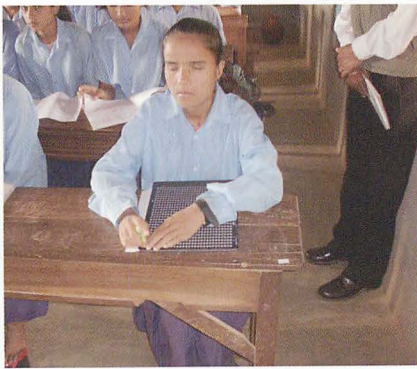
In December 1985, we conducted a survey on welfare of the blind in Nepal in cooperation with the Nepal Association for the Welfare of the Blind (NAWB), and made a recommendation that Japan need to provide braille printing machines as well as technical assistance. Later, we sent braille printing machines to the NAWB main office in Kathmandu, while inviting an NAWB staff member to Japan to give training to become a plate-maker. Up to the present day, we have continued our support for the program of printing and free distribution of braille textbooks from both financial and technical perspectives.



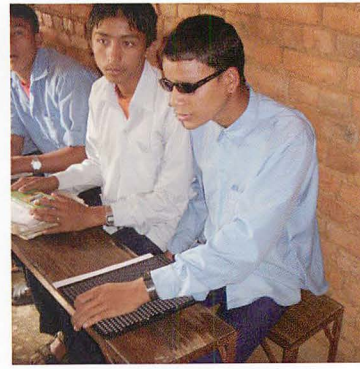
NAWB main office staff members



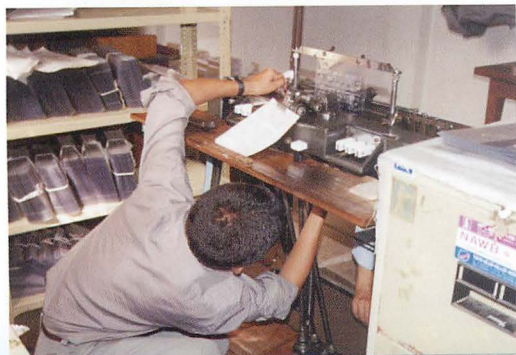
Braille transcribing of textbooks



Writing Braille (Amarjyoti Janta Secondary School)



Inserting paper into a braille plate



Maintenance of the braille embossing machine made in Japan



Reading Braille (Shanti Model Secondary School)



Proofreading a braille textbook



## ② CBR for persons with visual disabilities

We have implemented the support program of “CBR (Community-Based Rehabilitation) for Persons with Visual Disabilities” in the whole Bara District of Narayani Zone in southern Nepal for more than 14 years since 1989. Later, the “Bara CBR Project” was totally transferred to the local organization, which continues the program to this day, whereby our support has been changed from direct to indirect.



Staff and officials of the CBR Center



Eye check-up at the CBR Center



A blind person dealing in sundries



A blind person keeping a cow



A blind person making fodder



A blind person weaving baskets



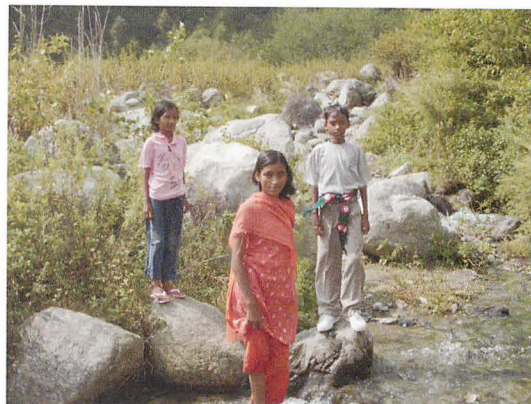
A blind person taking water



### ③ Scholarship program for persons with visual disabilities in Nepal

We have provided scholarships entrusted by the Mainichi Social Welfare Foundation since fiscal 2005 to children with visual disabilities in Nepal who have no access to school education. Through exchange of “memorandum of understanding” with NAWB, we also provide indirect support and cooperation to the program of “THKA – Krishna(\*) Scholarship” that was launched by our volunteer staff members.

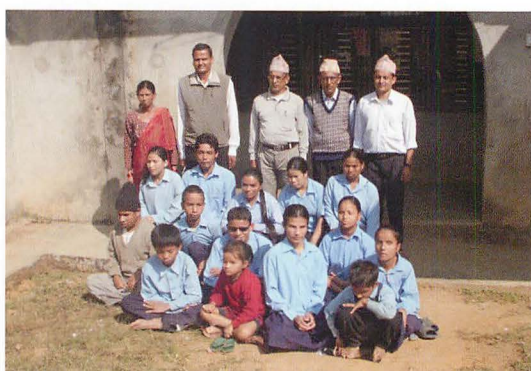
\*Krishna: Mr. Krishna Lal Mukhiya, ophthalmologic assistant of the CBR Center, passed away suddenly without fulfilling his life ambition.



Children of the late Mr. Krishna



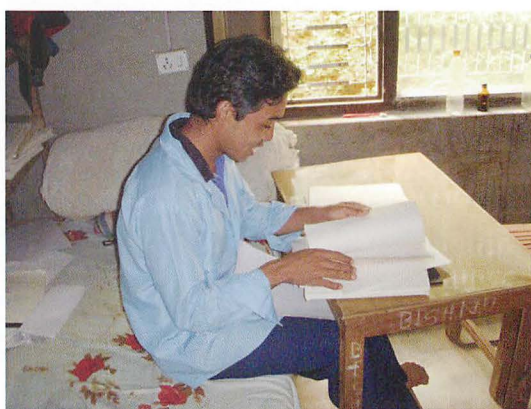
School lunch (Nepal Rastriya Higher Secondary School, Dumarwana)



In front of the dormitory (Amarjyoti Janta Secondary School)



Dormitory (Shanti Model Secondary School)



Study in a dormitory room (Amarjyoti Janta Secondary School)

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# Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR JAPAN)

Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR JAPAN) was established in 1979 to support the Indochinese refugees. Today, in addition to the support of refugees and displaced persons, the organization implements varied assistance activities in Asia and Africa, focusing on three main arenas of assistance to persons with disabilities, mine action and emergency assistance.

## Our Activities

### ① Vocational training school

AAR JAPAN supports persons with disabilities to acquire the techniques of hairdressing, sewing or repair of electrical appliances to be utilized for their economic and social independence. After completing school, most of the graduates return to their hometowns and go into practice in their own homes.



(<http://www.michaelbierman.net>)

Literacy education at a vocational training school for persons with disabilities. They learn reading and writing of the Cambodian language and arithmetic. (Cambodia)



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Graduates of the vocational training schools teach how to repair TVs and radios (back). This shows the apprenticeship system in which a trainee lives at a workshop-cum-home to learn techniques practically on site. (Cambodia)



A lesson at a hairdressing training school

Total of about 90 persons with disabilities acquire techniques in sewing and hairdressing training schools in one year. (Myanmar)



A lesson at a sewing training school. They pursue independence after three months' training. (Myanmar)



A model hairdressing shop. After graduating from the vocational school, graduates may have practical training in this shop for a certain period of time. (Myanmar)



Trainees learning sewing (Cambodia)



## 2 Wheelchair workshop

AAR JAPAN has operated wheelchair workshops in Cambodia and Laos under the cooperation of governments. The workshops actively employ and train persons with disabilities as technical experts and staff members, and aim to provide wheelchairs tailored to respective needs of users.



A technician manufacturing a wheelchair. All of the eight technicians are persons with physical disabilities. (Cambodia)



A girl receives her wheelchair. (Laos)



A staff member transports finished wheelchairs by boat. They are delivered to individual homes. (Cambodia)



Technicians with disabilities produce wheelchairs. They produce about 35 wheelchairs in one month. (Laos)



Assessment for a person with disability. Staff members trying to produce a tailored wheelchair. (Laos)



A female mine survivor receives her wheelchair (right). When she was an elementary school student, she stepped on a landmine near the pagoda, and lost both legs. (Cambodia)



A woman rides a tricycle. It has significantly broadened the scope of her daily activities. (Laos)



### ③ Support for self-help organizations of persons with disabilities: Beekeeping business

In Tajikistan, we set up beekeeping business in cooperation with self-help organizations of persons with disabilities to support their capacity building and nutritional improvement. We have so far provided farming equipment to the self-help organizations, and given advices on financial matters, action plans and management for business operation.



