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2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress Attracts more than 600 Delegates



CBR AP Network

The 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress was successfully organized by the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) of the Philippines and the Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) Asia-Pacific Network in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) and other partner organizations, from 29 November to 1 December 2011 at Sofitel Philippine Plaza in Manila, the Philippines.

The Congress was attended by 628 delegates from 65 countries. No less than the President of the Philippines, H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III delivered the keynote address in the opening ceremony.

With the theme “CBR: Building Communities for Everyone, Mainstreaming Disability in the Development Agenda”, the first day focused on promoting multi-sectoral partnerships for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and other development initiatives. The second day centered on sharing of good practices in CBR for inclusive development. The third day emphasized on promoting the CBR Asia-Pacific Network and exploring the possibilities of forming the CBR Global Network.



H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Philippines



More than 600 Participants in the Congress

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CBR Asia - Pacific Network

New Executive Members of CBR Asia-Pacific Network

The CBR Asia-Pacific Networks, which envisions inclusive development and an inclusive society, aims to promote, develop and support CBR in the region and globally. This is done through sharing of good practices, linkages and collaboration with different stakeholders, national and international development initiatives, and organization of international events such as the 1st and the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress.

In conjunction with the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress, a new Executive Committee of the CBR Asia-Pacific Network was elected. Members are Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani of Pakistan as the Chairperson, Ms. Tulika Das of India and Ms. Etsuko Ueno of Japan as Vice-Chairpersons, Mr. Sunarman Sukamto of Indonesia as Treasurer, Ms. Farida Yesmin (Bangladesh), Ms. You Hong (China), Mr. Rajesh Jumar Nanda (Papua New Guinea), Ms. Amy Bolinas (Philippines), Ms. Shidhatha Shareef (Maldives), and Mr. Muhammad Sadiq Mohibi (Afghanistan) as Executive Committee members. Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (APCD Executive Director) serves as the Secretary General of the CBR Asia-Pacific Network.

The new Executive Committee is expected to lead the CBR Asia-Pacific Network to greater heights and play a vital role in the preparation and organization of the 3rd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress to be held in Japan in 2015.



Newly Elected Members of the Executive Committee
Take Center Stage During the Closing Ceremony

Regional Networks meet to form CBR Global Network

One of the aims of the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress was to explore the possibility of forming the CBR Global Network. A series of meetings facilitated by the World Health Organization (WHO) were held on 27-28 November 2011 at the WHO Office in Manila, the Philippines. Among the participants of the meeting are representatives of CBR Africa Network, CBR America and Caribbean Network, and the CBR Asia-Pacific Network.



The points discussed included updates from the different networks and the development of the CBR Global Network, including structure and composition, vision, mission, key objectives, and a tentative roadmap. The different CBR networks are expected to collaborate on the upcoming 1st CBR Global Congress to be held in Agra, India on 26-28 November 2012.

Participants for the Discussion
of CBR Global Network

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2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress Adopted Manila Recommendations

The highlight of the 3rd day of the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress was the adoption of the Manila Recommendations by all delegates of the Congress. The main recommendations were the following:

1. The MDGs and the CBR Guidelines including the CBR Matrix are reviewed by 2015 to mainstream disability from the perspective of Community-based Inclusive Development.
2. The gender perspective is considered in all CBR activities.
3. Networking and collaboration on CBR is strengthened to build communities for persons with disabilities, their family members and other community partners.
4. The United Nations agencies and international development agencies including donors are encouraged to support CBR activities.
5. The importance of exchanging information about good practices is more recognized. Thus it is necessary for all CBR stakeholders to enhance knowledge management activities for the promotion of Community-based Inclusive Development.
6. In collaboration with the newly elected Executive Committee members of the CBR Asia-Pacific Network, Japan is endorsed as the host country of the third Asia-Pacific CBR Congress in 2015.
7. Sub-regional mechanisms are focused by the CBR Asia-Pacific Network to strengthen CBR which would promote Community-based Inclusive Development in the Asia-Pacific region.
8. The preparation of the first CBR World Congress to be held in Agra, India on November 26-28, 2012 is to be supported.
9. The CBR Asia-Pacific Network takes a leadership role for the development of the CBR Global Network, given that the biggest population is within the Asia-Pacific region.



