Side Event

“Accessibility - Activities and Future Strategies in Asia and the Pacific -

Venue: AB-Smr1
Date: 28-Nov
Time: 17:30-1830

Organizers: Japan Disability Forum (JDF) in cooperation with the Nippon Foundation, under the auspices of Embassy of Japan in China (TBC)

A. Description

As in Goal 3 of the Incheon Strategy, access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication, etc. is a precondition for persons with disabilities to fulfil their rights in an inclusive society. Enhancement of accessibility is also essential in carrying out necessary programmes such as international researches and conferences, including the present HLIGM as well as the Working Group meetings, to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. In this side-event we will exchange latest information on projects, initiatives, and challenges in panelists' countries, and discuss our future strategies for the enhancement of accessibility in this region in the latter half of the decade. It is related mainly to SDGs 4, 8, 9 and 11.

B. Key questions

I. What is the current status of accessibility in each country, and what are their challenges in promoting and ensuring accessibility?

II. What kind of activities, projects, initiatives are being implemented in each country?

III. What can we do to enhance accessibility in Asia and the Pacific in the latter half of the decade?

C. Tentative programme

17:30 – Opening remarks
17:35 – Panel discussion
D. Panellists and Moderator

Mr. Santosh Kumar Rungta, President, Asian Blind Union

Mr. Im Sung Taek, Management Committee Member, World Federation of the Deaf Regional Secretariat for Asia

China Disabled Persons' Federation (TBC)

Mr. Katsunori Fujii, Vice President, Japan Disability Forum (JDF)

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