Persons with disabilities participate in the beekeeping business. This project was implemented with the cooperation of the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects in fiscal 2007 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.



Half of the collected honey is sold to earn working money of the succeeding year. The remaining half is distributed to persons with disabilities in the community.



The tractor we provided is used for farm work. This project was implemented with the cooperation of the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects in fiscal 2005 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.



A Japanese staff member who is locally stationed visits the site on a regular basis and gives face-to-face advices.



#### ④ Physiotherapy clinics

In Afghanistan, we have set up and operate two physiotherapy clinics in the northern part of the country for persons who became disabled due to landmine, polio and so on. We support them to lead an independent life by providing prosthetics and orthotics to patients when necessary.



Consulting room for men at the clinic



With respect to the local culture, female staff members are to attend to female patients.



With an aim that the activities take root in local communities, we train and employ people who come from the local communities.



EDEN Center for the Disabled Children is managed with the support of the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan. About 100 children with intellectual and physical disabilities receive rehabilitation trainings and education here.

#### ⑤ Support for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities

In Myanmar, we support children with disabilities through a facility for children with intellectual and physical disabilities managed by a local NGO. We support children to undergo rehabilitation trainings to be able to fulfill their potential as much as possible.

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# Japan Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service(JOCS)

Japan Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service is a non-governmental, ecumenical organization founded in 1960 in response to the biblical injunction, “...love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12) through sending of healthcare and medical workers and providing scholarships, to support those people in Asia and Africa with limited access to health services, so that they will be able to exert their voluntary efforts to safeguard health on their own.

## Our Activities

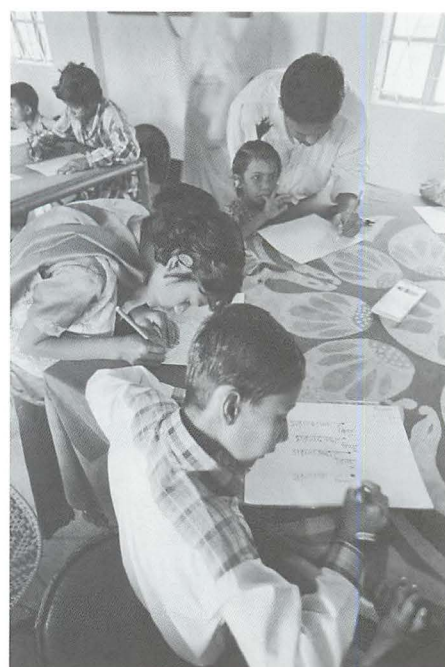
### ① Sending of workers

The health and medical personnel that JOCS sends abroad are called “workers.” We have so far sent more than 60 workers in response to various requests.

The kinds of workers up to date include doctors, health nurses, midwives, nurses, nutritionists, educators specializing in children with disabilities, nursing teachers and physical therapists. Recently, there is an increasing demand for disability field.

We sincerely wish that, on completion of the assigned term of three years, the activities in this long period will be taken over by the organization and people in the local communities where workers have been sent.

All the photos show scenes of the CCH (Community Centre for the Handicapped) in Mymensingh City in northern Bangladesh where JOCS has sent a nurse and a physical therapist.



This drawing class consists of children with disabilities and their siblings and friends



A woman with a disability weaves a carpet in the CCH carpet workshop. Acquisition of skills in order to earn income is the key to self-reliance for women with disabilities.



CCH users make cards for sale using rice straws.





CCH Women's Club goes on a picnic, a precious opportunity for women who do not usually have many occasions to go out.



Persons with and without disabilities perform a play together.

## ② Provision of scholarships

In Asian and African countries, the economic gap between urban and rural areas is very wide, and the brain drain of hospital personnel from rural to urban areas has become a problematic issue. JOCS selects as a scholarship recipient a person who wishes to remain in the community he/she was born and to work for the people of the community. The scholarship recipients submit a report once a year and write a message of self-introduction in our newsletter, “みんなで生きる We Live Together,” and through reading these writings, we commit ourselves to developing concrete and personal relationships with the recipients, and highly regard the good connections with them.

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# Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists(JAOT)

Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists (JAOT) is an organization of occupational therapists that supports persons with physical and mental disabilities to achieve a fulfilled life by sustaining and improving necessary abilities through the use of occupational activities including activities of daily living, work and play. JAOT works both in Japan and abroad with high motivation for the advancement of medicine, health and welfare.

## Our Activities

### ① Overseas assignment of occupational therapists

Occupational therapists are making contributions to the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in various Asian countries through such programs of JICA as Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, Senior Overseas Volunteers and Grassroots Technical Cooperation Projects, as well as programs implemented by NGOs working outside Japan.



An occupational therapist cooperates as a lecturer at a workshop for doctors and psychologists organized by an NGO working in the field of community mental health. (Cambodia)



A Japanese occupational therapist works in cooperation with local professionals at a day care center for persons with mental disabilities. (Cambodia)



A Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer occupational therapist practices rehabilitation for children with disabilities. (Philippines)

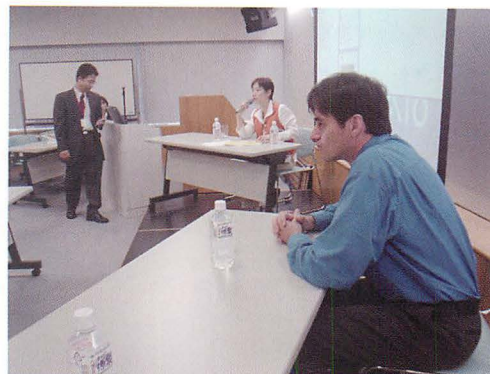


A professional occupational therapist provides technical guidance on rehabilitation for cerebral vascular disorders at the National Hospital in Ho Chin Min. (Vietnam)



## ② Awareness Raising activities and research presentations in Japan and abroad

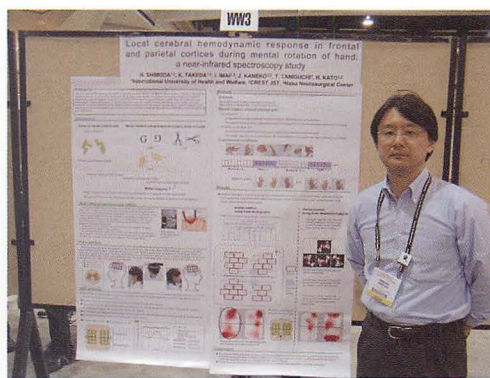
In Japan, JAOT carries out awareness raising activities on international exchanges of occupational therapists through conferences of our Association, international symposiums and seminars on international cooperation. Outside Japan, we give presentations and reports on expertise of Japanese occupational therapists and on international experiences in various international conferences.



An international symposium was held in the Japanese Occupational Therapy Congress in Tohoku.



At the Asia Pacific Occupational Therapy Congress, information was exchanged with occupational therapists from Asian countries through poster sessions and other events. (Hong Kong)



Poster session at the Society for Neuroscience (USA)



The Association of Occupational Therapists and the Association of Physical Therapists co-organize the international cooperation seminar every year, where get-togethers are also an opportunity for international exchange.



A workshop on international exchange was held during the Occupational Therapy Congress.

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# Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities(JSRPD)

Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (JSRPD) promotes research and study concerning rehabilitation for persons with disabilities in Japan and abroad. Our international activities include taking part in and cooperating with international disability NGO(Rehabilitation International: RI) and linkage with disability NGOs in the Asia Pacific region. Domestically JSRPD collaborates with Japanese NGOs engaged in assistance for persons with disabilities, and organizes international workshops and seminars, thus collecting and disseminating information both in the domestic and the international arenas.

## Our Activities

### ① Affiliation and cooperation with RI

JSRPD, together with the Japan Organization for Employment of the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, is a national member organization of Rehabilitation International (RI), an international NGO. In 2008, the world congress was held in Quebec, Canada. The Asia and the Pacific Regional Conference was held in Osaka, Japan, in 2002.

### ② Promotional activities of the Asian and the Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities

UN ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) adopted a resolution proclaiming the period from 2003 to 2012 as the second Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, and has encouraged governments to promote social participation of persons with disabilities in the region whose estimated population is 400 million. We cooperate with ESCAP through APDF (Asia and Pacific Disability Forum), a disability NGO network of the region. With the loss of two great leaders, APDF hosted a memorial seminar jointly with UN ESCAP in September 2007 in memory Mr. Topong Kulkhanchit, and plans to organize a memorial seminar for late Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, former Secretary General of NGO Network of the 1st Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons.



