

SUMMARY REPORT ON WORKSHOP ON SELF-ADVOCATES WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN THE GREATER MEKONG SUB-REGION

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Triangle Collaboration Strategy

According to APCD's key lessons learned in developing self-help groups of persons with intellectual disabilities, it is important that the 3 main partners: persons with intellectual disabilities, family members such as parents and siblings, and supporters such as teachers, friends and professionals can understand and collaborate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “Workshop on Self-Advocates with Intellectual Disabilities in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region” was organized by the Dao Ruang Group (Self-Advocate Group of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Thailand), the Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability of Thailand and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand, the Inclusion Japan and the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) on 4-5 September 2013 at the Century Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

The Workshop was arranged i) to strengthen the connections of the groups of self-advocates with intellectual disabilities in the Mekong Sub-region, namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, and ii) to support the development and expansion of the scope of the self-advocate groups from local involvement to the regional networking. The Workshop involved the discussion on the Action Plan in Mekong Sub-region and study tour at the workplace of the Dao Ruang Group.

The Workshop was attended by 98 participants representing the persons with intellectual disabilities and their family members in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, specifically Rose Group of Cambodia, Talent Group of Lao PDR, Future Star Group of Myanmar, Dao Ruang Group of Thailand and My Future Group of Vietnam. Representatives from the Inclusion Japan also participated and supported the Workshop. Other participants included the government officials of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam who handle social protection and welfare of persons with disabilities.



Group Photo among Self Advocates with Intellectual Disabilities, Parents and Supporters

DAY 1

The opening session was emceed by Mr. Watcharapol Chuengcharoen (Acting Chief, Office of the Network Secretariat, APCD) and Mr. Salai Vanni Bawi (Expert on Intellectual Disability, APCD). With his welcome message, Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (Executive Director, APCD) briefly explained the purpose of the Workshop with the illustrated logo for the United ID Network Mekong Sub-region. The opening speeches were delivered by Ms. Patcharin Sujaritwatanasak (Leader, Dao Ruang Group, Thailand) and Mr. Suchart O-watawanakul (President, Association for Person with Intellectual Disability of Thailand) who expressed their appreciation to all the participants and wished for the fruitful success of the workshop. A Group photo of all the participants followed.

Mr. Watcharapol Chuengcharoen facilitated the fun trivia game to know each other during the introduction of participants with intellectual disabilities, an interactive way to make the participants feel comfortable while they introduced themselves using their local languages. Ms. Keiko Sodeyama (Supporter, Inclusion Japan) introduced the communication card and how to use it was used as a non-verbal communication during the Workshop.

In collaboration with the family members, supporters and the government officials, the leaders of self-advocate groups with intellectual disabilities in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and Japan, namely Mr. Phon Sovann (Leader, Rose Group, Cambodia); Mr. Thanousone Oudompadith (President, Talent Group, Lao PDR); Mr. Min Swe Htet (Leader, Future Star Group, Myanmar) and Mr. Kaung Htet Naing (Sub-Leader, Future Star Group, Myanmar); Ms.



Presentations by Leaders with Intellectual Disabilities



Green Card: To Agree with the Speaker or Say “Yes” to the Speaker



Yellow Card: To Ask Speaker to Slow Down or Ask a Question or Talk to Supporter



Red Card: To Ask for Explanation in the Different Way

Patcharin Sujaritwatanasak (Leader, Dao Ruang Group, Thailand); Ms. Duong Ngo Binh Thuan (Leader, My Future Group, Vietnam), Ms. Nguyen Ha Thanh (Member, My Future Group, Vietnam) and Mr. Nguyen Quang Dat (Member, My Future Group, Vietnam); and Ms. Mayumi Narazaki (Leader, Sun Flower Group, Japan) presented their achievements and activities.

The presentation covered the overview and background of their groups, roles and responsibilities of the members and current activities. In addition, they also shared the challenges and struggles encountered by each group. After each presentation, the representatives of each group answered 1-3 questions raised by the participants. The session intensified knowledge of the participants by learning from other countries experiences.

