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Dear Mr Chair and co chair  
Excellency, Distinguished guest, lady and gentlemen

First of all i would like to express my sincere thank to the Government of china and  
UNESCAP that organise the importance conference during the time of member state of UN  
are implementing the sustainable development goal, Convention on the right of person with  
disability as well as Inchoen strategy to make the right real.  
It is my pleasure to participate an importance conference, pleasure to exchange the  
progress of midterm review of implementation the Inchoen strategy to make the right real for  
person with disability  
Lao PDR as a member of UNESCAP we have also implemented the Inchoen strategy  
to make the right real for person with disability as well as other countries in our region as  
much as we can.  
As you are aware, Lao PDR has ratified to the CRPD in 2009 and in order to  
implement our commitment to convention, we have mainstreamed the right of person with  
disability in to legislation by improving law on education, labour law, law on health treatment  
and other law concerned. in addition we have created national strategy on inclusive education  
system, rehabilitation strategy and plan of action and national policy, national strategy and  
plan of action for person with disability.  
To implement the CRPD as well as Inchoen strategy to make the right real of person  
with disability in our country we have established the National committee for person with  
disability at the centre and local level, national secretary office, disability focal point at the  
ministries concerned for coordinating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating of the  
progress of implementation the action plan.  
Government of Lao also promoted to set up the civil society organisation including  
disabled people association to protect and promote their right and also promote the  
participation of person with disability in the process of policy and legislation making as well  
as participation to politic, social and economic development  
For the statistic and data collection, we have mainstreamed the six questionnaires  
working group in to the survey form in 2015 throughout surveying we found that the  
total number of person with disability is 160.881 women is 80.115 and older person with  
disability is 29.602  
We have promoted the right of person with disability in communities to understand  
deeply about the equal right between non disabled persons and disabled persons and in order  
to make them involving of treatment by conducting training Government staffs and private  
staffs at the centre and local level in the whole country  
According to the legislation, strategy and plan of action which has adopted, we  
together with NGOs and Lao disable people association have implemented some project and  
activities which is a good practise for person with disability in Lao PDR as following:  
- Livelihood improvement project  
- Linking employment between employer and employee project  
- Wheelchair distribution project  
- Improving transportation in Vientiane capital  
- Improving fiscal environment project
- Project on Social Economic and empowerment for disability and care giver
- Project on support for developing skill for children with intellectual disability and cerebral palsy and research into hearing impairment.

**Vocational training and employment**
- We have established the vocational training centre and lao disabled women training centre since 2011 and developed the appropriate curriculum for training.
- Throughout of implementation there are 1,520 PWDs were attended to the course of training, women 902 p in these numbers were employed by public sector is 35, private sector 167, projects 109 and self employment 645

**Inclusive Education system**
- According to the statistic in fiscal year 2014-2015 there are 12,274 children with disability, women 5,349
- Persons with disabilities at school age have learned at primary and secondary school is 6,379, women 2,692 In these number there are ID and Autistic students 98
- There are 142 blind and deaf students, women 59 at special schools
- At the university there are 10 peoples, women 3
- Teachers were trained on inclusive learning and teaching in each year
- Curriculums and materials for learning and teaching were created and improved such as Lao sign language and Braille

**Providing assistive device**
In order to promote person with disability's movement and participation on social life and social activity, we have built the rehabilitation centre to do mental and fiscal rehabilitation and produce prosthetic and orthotic to provide to PWD throughout of implementation we can provide 3,967 Wheelchairs to PWDs including autism persons and ID
Provided prosthetic and orthotic are 3,831  Provided crutches, hearing aid and glasses are 1,956 and special need shoes 356 pairs

On my conclusion, the right of persons with disability was protected and promoted by CRPD, regional framework and national legislation and was implemented by the plan of action, project and activities across the region particularly in Lao PDR. The living condition of persons with disability was improved to the better way; the participation of PWD on social culture event and social and economic development has increased when comparing with the last time.

Once again i would like to say thank you very much every countries and INGOs, NGOs and dialogue partner especially, China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Australia and APCD, HI, ADDP that supported technical and fund assistance to our implementation that made our achievement particularly make the right real of person with disability in Lao PDR and do hopefully ongoing our implementing the Peijing declaration including the action plan to accelerate to implement of Incheon strategy we will receive good cooperation from all of you

Thank you very much for your kind attention