Panels introducing Mr. Topong's works during his lifetime



Mr. Narong made a speech at Mr. Topong's memorial seminar.



APDF inaugural meeting (Singapore, 2003)



APDF General Assembly (Singapore, 2003)



### ③ Holding of seminars and information dissemination

In addition to the collection of information based on international networks, JSRPD holds international seminars on the promotion of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities and the support for persons with disabilities in the Asia Pacific region, subsequently releasing the accomplishments of these seminars on the website called DINF (<http://www.dinf.ne.jp/>).



International Seminar on  
"Cooperation Activities for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific Region" (2005)



International Seminar on "Cooperation Activities for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific Region" (2005)



International Seminar on  
"Toward the Promotion of the Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities" (2006)

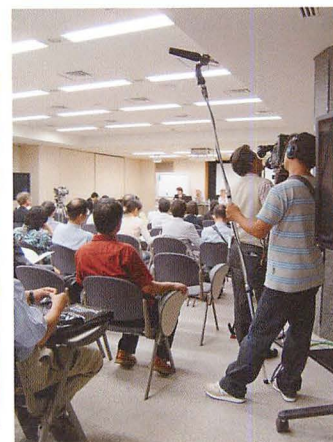


International seminar on social firms (2007)





International Conference on Tsunami Preparedness of Persons with Disabilities (2007)



Seminar on Effective Support for Persons with Dyslexia  
- From Perspectives in Denmark - (2006)

#### ④ Implementation of international training programs

JSRPD conducts three international training programs. Two of them are commissioned by JICA, namely “Training Course of Leaders of Persons with Disabilities” (started in 1986) and “Training Course on Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Promotion of Persons with Disabilities” (its predecessor course, Group Training Course in Rehabilitation, started in 1984). For follow-up purposes after the completion of training, JICA has launched a special website (URL: <http://www.jicafriends.jp>) to promote exchanges among ex-participants of those two trainings, where JSRPD is engaged in its planning and management. The third training program, which is entrusted by the Duskin AINOWA Foundation, is implemented for young persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific. After taking the Japanese language lesson for the first three months of the training course, participants leave for organizations and facilities across Japan to receive their respective training.

##### ■ Training Course of Leaders of Persons with Disabilities



Accessibility check on transportation of Japan



A lecture at a training site



Opening ceremony

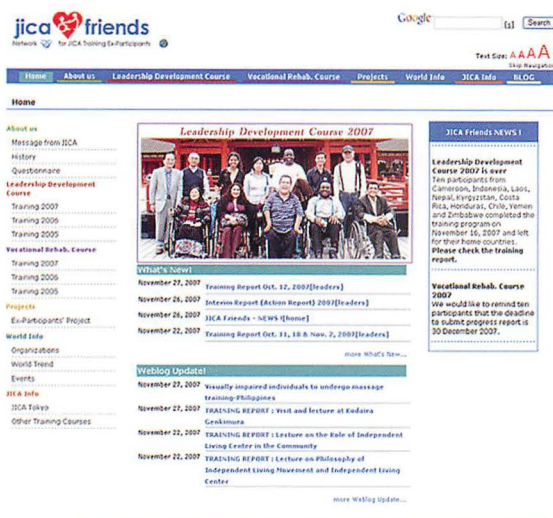
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## ■ Training Course on Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Promotion

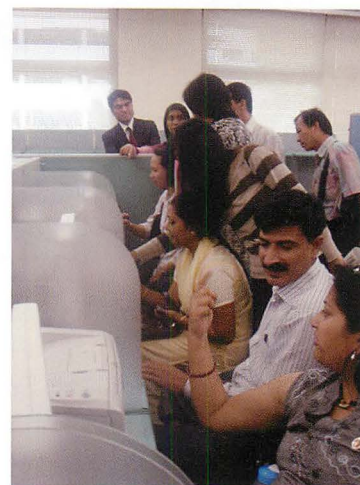


Study visit to National Vocational Rehabilitation Center for Persons with Disabilities



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©Special website for exchanges among ex-participants  
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Hands-on experience in job opening search at a public employment security office  
(©JICA)

## ■ Duskin Leadership Training in Japan – A Program for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific



Opening ceremony (7th Duskin trainees)



Sign language workshop held by trainees  
(6th Duskin trainees)



Mobility training (7th Duskin trainees)

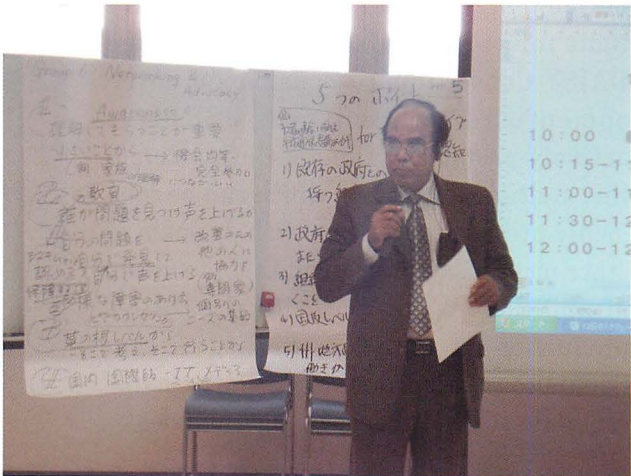


**⑤ Cooperation for JANNET(Japan NGO Network on Disabilities)**

JSRPD cooperates for JANNET as its member and as its secretariat. In February 2007, JSRPD invited NGO representatives from Bangladesh and India and organized, with JANNET as a co-organizer, a one-and-a-half-day seminar/workshop on “Development and Disability,” and learned how development organizations include disability in their activities.



Presentation of group discussions



Mr. Noman Khan from Bangladesh



A scene from the seminar

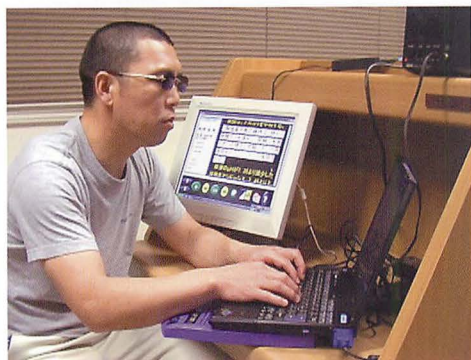


## ⑥ Dissemination of information and communication technology (DAISY)

DAISY (Digital Accessible Information SYstem) was first developed as the digital talking book standard for persons with visual disabilities, and now it is the international standard to back up supportive tools for various disabilities, with the DAISY Consortium responsible for development and maintenance. JSRPD is actively promoting the dissemination of this multimedia DAISY, which can be commonly utilized by persons with dyslexia or other print disabilities in addition to visual disabilities. We also provide the DAISY production software free of charge to contribute to the Consortium's efforts to disseminate DAISY in developing countries.



Board meeting of the DAISY Consortium 【©Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura】



DAISY for person with visual disability



DAISY for person with print disability



First publication of easy-to-read book with CD-ROM in DAISY format ("Red Shoes")

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# Japan Braille Library

Japan Braille Library was established in 1940 by Kazuo Honma, and implements activities for persons with visual disabilities nationwide, which range from production and lending services of Braille and talking books and magazines, provision of library information, opening of Braille courses and personal computer courses for persons with acquired visual disabilities, development and sales of equipment for persons with visual disabilities, publication of Braille books, production of tactile pictures, to international cooperation projects.

## Our Activities

### ① Cooperation programs for libraries for the blind in Asia

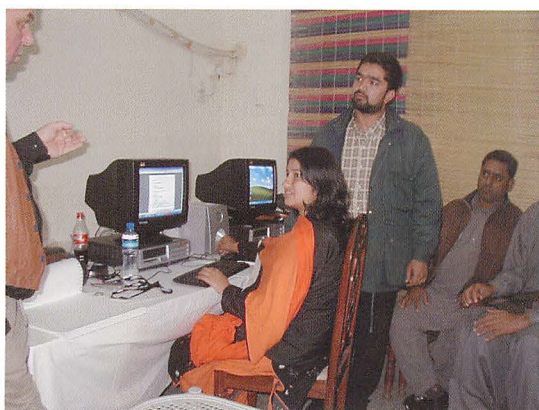
With the start of the Asian and the Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons by UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in 1993, we launched cooperation programs for libraries for the blind in Asia. We invited staff members from libraries, schools for the blind, associations of the blind in Malaysia and neighboring countries, and conducted training workshops on computerized Braille production.