In the afternoon, the proposed draft content of the “Working Together in the Greater Mekong Sub-region”, which would be the Constitution of the United ID Network Greater Mekong Sub-region, was discussed and reviewed by the participants facilitated by Mr. Watcharapol Chuengcharoen, Mr. Salai Vanni Bawi and Mr. Ryuhei Sano (Acting General Manager, APCD).

DAY 2

The outcome of the session highlighted the Action to pursue the efforts by the in the Network as part of the participants' commitment to continuously improve the quality of their lives. Finally, the Action Plan was agreed and signed by leaders of self-advocates with intellectual disabilities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.



Announcement of the New Logo

Leaders of self-advocate groups expressed their gratitude in the chance to get involved in active discussion in developing their Constitution and the Action Plan 2013-2015 of the United ID Network Mekong Sub-region. The leaders encouraged everyone to work together for the success of the Network. Closing remarks was delivered by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya who reviewed the history of the movement on intellectual disability in the Mekong Sub-region and thanked all for joining the Workshop.



*Field Visit to
Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities of Thailand/Dao Ruang Group*

BACKGROUND

WHO SELF-ADVOCATES ARE

“Self-Advocacy” means speaking up for yourself about the rights and responsibilities in your life. Persons with intellectual disabilities, autism, developmental disabilities and other disabilities who speak up for themselves are called “Self-Advocates”. Self-Advocates know their rights and speak for themselves, and make life decisions without undue influence or control by others. The motto of the “Self-Advocacy” movement is “Nothing About Us, Without Us”.

WHY

IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A VOICE OF THEIR OWN

Everyone has a “voice” and even without a physical voice everyone can communicate in other ways. Persons with intellectual disabilities are still some of the most vulnerable members of society. Their voices, needs and desires have often been neglected. Professionals and parents often speak on behalf of persons with intellectual disabilities.

Recently, self-advocacy groups have started to gain confidence in themselves. They learn the tools and experiences to take greater control over their lives, and how to make decisions and choices that affect their lives so they can be more independent. As a result, an increasing number of Self-Advocates have taken charge of their lives and began fighting discrimination in society.

GROUPS OF SELF-ADVOCATES WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN THE GREATER MEKONG SUB-REGION



Rose Group, Cambodia:

The “Rose Group”, the first ever self-help group of persons with intellectual disabilities in Cambodia, was established in 2011 in the “Workshop on Development of Self-Help Group Network on Intellectual Disability in Cambodia”. The significant outcome of the Workshop in terms of forming the Rose Group was facilitated by the Dao Ruang Group, the Future Star Group, the Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF) and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD).



Talent Group, Lao PDR:

The “Talent Group”, the first self-advocacy group of person with intellectual disabilities was formally established in the “Workshop for the Establishment of a Group of Self-Advocates with Intellectual Disabilities in Lao PDR” in 2013 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. This important event was successfully arranged by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MLSW) and APCD in collaboration with the Laos Disabled People’s Association (LDPA). Now, there are 15 persons with intellectual disabilities who are the members of the “Talent Group” and actively get involved in group activities.



Future Star Group, Myanmar:

The first self-help group of persons with intellectual disabilities in Myanmar was established in the “Workshop on Intellectual Disability” organized by the Family Support Network and APCD in 2010. The Dao Ruang Group and APCD were resource persons and facilitators in the process of establishment.



Dao Ruang Group, Thailand:

With support from APCD and the Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability of Thailand (APIDT), the Dao Ruang Group (the name of the flower “Marigold” in English) became the first self-advocates group on intellectual disability in Thailand. The “Dao Ruang Group” was successfully established in 2009. Currently 15 group members conduct regular monthly meetings and activities.