Manila Recommendations

CBR & Community-based Inclusive Development: Future Challenges

CBR/Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) is needed to create a barrier free society by empowerment of persons with disabilities in developing countries. This can be a substantial collaborative effort involving Disabled People's Organizations and other civil society organizations, government, United Nations agencies, international development agencies, donors, the business sector and other stakeholders. During the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress, participants intensively discussed key challenges, which include (1) how to implement CBID approach in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); (2) how to involve more leaders with disabilities as agents of change in the community, by raising their awareness of and belief in the potential of the CBID approach. (3) how to ensure the full participation of communities and persons with disabilities in disaster preparedness and response.



Mr. Ninomiya Presenting International Collaboration by APCD

“We need the effective networks and mechanisms among different stakeholders and powerful action to build the Communities for All”.

Participating in the Regional Stakeholder Consultation at the United Nations ESCAP

The second session of the “Regional Stakeholder Consultation for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012” was organized at the Conference Room at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand from 14 to 16 December 2011.



Group Photo among Participants



Discussion on Draft Incheon Strategy

● Exchanging Views and Opinions about the Draft Incheon Strategy



Information Accessibility for ESCAP Meeting Supported by APCD

In the 3-day meeting, the draft “Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific” was intensively discussed. As the draft outcome document of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, the draft Strategy included specific goals, targets and indicators which were similar to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

● More specifically, the following topics were suggested as the selected 10 Goals:

- Goal 1: Reduce poverty and enhance work and employment prospects
- Goal 2: Promote participation in political processes and in decision making
- Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge and information and communication
- Goal 4: Strengthen social protection
- Goal 5: Expand early intervention and education of children with disabilities
- Goal 6: Ensure gender equality and women’s empowerment
- Goal 7: Ensure inclusion of disability perspectives in disaster preparedness and management
- Goal 8: Improve disability data reliability and comparability
- Goal 9: Accelerate the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and harmonization of national legislation with the Convention
- Goal 10: Advance international, regional and subregional cooperation

● APCD as the Regional Center “with” Persons with Disabilities

The following networks/organizations have been identified to represent civil society at the “Regional Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012”, to be held at the UNCC from 14 to 16 March 2012.

Disabled People’s Organizations:

- Disabled Peoples’ International Asia-Pacific;
- Inclusion International (II) Asia-Pacific;
- World Blind Union (WBU);
- World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) Regional Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific;
- World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDdb) Asia and the Pacific;
- World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP) Asia-Pacific;
- Asia and Pacific Disability Forum (APDF);
- ASEAN Autism Network*;
- ASEAN Disability Forum;
- Pacific Disability Forum (PDF);
- South Asian Disability Forum (SADF)

Organizations Supporting Persons with Disabilities

- Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD);
- Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) Asia-Pacific Network;
- Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) Consortium;
- Rehabilitation International (RI) Asia-Pacific

* Name to be confirmed

● APCD Provided Captioning Service, Reported the Outcomes, and Supported the Launch of the Website for the “Make the Right Real” Campaign

During the Stakeholder Consultation, real time captioning service was provided by APCD to ensure information accessibility in accordance with the article 9 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities. In addition, the achievements of the “Make the Right Real” Campaign were reported by APCD. CD reports which included outcomes of the Campaign were distributed to the participants. In the closing of the Stakeholder Consultation, the “Make the Right Real” website was officially launched by ESCAP. The Website has been developed in close collaboration with APCD.

maketherightreal.net



● Towards a New Decade, 2013-2022



Launching the “Make the Right Real” Website developed in Close Collaboration between ESCAP and APCD

Suggestions made during the Stakeholder Consultation helped clarify the goals, targets and indicators into realistic, achievable and measurable ones. Much collaborative effort is needed to “make the right real” into a meaningful endeavour. All stakeholders agreed to strive for “Make the Right Real” in 2012 and beyond, targeting a new decade to be launched in 2013.

Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability, Visiting APCD



Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, Thai partners and APCD Executive Committee Members/Staff

The United Nations appoints a Special Rapporteur on Disability who reports to the Commission for Social Development regarding information and other aspects of the disability movement. The present United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability, Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, visited APCD on 13 December 2011 to discuss how to promote the ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.



Mr. Shuaib Chalklen and Senator Monthian Buntan

APCD shared its regional works and achievements for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and inclusive barrier-free society in the Asia-Pacific region. Dr. Tej Bunnag (Chairperson, APCD Executive Board), Senator Monthian Buntan (Member, APCD Executive Board) and other Executive Board members welcomed Mr. Shuaib Chalklen together with the representatives from key associations of persons with disabilities in Thailand.

Mr. Shuaib Chalklen mentioned that APCD was the first and the only regional center that he had ever seen, and that he was impressed with APCD's work, particularly in facilitating regional collaboration with among different stakeholders, providing international trainings, empowering persons with disabilities through knowledge management. In his concluding remark, Mr. Shuaib Chalklen suggested that a regional center like APCD could be established in Africa.

Good International Experience: Collaboration for Real Time Captioning

Della Leonor (Ms.)

Student

Institute on Disability and Public Policy for the ASEAN Region (IDPP)

I just completed my one-month internship at APCD. My main task was to work with APCD on the real time captioning system development. It was great for me as an intern at APCD to learn about disability and the policy formulation process at the international level. Particularly, it was good that I could contribute towards information accessibility for the meeting at the United Nations ESCAP. I hope that such opportunities will be provided to more persons with disabilities, to demonstrate our capabilities.



Ms. Della Leonor





Walk for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Make the Right Real Together for a Better Asia and the Pacific for All



In celebration of the
2011 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
 “Together for a Better World for All: Including Persons with Disabilities in Development”

2 December, 2011, Music Hall, SM Mall of Asia

With the theme of **“Make the Right Real Together for a Better Asia and the Pacific for All”**, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2011 was jointly celebrated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) of the Philippines, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines and the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) of the Philippines in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), SM Supermalls, the Philippines Information Agency (PIA), the Autism Society Philippines (ASP) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on 2 December 2011.

More than 3,000 persons, including participants of the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress, joined the event at SM Mall of Asia to raise awareness about disability amongst women and girls, and children and youth.



Pledge Board Signed by Participants

The event was attended by Hon. Jessie Robredo (Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government) and Hon. Corazon Juliano-Soliman (Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development) who focused on the promotion of disability-inclusive development through the Make the Right Real campaign. APCD and ASP played a key role in this event for the promotion of the rights of persons with autism to further accelerate the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in the Philippines.



Walk at SM Mall of Asia



More than 3,000 Participants

DET and DRST: Air Asia Collaborates with Malaysia's DPOs, Indonesia's NGOs and APCD



Resource Person Sharing Know-how

Disability Equality Training (DET) is important for raising awareness about disability, so that individuals and communities can joyfully embrace human diversity and recognize the value of a barrier-free and rights-based society.

With support from Air Asia and APCD, the 5-day Training of Trainer of DET & Disability Related Service Training (DRST) involved 9 Thai potential trainers with disabilities and their 3 supporters, 12 participants from Indonesia, and 7 participants and personal assistants from Malaysia. The training was held at the Air Asia Academy, Malaysia, from 17 to 21 October 2011.

The objective of the training was to equip potential trainers with disabilities as professional trainers specifically for Air Asia crews. The training covered many topics including Disability Equality Training concepts and practice from the perspective of passengers with various disabilities. Participants learnt about different needs of passengers with disabilities in airline services such as ticket booking, checking-in process and boarding, and how to behave professionally towards such passengers.

Training participants got direct experiences and naturally learned 'Inclusive Society Life Style'. As a follow-up, APCD's trainers are going to provide DET&DRST trainings for Air Asia crews in Thailand from the year 2012.