Since 2003, however, we set our base in Malaysia and have implemented the third-country training by visiting neighboring countries.

When the training workshop is completed, we provide the trainees with Braille translating software, personal computers and Braille printers, so that they can work on the production of Braille materials immediately.



Trainees receive technical guidance on computerized Braille translation. (Hatien, Vietnam)



Trainees receive technical guidance on computerized Braille translation. (Lahore, Pakistan)



## ② Teruko Ikeda ICT Scholarship program

With the Teruko Ikeda Funds donated to our library as the financial resource, we invite young persons with visual disabilities from developing countries in the Asia and the Pacific region to provide training on ICT (Information and Communication Technology), so as to build their capacity as future leaders of persons with visual disabilities in respective countries and contribute to the promotion of culture and welfare for persons with visual disabilities in their counties and in the Asia and the Pacific region.

In 2007, we conducted a training workshop for eight youths with visual disabilities from Tibet, Nepal, Mongolia, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia, in the St. Nicholas Home for the Blind (Penang, Malaysia) for one month during the summer, and invited them to Japan at the last stage of the training course to offer them an opportunity to lean about welfare for persons with disabilities in Japan.



ICT training workshop held in Malaysia



Future leaders with visual disabilities from various countries



Trainees work hard to operate a personal computer yet unaccustomed to them.



When trainees are serious and committed, instructors become increasingly enthusiastic.



ICT training workshop

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# Japan League on Developmental Disabilities (JLDD)

Since its establishment in 1974, Japan League on Developmental Disabilities (JLDD) has continued its activities for the following purposes: research and assistance concerning support for persons with developmental disabilities in developing countries; assistance to persons with developmental disabilities in Japan through exchanges with various countries, and; collaboration, coordination and network building among organizations for persons with developmental disabilities in Japan.

## Our Activities

### ① Operation of a group training course (JICA-commissioned program) for the support of persons and children with developmental disabilities (including intellectual disabilities).

The training course started as a program of the Japan League on Developmental Disabilities in 1979, and it was subsequently adopted by JICA as its program. The course is conducted once a year with the total number of participants amounting to more than 250 in its history of 29 years. “The Group Training Course on Intellectual Disabilities – Intellectual Disability in Community Activity” is being implemented as a course for people related to community development, parents and professionals on intellectual disabilities, to explore ways to realize support of persons with intellectual disabilities by community residents. In fiscal 2007, we invited 8 participants from 8 countries and carried out the training program in Japan and Cambodia.

In addition, as a follow-up program (JICA-commissioned) to the Group Training Course on Intellectual Disabilities, we manage the mailing list and the website for ex-participants of the training course, and implement follow-up courses in Cambodia and Costa Rica, while ex-participants has launched an international research program, a “program to develop measures for depression of parents of children with intellectual disabilities.”



Follow-up course (Costa Rica)

We made use of a church building and held a meeting with mothers of children with intellectual disabilities in the village, and trainees.



Observing one-on-one lesson for a child with autism



<From “International Research – Measures for Depression of Parents of Children with Intellectual Disabilities”>

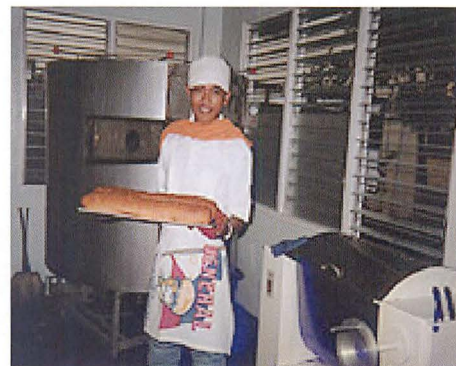
JLDD conducted interviews in four countries to understand the conditions of parents

(Center: a boy with intellectual disabilities. Back row: his mother in a red blouse) (Brazil)



## ② Establishment of a bakery in a public elementary school in the Philippines as a place of work for persons with intellectual disabilities

In general, public elementary schools in the Philippines are of a large-scale with thousands of students, and they have no facilities for preparing school lunch. In this project, we established a “Fresh From The Oven Bakery” on the school premises for students. It has taken root as a place of work for persons with intellectual disabilities who were given training by professional bakers and special education teachers, and it plays a significant role not only for the financial independence of persons with intellectual disabilities but also for understanding of persons with intellectual disabilities by people without disabilities.



A young man with intellectual disabilities became a baker.



They visit from class to class selling bread during the recess. (They sell about 3,000 pieces in one day.)



A bakery built in an elementary school.



Students of special classes shape bread dough.



### 3 CBR coordinator training courses (in Cambodia and Thailand)

CBR programs are implemented in various countries but not many of them cover intellectual disabilities; therefore, we have launched this program with an aim to provide knowledge on persons with intellectual disabilities to persons related to CBR to realize support for persons with intellectual disabilities in their CBR services.



<Training> Role play (How to deal with an epileptic seizure) (Cambodia)



Training in Cambodia  
Observing the CBR program for persons with physical disabilities  
(Home visitation by a CBR worker –at the right end of the photo.)



<Training> Trainees discuss community support for persons with disabilities with assembly men of a rural village in the north. (Thailand)

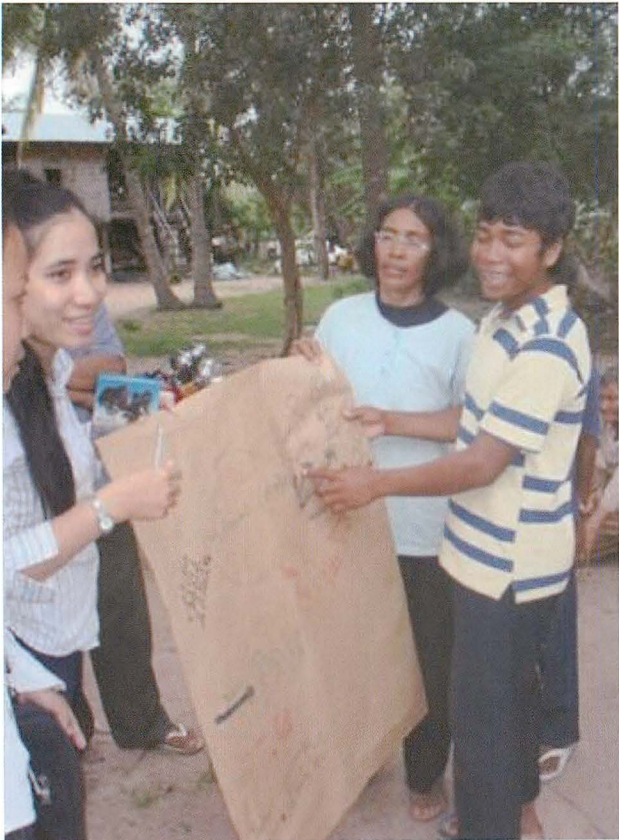


<Training> Trainees observe an income generating program in a rural village in the north. (Bamboo crafts are made and sold with the priest in the center of the photo playing a central role.) (Thailand)



**④ Support programs for persons with disabilities by community residents (Cambodia)**

In Cambodia’ s Kampong Speu and Kampong Chhnang provinces, we are working for the realization of support for persons with intellectual disabilities to be carried out by community residents, in which a self-help organization of persons with physical disabilities operating in these areas and the villagers will serve as facilitators.



A young man with intellectual disabilities (right end) talks about his relationship with the villagers in front of them



PLA (Participatory Learning and Action) by villagers



PLA (Participatory Learning and Action) by villagers, Also joined by children



**⑤ Persons with intellectual disabilities made presentations themselves and workshops were held during the 18th Asian Conference on Mental Retardation organized in Taipei, Taiwan. (November 2007)**

To encourage persons with disabilities to take part in the Asian Conference, five speakers with intellectual disabilities as well as supporters were sent from Japan.



The session of “Nothing about Us without Us,” hosted by persons with intellectual disabilities from Japan. In addition to participants from Japanese, persons with intellectual disabilities from Taiwan also participated in the session and talked about their work, family, hobbies, and their activities.



