

Summary Report on **First Myanmar Autism Games**



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Group photo of organizers, partners and stakeholders

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The First Myanmar Autism Games was organized at the Myanmar Paralympic Sports Center, Yangon, Myanmar from 7 to 8 December 2016. The event was organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar, the Myanmar Autism Association, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability and the Japan Foundation Asia Center. It was held in collaboration with ASEAN Autism Network, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand, Japan International Cooperation Agency and Special Olympics. Over 700 persons with autism and their families from ASEAN countries participated in the track and field and swimming events.

The welcome message was delivered by Dr. Myint Lwin (President, Myanmar Autism Association) followed by the opening messages by Dr. Win Myat Aye (Union Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement), Mr. Norihiko Yoshioka (Director General, The Japan Foundation, Bangkok) and H.E. Dr. Tej Bunnag (Chairman, Executive Board, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability). A thank you message and token of appreciation was also given by Mr. U Phyo Min Thein (Yangon Region Chief Minister).



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the opening of the First Myanmar Autism Games

MESSAGES



Representative of H.E. Dr. Win Myat Aye
(Union Minister of Social Welfare Relief
and Resettlement)



H.E. Mr. U Phyo Min Thein
Chief Minister
Yangon Region Government



Dr. Myint Lwin
President
Myanmar Autism Association



Mr. Norihiko Yoshioka
Director General
The Japan Foundation, Bangkok



H.E. Dr. Tej Bunnag
Chairman of Executive Board
Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability

PROGRAMME

Day1: 7 December 2016	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:30	Item 1: Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribbon Cutting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▀ Union Minister ▀ NLD Patron ▀ Thai Ambassador to Myanmar ▀ Japan Foundation ▀ Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability ▀ Yangon Region Chief Minister • Welcome Message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▀ Dr. Myint Lwin (President of Myanmar Autism Association) • Opening Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▀ Representative of H.E. Dr. Win Myat Aye (Union Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement) ▀ Mr. Norihiko Yoshioka (Director General, The Japan Foundation, Bangkok) ▀ H.E. Dr. Tej Bunnag (Chairman of Executive Board, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability) • Thank You Message and Token of Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▀ H.E. Mr. U Phyo Min Thein (Yangon Region Chief Minister) • Group Photo
10:30-11:30	Item 2: Performance by Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder
11:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Preparation for the Game
15:00-18:00	Item 3: Running Game
Day 2: 8 December 2016	
09:00-10:00	Registration/Exhibit Opening
10:00-12:30	Item 4: Swimming
12:30-13:00	Item 5: Closing
13:00-14:00	Lunch

PHOTO GALLERY



Participants and Guests



More than 700 attending the opening ceremony

Children with Autism and their Parents at the Track and Field Event



Ready.....get set...



Go!...Go...!



Great job!.....





...Top finishers!

Participants with Autism at the Swimming Event



Testing the waters...





...with moms



Making a splash in the swimming event

Awarding of Winners



Winners all

Children Performers at the Opening Ceremony



Children dancing...



...Playing music



...and singing

Local and International Media Coverage



TV interviews...



Sharing views...



Local and international news

PROJECT PARTNERS



Myanmar Autism Association

Myanmar Autism Association (MAA), launched in 2011, is a local, non-profit, non-government, non-political organization which works in accordance with the national policies and guidelines and comply with the national laws and regulations. Its main objective is to provide supportive measures to persons with autism and their families regardless of race, religion, geographical differences and ethnicity. It works closely with government organizations, UN agencies and international non-government organizations, as well as local and international autism organizations, technical experts, volunteers and donors.

The MAA began to take shape after three participants (parents of children with autism) took part in the 1st ASEAN Autism Workshop and Congress, organized by Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability in Bangkok, Thailand on 13 to 17 December 2010. It was at the workshop when the ASEAN Autism Network was formed with 27 members. After the Workshop, steps were taken to form a pre-Working Group with 24 members and conduct a workshop on Community-Based Rehabilitation for Children with Special Needs in March 2011 by the Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association (MPHA) and Family Support Network (FSN).



ASEAN Autism Network (AAN)

The ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) is a non-profit network established in Bangkok in 2010 through the initiative of the parents' organizations of persons with autism in the ASEAN region and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It was formally organized during the ASEAN Autism Workshop in Bangkok on 13 to 15 December 2010 by representatives from nine countries, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

AAN envisions an inclusive, rights based, and autism friendly ASEAN community. It commits to support, assist, facilitate and enhance autism-related family support groups in collaboration with other stakeholders in the ASEAN region and globally.



Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)

The Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) is a regional center on disability and development. APCD was established in Bangkok, Thailand as a legacy of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002, with the joint collaboration of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Royal Thai Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan.

APCD was endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as a regional cooperative base for its Biwako Millennium Framework for an inclusive society in the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012. ESCAP identified APCD as the regional center on disability for the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real, 2013-2022.



Japan Foundation Asia Center

The Japan Foundation is Japan's principal institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world. The Asia Center, established within the Japan Foundation in April 2014, is a specialized unit with the goal to connect people, expand networks, and develop cultural programs across Asia. As the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics lie ahead in 2020, through projects in such diverse fields as music, theater, film, sports, Japanese language education and other academic exchanges, the Asia Center, in cooperation with the Foundation's overseas offices, pursues and supports various forms of activities between Asian communities.

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