Group Work Divided by Module

Air Asia



Participants and Resource Persons



Establishing “Rose Group”, the First Ever Self-help Group of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Cambodia

The Regional Workshop on Development of Self-help Group Network on Intellectual Disability in Cambodia was co-organized by the Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF) and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation of Cambodia, and the Disability Action Council of Cambodia, at the Phnom Penh Hotel from 15 to 17 November 2011.

The workshop brought together 100 Cambodians, including persons with intellectual disabilities, family members, NGO staff and government officials. H.E. Ith Sam Heng, Minister of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation of Cambodia delivered the opening speech as the chairperson of the ceremony after H. E. Mr. Sompong Sanguanbun, Ambassador of Royal Thai Embassy delivered the opening remark.



Demonstration of “Silk Painting” by UNITY

Throughout the workshop, visual tools such as photos and drawings were utilized to share the ideas and non-verbal communication of participants with intellectual disabilities. The resource persons from Dao Ruang (self-help group of persons with intellectual disabilities in Thailand) and UNITY (self-help group of persons with intellectual disabilities in Myanmar) shared knowledge about self-advocacy, roles of supporters, and information about income generation activities with the Cambodian participants.

One of the major outcomes of the Workshop was the establishment of “Rose Group”, the first ever self-help group of persons with intellectual disabilities in Cambodia. The Workshop concluded with the phrase “ID (intellectual disability) WE CAN”.



Establishment of “Rose Group”



Demonstration of “Washing Liquid Production” by Dao Ruang

News from the Network of Autism Associations



Understanding Autism through AAN Poster

Within January 2012, the poster “*Understanding Autism*” will be disseminated in the ASEAN region through AAN members. The idea of the poster was initiated by the Autism Society Philippines, one key member of AAN working to raise awareness about autism.





Participating in JICA Counterpart Training in Japan



The Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) has been collaborating with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as one of key partners on disability and development in Asia and the Pacific. Ms. Lalin Chonlatanon (Information and Knowledge Management Officer) and Mr. Watcharapol Chuengcharoen (International Training Officer) participated in JICA counterpart training on Universal Design and Training Management in Japan from 12 to 23 December 2011.

During the training, the latest movement on disability and development in Japan was also shared as good practices and lessons learned by Human Care Association, AJU Center for Independent Living, Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities and Mainstream Association.

Mr. Watcharapol Chuengcharoen:

“I learned a lot about the planning, implementation and evaluation of training for persons with disabilities at Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (JSRPD) and logistics management at Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE). I will utilize this knowledge to improve the quality of APCD trainings.”

Ms. Lalin Chonlatanon:

“It was very impressive by the advanced knowledge on color usage and composition on publication and products for accessibility and digital accessible system at Media Universal Design (MUD); universal design exhibition at Institute of Advanced Studies in Universal Design and inclusive printing production at Tokyo Colony Printing and Nihon Rikagaku Industry. I shared this knowledge to other APCD staffs.”



Upcoming APCD Activities 2012

	January			February			March		
Inclusive Business Roundtable Talk on Rating System (Thailand)			31 Jan - 1 Feb						
Training of Trainer for "Community-Based Inclusive Development" (Thailand)				6 - 17					
JICA Project Evaluation (Thailand)				14 - 23					
Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Hard of Hearing and Deafened (Thailand)						29 Feb - 2 Mar			
International Training with World Vision International (Thailand)							6 - 9		
United Nations ESCAP Regional Stakeholder Consultation (Thailand)								14 - 16	



Nominate the Disability Champions in your Country Today!

Your champions will:

- Serve as leaders to participate in a special regional advocacy campaign to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities in the post-2012 era;
- Be recognized at a special ceremony to be held during the High-level Inter-governmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, 29 October – 2 November 2012, Incheon, Republic of Korea.

Please send your nomination form by **30 April 2012** to the ESCAP secretariat at **escapdisabilityaward@un.org**

More Information: <http://unescapsdd.org/champions-award>



Häppy New Year 2012

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace,
and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous New Year!

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