A session in which three persons with intellectual disabilities from Japan were speakers



At the cross cultural exchange event held on the final day, Japanese delegation performed the dance of “Matsuken Samba,” and received great applause from participants from other countries



A presentation on the activities carried out by persons with intellectual disabilities themselves at the plenary discussion

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# Nippon Lighthouse, Welfare Center for the Blind

The fundamental principle of Nippon Lighthouse Welfare Center for the Blind is “Partnership for Independence and Social Participation.” Individuals with visual disabilities are collaborating in the spirit of partnership with common objectives to live an independent life with dignity that befits them and to actively engage in social participation in an enjoyable manner.

## Our Activities



Takeo Iwahashi and Miss Helen Keller on her second visit to Japan (1948). Her visit resulted in significant outcomes including the enactment of the Law for the Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons, and the establishment of the Japan Federation of the Blind.



Completion ceremony for the massage seminar 2003. The instructor is Mr. Saburo Sasada, the instructor at the Department of Riryo (School of Massage, Acupuncture and Moxibustion) of National Rehabilitation Center for Persons with Disabilities in Japan.

## ① Sponsor of the Takeo Iwahashi Award

Takeo Iwahashi (1898-1954), the founder, invited Miss Helen Keller to Japan two times including once in pre-war days. He also exerted himself for international cooperation activities including the realization of the Asian Conference on the Work for the Blind in 1955, the first international conference on social welfare to be held in Japan. Since 1975 we have sponsored the Takeo Iwahashi Award to recognize persons who make contributions to the welfare of person with visual disabilities in the Asia and the Pacific region.



Opening ceremony of the Asian Conference on the Work for the Blind (1955)



Mr. Robert Jaekle, the recipient of the 2000 Takeo Iwahashi Award and Mrs. Akiko Iwahashi, current Chief Director (2000)

## ② Program to support persons with visual disabilities in Cambodia

Since fiscal 2001, we have implemented a program to support persons with visual disabilities in Cambodia under the financial assistance of Social Welfare Foundation Mainichi Newspapers. In collaboration with the Association of the Blind in Cambodia, we support with training and dissemination of massage (Japan traditional massage) techniques and rehabilitation techniques, as well as improvement of Braille libraries and IT equipment, and public relations activities.

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## Recipients of the Takeo Iwahashi Award

Chronological Order	Year	Name of Recipient	Country	Affiliation / Position	Reason for Winning the Award
1	1975	Mr. Tsung Wen Shiong	Chinese Taipei	Administrator, Committee for the Blind of Taiwan	Made achievements in the welfare, education and job development for persons with visual disabilities in Taiwan
2	1976	Mr. Keshmahinder Sigh	Malaysia	Doctor, Eye Clinic & Surgery	Contributed to the development of welfare services and prevention of blindness in Malaysia
3	1977	Capt. H. J. M. Desai	India	Secretariat, National Association for the Blind	Contributed to the development of welfare services for persons with visual disabilities in India and in Asia
4	1978	Mr. Hideyuki Iwahashi	Japan	Vice President, WCWB (World Council for the Welfare of the Blind), Chief Director, Nippon Lighthouse, Welfare Center for the Blind	Contributed to the welfare of persons with visual disabilities and prevention of blindness. Made achievements in the job development for persons with visual disabilities
5	1979	Miss Lucy Ching	Hong Kong	Officer, Blind Welfare Unit, Ministry of Social Welfare, Hong Kong	Set an example for women with visual disabilities in Asia, and contributed to the advancement of persons with visual disabilities in Asia and to the prevention of blindness
6	1980	Mr. Victor H. Baltazar	Philippines	Former Director, Department of Social Services & Development, Bureau of Rehabilitation, Government of the Philippines	Set the example of self rehabilitation as a person with visual disabilities himself, and contributed to the advancement of persons with visual disabilities in Asia and to the prevention of blindness
7	1981	Dr. Fatima Shah	Pakistan	Former President of IFB (International Federation of the Blind), Founding President, Pakistan Association of the Blind	Made achievements in welfare services for persons with visual disabilities, and contributed to the coordination among various countries in the world
8	1982	Mr. Ron Chandran-Dudley	Singapore	President, Singapore Association for the Blind	Contributed to the advancement of persons with visual disabilities in Singapore, and to the promotion of welfare of persons with visual disabilities in Asia
9	1983	Mr. E. Jon Paik	South Korea	Managing Director, Korea Society for the Welfare of the Visually Handicapped	Made achievements in the fields of rehabilitation, training and employment of persons with visual disabilities in Korea
10	1984	Mr. Itaru Kurozumi	Japan/Nepal	Ophthalmologist, Honorary member, Nepal Medical Association Doctor, Department of Ophthalmology, Ashiya Hospital	Contributed to the prevention of blindness and improvement of eye care system in Nepal
11	1985	Mr. Suresh C. Ahuja	India	Chairperson, Asian Committee, WCWB (World Council for the Welfare of the Blind)	Contributed to the development of services for persons with visual disabilities in the world as WCWB's Asian Committee chairperson for many years
12	1987	Mr. K. L. Stumpf	Hong Kong	Director, Hong Kong Society for the Blind	Contributed to services for persons with visual disabilities and prevention of blindness
		Dr. Lakshmi Narayan Prasad	Nepal	Chairman, Nepal Association for the Welfare of the Blind	Made achievements in services for and education of persons with visual disabilities, and in prevention of blindness
13	1988	Mr. Harold Hugh Jeffrey	Australia	Vice President, National Federation of the Blind Citizens of Australia	Contributed to the human rights and social participation of persons with visual disabilities. Played a central role in the drafting of the Charter for the Blind of the World in 1969.
14	1989	Miss Winnie, Swee-Wan Ng	Malaysia	Executive Director, Malaysia Association for the Blind	Promoted cooperation and coordination among countries in the Asian region and contributed to the holding of conferences as WCWB vice chairman
15	1990	Dr. Rajendra T. Vyas	India	Asia Director, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind Honorary Secretary, National Association for the Blind of India	Overcame his own disability and contributed to the welfare and education of persons with visual disabilities in India for many years. Played a significant role in blindness prevention in the South Asia region
16	1992	Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) - Organization Mr. David C. H. Blyth	Bangladesh	Organization for the support of children with visual disabilities	Contributed to the rehabilitation and education of children with visual disabilities in Bangladesh
17	1994	Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel	Australia	President, East Asia/Pacific Region, World Blind Union	Exerted himself for human rights, equality and literacy issues for persons with visual disabilities
18	1995	Dr. Yanta Mani Pradhan	Nepal	Chairman, National Society for Comprehensive Eye Care	Contributed to the blindness prevention activities and the establishment of eye care system in Nepal
		Mrs. Rene Peiris	Nepal	Ophthalmologist, Lions Eye Care Center	Established the system of Eye Camp and made efforts for medicine in the remote, rural areas
19	1996	Mrs. Teng Wei	Sri Lanka	Executive, Sri Lanka Council for the Blind	Devoted himself to volunteer activities for the development of welfare and education of persons with visual disabilities in Sri Lanka for more than 60 years
20	1997	Mr. William G. Brohier	Hong Kong	Director, Hong Kong Society for the Blind	Made great contributions to the welfare, education, issues of the elderly, prevention of blindness, etc., for persons with visual disabilities in not only Hong Kong but China and throughout Asia and the Pacific region
21	1998	Mr. Robert C. Jaekle	China	Vice Chairman, Chinese Disabled Person's Federation Association of the Blind Vice President, China Association of the Blind, China Disabled Persons' Federation	Contributed greatly to the employment and social independence of persons with visual disabilities in areas including job development, dissemination of education and formulation of welfare laws for persons with visual disabilities in China
22	1999	Dr. Geoffrey Frederick Gibbs	Malaysia	International Coordinator, Christoffel Blindenmission International (CBMI)	Contributed to the promotion of education for persons and children with visual disabilities across Malaysia, and worked for the development of educational rehabilitation in Asia
23	2000	Mr. Ivan Ho Tuck Choy	Thailand (US citizen)	Senior Consultant, Bangkok Office, CBMI International	Played a leadership role for the enhancement of welfare of persons with visual disabilities in the developing areas in Asia for 30 years and contributed to their rehabilitation
24	2001	Mr. Boun Mao	New Zealand	Treasurer and International Consultant, World Blind Union	Had great achievements as leader of the East Asia and the Pacific Region and as financial officer for the World Blind Union
25	2002	Mr. Monthian Buntan	Malaysia	Secretary General, Asian Pacific Region, World Blind Union	Worked for cooperation and for continued systemic movements for independence and advancement of persons with disabilities in Malaysia and neighboring countries
26	2003	Ms. Angeline Chand	Cambodia	Executive Director, Association for the Blind in Cambodia	Overcame his own disability, established an organization in cooperation with international aid agencies and extensively implemented activities as a disability leader
27	2004	Mr. Tran Van Nam	Thailand	President, Thailand Association of the Blind	Internationally active through Committee for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and DAISY Committee
28	2005	Bro. Graeme Leach	Fiji	Secretary General, United Blind Persons of Fiji	Made achievements in welfare promotion and organizational enhancement for persons with disabilities, and exerted her leadership as a woman
29	2006	Mr. Laurence F. Campbell	Vietnam	Staff member, Vietnam Blind Association	Worked actively as interpreter in the international arena and contributed to the welfare of persons with visual disabilities
30	2008	Bro. Graeme Leach	Papua New Guinea	Religious Brother (Congregation of Christian Brothers)	Start and develop the education and welfare of the visually impaired persons in Papua New Guinea
31	2009	Mr. Laurence F. Campbell	Asian region (US citizen)	President, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI), International Program Administrator, Overbrook School for the Blind	Promote the education and welfare of the visually impaired persons and children



# The Japanese Physical Therapy Association(JPTA)

The Japanese Physical Therapy Association (JPTA) operates as the professional and academic organization of physical therapists and engages in movement therapy and physical therapy for functional recovery and pain relief, and provides support in accordance with life stages ranging from prevention of disability to secure and untroubled living in one's familiar community.

## Our Activities

### ● Implementation of CBR technical cooperation projects in Indonesia

Under the cooperation with JICA and Japan International Medical Technology Foundation, we implemented a five-year plan project whereby we sent staff over every year for five years, conducted researches and guidance through visits to villages, and worked for the dissemination of CBR techniques. We also provided local PTs with trainings in hospitals in Japan, held seminars on international cooperation in Japan, and organized a "general conference on the five-year project on CBR technical cooperation in Solo, Indonesia" in the final year to evaluate the CBR projects, and confirmed their significance.



Training of sitting position using a bird chair



Practical training at a CBR seminar



PT sent from Japan heading for villages to provide guidance together with CBR health workers



Training of standing position wearing a lower limb orthosis



Parents and children came to take the test of motor development age

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# The Healing Family Foundation (HFF)

The Healing Family Foundation (HFF) creates work opportunities for persons with disabilities including intellectual disabilities through hand-weaving and the handcraft production, mainly in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand, so that they will be able to lead an independent life with their families. Through such work activities we also provide information on independence support for persons with disabilities and CBR and carry out awareness activities.

## Our Activities

### ① Creative activities and display and sale

In our main activity area of creating, staff and volunteers sew up the material hand-woven mainly by persons with intellectual disabilities into finished products. Products including scarves, T-shirts, coasters and cards are displayed and sold at the Foundation's office, where parasol painting, dances and other various performances are also held occasionally.



An artist from Bangkok actively working in creative activities (Spinal cord injury – C4)



Demonstration of hand-weaving at a charity concert supported by the Foundation, a commemorative event for the 120th Anniversary of Japan-Thailand Diplomatic Relation (Right: Ms. Junko Yokota, Consul General of Japan in Chiang Mai)



Design of a T-shirt sold by the Foundation



Painting on parasols, the craftwork from suburbs of Chiang Mai



Coasters gently absorb water from glasses



## ② Seminars, workshops and accepting of study tours

The Foundation occasionally holds seminars throughout the year to introduce our activities through the display of products, and dance and song performances. The Foundation also accepts individual and group study tours of people who practice related programs in Japan and abroad.



Fashion show by American volunteers studying at Payap University



Display of products at “Baan Sanook (literally “the house of joy” ),” the Foundation’s workshop



Stage performance by professional musicians and artists at the charity concert sponsored by the Foundation



“Hand-weaving workshop” : enjoying communication with students in their extracurricular activities from a nearby junior high school



Enjoying fashion & dance using Japanese Furoshiki (wrapping cloth)



### 3 Awareness activities

We deliver messages through newsletters so the general public will have interest in disability programs, and we have recently produced a tag to appeal to people ranging widely from children to adults in efforts to expand our campaign.



Newsletter of the Foundation

### 4 Café corner

“Healing Café” was opened as part of the social participation program for persons with intellectual disabilities, to deliver the significance of communication and meaning of work through service to customers.



Articles in The Nations, an English newspaper published in Thailand, introducing activities of artists in “JICA Development Partnership Program.”



Artists serving tea at the “Healing Café”

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# Hamamatsu WorkShop with The Disabled -WITH-

Hamamatsu WorkShop with The Disabled -WITH- was established in Hamamatsu City in 1996 as a small-scale sheltered workshop for mostly persons with visual disabilities, and has since then been supporting rehabilitation and social participation of many persons with disabilities through white cane production, which accounts for 60% of domestic production. We also accept trainees from overseas every year. In September 2007, we implemented the first overseas white cane production program in Myanmar.

## Our Activities

### ● The first overseas program to support white cane production in Myanmar

By request from those who came to Japan a few years ago as trainees of the Duskin Leadership Training in Japan and learned the welfare of Japan as well as the importance of the white cane at “With”, the first overseas white cane production was realized in Yangon Education Center for the Blind, with the assistance of Postal Savings for International Voluntary Aid and the cooperation of the International Association for the Visually Impaired. On September 3, 2007, the opening ceremony was held with the attendance of 40 persons including experts from the Ministry of Social Welfare, the president of the association for persons with visual disabilities, the principal of the program’s venue school for the blind, and the teaching staff. After that, a seminar on welfare for persons with disabilities and the significance of the white cane was held for 12 trainees (of which 10 are persons with visual disabilities). The 11-day training ranged from the structure of the white cane, its utility and usage, to mobility training using the canes made by themselves and Mobility training with persons without visual disabilities, while the significance of going out in a town with a white cane was also conveyed. The white cane, which had not at all been recognized in Myanmar, made the people become aware of the existence of persons with visual disabilities, and it was the first step forward to promote the social participation of persons with visual disabilities there.



Opening Ceremony



Smiling faces and the white canes of their own make

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# The Nippon Foundation

The Nippon Foundation was established in 1962 utilizing part of the proceeds of motorboat racing to support a broad activities related to the oceans and ships, public, welfare, volunteerism, international affairs, the arts, sports, education etc, with special emphasis on the support of persons with disabilities in developing countries in the field of international cooperation.

## Our Activities

### ① Support for persons with visual disabilities

Programs include: Network to support persons with visual disabilities in ASEAN developing countries (established jointly with ON-NET and the Overbrook School for the Blind in USA); Promotion of DAISY multimedia l talking books in 10 Asian countries; Support for higher education of students with visually impaired in Indonesia; the Philippines, Vietnam; Rural development projects for persons with visual disabilities in Cambodia; Asia Medical Massage Instructors Network(AMIN), and; Treating cataract in Vietnam.



Students with visual disabilities from Asian countries interact with each other



Cambodian children with visually impaired waiting for medical check-up



A woman producing a DAISY talking book



A Vietnamese woman receiving check-up for cataract



An Indonesian student with visual impairment receiving computer training



**② Support for persons with hearing impairment**

Programs include: Scholarship Program for students from developing countries at Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf; Bilingual education program in Vietnam; Sign linguistic training and sign language dictionary production of selected Asian countries at the Chinese University of Hong Kong; and Postsecondary Education Network International for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing students (PEN-International).



Vietnamese Deaf students actively exchange opinions by signing in the class



Gallaudet University World Deaf Leadership Scholars visited Japan. Wearing Yukata (Japanese summer kimono)



World Deaf Leadership Scholars presented their plans at the World Bank Tokyo office.

**③ Support for Prosthetics and Orthotics**

Programs include: Prosthetist and orthotists upgrade training program for students from developing countries in Cambodia School of Prosthetics and Orthotics; Thai prosthetic and orthotic bachelor's degree program; The training program for prosthetists and orthotists in Sri Lanka; Development of prosthetists and orthotists society in Thailand, and; Provide prosthetics and orthotics to disabled Vietnamese



The Cambodian School of Prosthetics and Orthotics



Students practice production at the Sri Lanka School of Prosthetics and Orthotics





The Sri Lanka School of Prosthetics and Orthotics



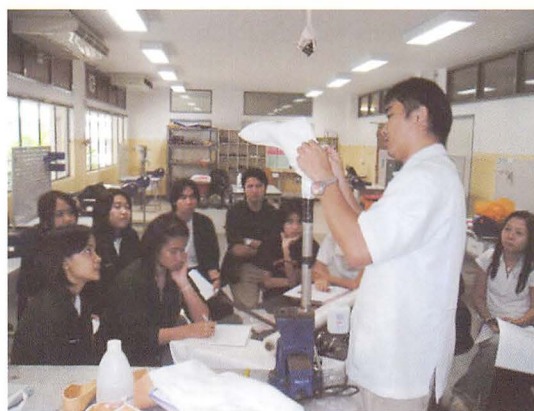
The Sri Lanka School of Prosthetics and Orthotics



A Vietnamese boy receives adjustment to his prosthetic limb



A Prosthetists and Orthotists men in The Prostheses Foundation of H.R.H. The Princess Mother, Thailand.



Students manufacture prosthetics in Mahidol University, Thailand

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# The Duskin AINOWA Foundation

The Duskin AINOWA Foundation implements Study Abroad Leaders Program for the Disabled, Duskin Leadership Training in Japan - A program for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, and Ainowa-no-tsudoi (assembly) to create a society where persons with and without disabilities can lead a better life, and supports the harmonious coexistence between the independence of persons with disabilities and the society.

## Our Activities

### ① Duskin Leadership Training in Japan; A program for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

The program started in 1998, the midpoint of the Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons resolved by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, to enhance welfare of persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific region. It is a human resources development program that invites young persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific region to Japan, where they learn and experience welfare for persons with disabilities of Japan and the Japanese culture during the period of approximately 10 months and, on their return home, they are expected to become active leaders in their respective home countries. In 2008, the 10th year of the implementation, the seven trainees were selected out of 263 candidates. After 3-month of Japanese language training, they are starting their individual trainings that are carried out in various organizations and educational facilities throughout Japan. The program has up to date produced 67 graduates, who are working for the betterment of the welfare and status of persons with disabilities.



Individual training (7th year trainee)



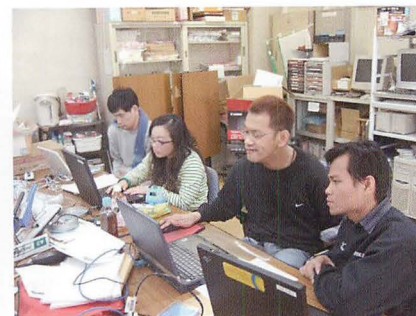
5th year trainees



Exchange with a Japanese leader (3rd year trainee)



8th year trainees



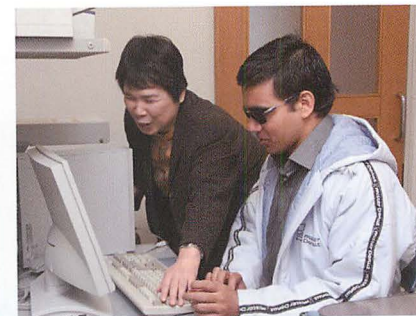
Computer class (8th year trainees)



Training of white cane production (7th year trainee)



9th year trainees



Computer class (6th year trainee)



Nine years of the Duskin Leadership Training in Japan; A program for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific	
1999	Five 1st year trainees were invited from Pakistan (male with hearing disabilities), Indonesia (female with physical disorder), Vietnam (male with visual disabilities), Myanmar (female with visual disabilities) and Korea (male with orthopedic disabilities).
2000	Ten 2nd year trainees were invited from the Philippines (male with hearing disabilities), China (female with visual disabilities), Fiji (female with visual disabilities), Mongolia (male with physical disorder), Malaysia (female with physical disorder), Thailand (male with physical disorder), Korea (male with physical disorder), Myanmar (male with visual disabilities), Indonesia (female with hearing disabilities) and Singapore (female with hearing disabilities)
2001	Nine 3rd year trainees were invited from China (female with visual disabilities), Sri Lanka (male with visual disabilities), Mongolia (male with hearing disabilities), Nepal (male with hearing disabilities), Korea (male with physical disorder), Indonesia (female with physical disorder), the Philippines (female with physical disorder), Pakistan (male with physical disorder) and Malaysia (female with physical disorder).
2002	Ten 4th year trainees were invited from Bangladesh (male with visual disabilities), Korea (male with visual disabilities), Thailand (male with visual disabilities), Vietnam (female with hearing disabilities), Malaysia (female with hearing disabilities), Afghanistan (male with physical disorder), India (male with physical disorder), Cambodia (male with physical disorder), the Philippines (female with physical disorder) and Taiwan (female with physical disorder).
2003	Seven 5th year trainees were invited from Thailand (female with visual disabilities), Nepal (male with visual disabilities), China (male with visual disabilities), Sri Lanka (male with hearing disabilities), Pakistan (male with physical disorder), Bangladesh (female with physical disorder) and Laos (female with physical disorder).
2004	Seven 6th year trainees were invited from Fiji (male with hearing disabilities), Bangladesh (male with visual disabilities), Indonesia (male with visual disabilities), Cambodia (male with physical disorder), Nepal (male with physical disorder), Taiwan (female with physical disorder) and Vietnam (female with physical disorder).
2005	Seven 7th year trainees were invited from Korea (male with hearing disabilities), Pakistan (female with visual disabilities), Sri Lanka (female with physical disorder), the Philippines (male with physical disorder), Myanmar (male with physical disorder), Indonesia (male with hearing disabilities) and Vietnam (female with visual disabilities).
2006	Six 8th year trainees were invited from the Philippines (female with hearing disabilities), Cambodia (male with physical disorder), Nepal (male with physical disorder), Taiwan (female with physical disorder), Kazakhstan (male with visual disabilities) and Laos (female with visual disabilities).
2007	Six 9th year trainees were invited from Nepal (male with hearing disabilities), Vietnam (female with hearing disabilities), the Philippines (female with visual disabilities), Thailand (female with physical disorder), Laos (male with physical disorder) and Mongolia (male with physical disorder).
2008	Seven 10th year trainees were invited from India (female with visual disabilities), Kazakhstan (male with visual disabilities), Cambodia (female with physical disorder), Kyrgyzstan (female with physical disorder), Taiwan (female with physical disorder), Sri Lanka (male with hearing disabilities), and Malaysia (male with hearing disabilities).

## 2 International Symposium on Support for Persons with Disabilities

The Foundation held the “International Symposium on Disability Support -Need and effect of human resources development in the disability field in developing countries/areas, and the relationship of aid agencies-” on September 15, 2007 (Sat) as a follow-up program of the Duskin Leadership Training in Japan. The Duskin Leadership Training in Japan has trained 67 disability leaders from 21 countries and areas, and on their return home, the graduates work for the betterment of welfare for persons with disability of their respective countries/areas under the adverse circumstances where infrastructure is under-developed and public understanding is difficult to obtain. In the symposium, we invited Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman from Pakistan and Mr. Krishna Gautam from Nepal, who are working with the assistance from Japanese NGOs, NPOs, and international aid agencies, to present case examples of the effective interaction between the human resources development through the training in Japan and the support they have received after their return home. They gave reports on their histories of activities including the training they received in Japan, and the current situation of their countries. A panel discussion followed in the afternoon, where the two rapporteurs were joined by other panelists from NGOs, NPOs and international aid agencies in Japan. The panelists gave their respective opinions on the need and effect of human resources development in the disability field in developing countries/areas as well as how the subsequent assistance should be, thereby exploring the course the future relationship should follow.



International Symposium on Disability Support

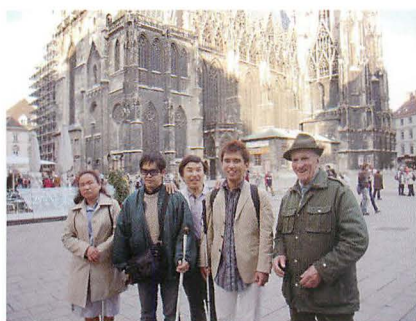


### ③ The Duskin Study Abroad Leaders Program for the Disabled

The Duskin Study Abroad Leaders Program for the Disabled was inaugurated in 1981 based on the International Year of the Disabled resolved by the United Nations, with an aim to realize full participation and equality of persons with disabilities in society. The program is well-known throughout Japan and the world as an overseas training program for persons with disabilities. It provides young persons with disabilities who have aspiration to make contribution as community leaders with hands-on training in countries with advanced welfare systems. The program has produced 357 graduates in the 27 years since its inauguration.



Training in Italy



In front of St. Stephen's Cathedral



Training at ARC, a group of persons with intellectual disabilities



Training in New Zealand



At Cuban National Association of Deaf



Training in Britain



Training at NEO (Britain)



Leaving for training in USA



Leaving for training in New Zealand



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# Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the implementing agency of the official development assistance of the Japanese government (ODA), and engages, with the keyword of “international cooperation through people,” in human resources development of those who play a central role in nation building, dispatch of experts and volunteers, and acceptance of technical trainees, to help develop an independent and sustainable socio-economy in developing regions.

## Our Activities

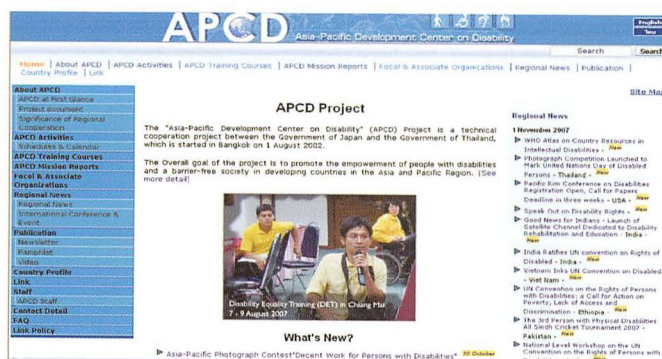
### ① Thailand: Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) Project – Regional Cooperation

Since 2002, JICA has implemented a technical cooperation project for the establishment and enhancement of “APCD”, which is a regional center with aims to promote the empowerment of persons with disabilities and to build barrier-free society.

More than 600 participants from various countries in Asia and the Pacific have thus far attended training programs conducted at APCD. The project has shown successful results as we concluded agreements on cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organization in 32 countries and built networks, and have promoted information sharing within the region by developing websites and databases.



APCD established in Bangkok



APCD website



Pakistan participants learn about independent living



ICT training for persons with visual disabilities



APCD project team conducts research in a farm village in Cambodia



Filipino participant practice peer counseling

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## ② China: Human Resource Development of Rehabilitation Professionals

As China is faced with a shortage of rehabilitation specialists, the training of such specialists and instructors for staff training is urgently needed. JICA is implementing a project aiming at developing high-quality physiotherapists and occupational therapists with a four-year education meeting international standards.



China Rehabilitation Research Center



Clinical training to the staff of the physiotherapy department  
\*The subject project was completed in March 2008, and new one "Human Resource Development of Rehabilitation in the Central and Western Region" has been implemented since April 2008.



Study session for physiotherapy during lunch time



Clinical training to the staff of occupational therapy department

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### ③ Malaysia: The Project for Capacity Building on Social Welfare Programmes for Persons with Disabilities.

JICA implements the program with an aim of capacity building of the social welfare department for their execution of measures to support independence and social participation of persons with disabilities, so that many persons with disabilities, who have missed opportunities of work or social participation, will receive the comprehensive independence support including work support.

\*The subject project was completed in August 2008, and new one “The Project to Support Participation of Persons with Disabilities” is now in preparation.



Seminar on independent living movement and its programs



Sensitization on Training on disabilities

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### ④ Training in Japan

Participants from Asia and the Pacific countries take part in many group training programs in the disability support sector implemented in Japan.

■ Leaders of Persons with Disabilities Course (2007)



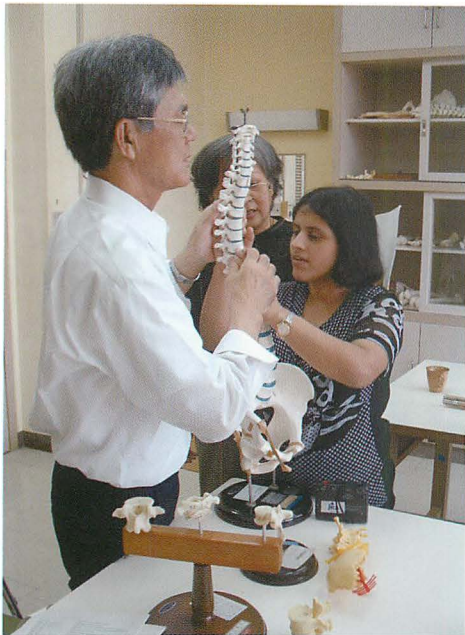
Checking Japanese Transportation Accessibility



Lecture at JICA Tokyo

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Group Training Course: Therapeutic Massage  
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■ Group Training Course: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Promotion  
of Persons with Disabilities -Workshop Management- (2007)



Group photo at the opening ceremony



Visitation to the Vocational Center for Persons with Disabilities



Participatory workshop at JICA Tokyo

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## 5 Dispatch of volunteers

Volunteers are dispatched under programs of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and Senior Volunteers in various disability support-related fields including “Nurse-teacher of persons with disabilities”, “physiotherapist”, “occupational therapist”, “acupuncture and massage therapist”, “social worker”, “orthotist and prosthetist”, and “speech therapist”. By 2008, the disability support-related volunteers dispatched to Asia and the Pacific region totaled 503.



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A Nurse-teacher of persons with disabilities volunteer teaching a class for children with intellectual disabilities in Mongolia



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A Senior Volunteer gives instruction of rehabilitation for a child with physical disorder in Laos



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A Nurse-teacher of persons with disabilities volunteer works together with students on handicrafts for bazaar in Fiji



From October 1st 2008, the concessionary loan department of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) has merged with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In this concessionary loan projects, we work for the enhancement of the barrier-free environment of facilities in such projects that will serve as a model for improved considerations for persons with disabilities in borrowing countries.

● Loan Projects

⑥ Promoting barrier-free environment in stations, airports and tourist facilities

In the subway construction in Bangkok, Thailand, we listened to the opinions of organizations of persons with disabilities from the design stage onward, and installed elevators, toilets, and platform doors accordingly. This project is highly valued as the project that encompasses the careful considerations for persons with disabilities. The same approach is being taken in the subway construction in Delhi, India, as well.



Barrier-free sign for wheelchair (Bangkok, Thailand)



Platform doors at a subway station (Bangkok, Thailand)



Accessible elevator (Bangkok, Thailand)



Members of organizations of persons with disabilities who practiced accessibility check of the Delhi Metro attend the inauguration ceremony of the subway (Delhi, India)

Mr. Sanjay Sakaria of the ©Amar Ujala Newspaper



Wheelchair space on the subway car (Delhi, India)



## ⑦ Intellectual assistance for considerations for persons with disabilities (introduction of universal design): Seminar in Vietnam

At the seminar in July 2007, Japanese and Thai examples of universal design introduction were presented, and discussions were held with regard to the future direction of approaches for Vietnam with experts from Japanese and international organizations, Vietnamese government and organizations of persons with disabilities.



Discussion at the seminar



Instructors with disabilities are sent from Japan



Accessibility check by persons with disabilities at a local railroad station



Discussion between organizations of persons with disabilities by type of disability and experts

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## Our Activities

### ● Coffee Hour, an opportunity for anyone to casually learn about “development”

The World Bank Public Information Center Tokyo (PIC Tokyo) organizes a seminar called “coffee hour” about eight times a month on weeknights where people can casually learn about the issues regarding developing countries and development. Since February 2007, Japanese sign language interpreters are arranged in advance for every coffee hour. There is also the monthly Coffee Hour Series on the topic of “Disability and Development” under the co-sponsorship with the Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET) and the Nippon Foundation.



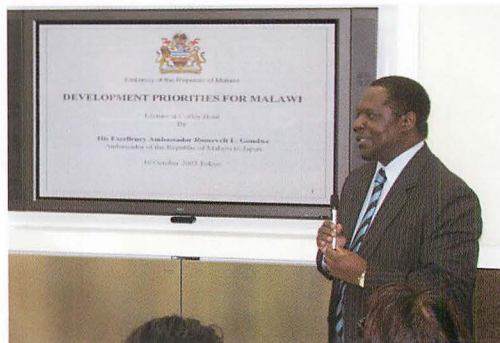
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(Right) Speaker: Mr. Teruo Komai, Executive Director, the Duskin AINOWA Foundation



Lester Dally, Acting Special Representative for Japan, the World Bank



“Coffee Hour” with the Malawi Ambassador to Japan (Oct. 16, 2007)  
The speaker is Mr. Roosevelt Gondwe, Malawi Ambassador to Japan

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