My Future Group, Vietnam:

The “My Future Group” was established by Mrs. Ha Nguyen, who has a daughter born with Down Syndrome. My Future Group is a self-help group, operating with the parent financial contribution. When “My Future Group” was established in 2009, there were initially 5 members, but has now increased to 10 members. All the members are young adults living with an intellectual disability, aged from 20-33 years. My Future Group is the first group for young adults with intellectual disabilities in Ho Chi Minh City mainly.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 4 September 2013

- 08.00-09.00 Registration
- 09.00-10.30 Item 1. Opening
- Speech
 - Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (Executive Director, APCD)
 - Ms. Patcharin Sujaritwatanasak (Leader, Dao Ruang Group, Thailand)
 - Mr. Suchart O-watawanakul (President, Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability of Thailand)
 - Introduction of Each Participant and Group Photo
- 10.30-10.45 Refreshment Break
- 10.45-12.15 Item 2. Development of Self Advocate Group with Intellectual Disability in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and Japan (Japan, Cambodia, Laos PDR, Q&A)
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch Break
- 13.15-14.45 Item 2 (cont.) Development of Self Advocate Group with Intellectual Disability in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and Japan (Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand, Q&A)
- 14.45-15.00 Refreshment Break
- 15.00-17.00 Item 3. Discussion on ID Network Agreement and Action Plan 2013 – 2015
- 18.00-20.00 Dinner Reception

Thursday, 5 September 2013

- 09.00-10.30 Item 3 (cont.) Discussion on ID Network Agreement and Action Plan 2013 – 2015
- 10.30-10.45 Refreshment Break
- 10.45-12.00 Item 4. Closing
- Announcement of Agreement
 - Speech
 - Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (Executive Director, APCD)
 - Mr. Suchart O-watawanakul (President, Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability of Thailand)
 - New President of United ID Network Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-17.00 Item 5. Field Visit
- Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities of Thailand/ Dao Ruang Group

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CONSTITUTION

WORKING TOGETHER IN THE GREATER MEKONG SUB-REGION

UNITED ID NETWORK GREATER MEKONG SUB-REGION

“ID’s Voice Must Be Heard”

OUR LOGO



THE GREATER MEKONG SUB-REGION



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

- 1) To give a chance for persons with intellectual disabilities to speak out in the public
- 2) To empower persons with intellectual disabilities to be confident
- 3) To encourage the team work of the United ID Network Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 4) To exchange information about our activities with friends in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 5) To tell our successful stories to friends in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 6) To assist our friends to be more independent in the community
- 7) To continue to work together with our friends, our family members and our supporters in the community
- 8) To tell the stories of our life, our difficulties and our wishes among friends and other partners in the public
- 9) To echo the voice of persons with intellectual disabilities in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 10) To increase the number of friendly supporters who understand our life, our dream and our capacity

OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES

- 1) To invite our friends, family members and supporters to see our activities in our country if possible
- 2) To meet with friends online in every three months
- 3) To send our information monthly to our friends
- 4) To ask our partners to conduct intellectual disability-friendly training for persons with disabilities, family members and supporters

OUR MEMBERS

Self-advocates: person with intellectual disabilities who may be a member of any group of self-advocacy of persons with intellectual disabilities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

OUR SUPPORTERS

- 1) Individuals who may be interested in supporting us in and out of the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 2) Organizations which may be interested in assisting the network of persons with intellectual disabilities in the Greater Mekong Sub-region

OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(1 person per country, alphabet order)

- 1) One (1) person as the Chairperson who can lead our activities
- 2) One (1) person as the Vice-Chairperson who can assist our activities
- 3) One (1) person as the Secretary who can keep our information and documents
- 4) One (1) person as the Treasurer who can check our finance
- 5) One (1) person as the Public Relations Officer who can promote our activities publicly

OUR PROMISE ABOUT THE SELECTION OF “COMMITTEE MEMBERS”

To elect our Committee Members among the self-advocate groups in rotation every 2 years (calendar year)

OUR FINANCE

- 1) To contribute to the Network the amount of 50 USD per group for the registration fee
- 2) To contribute to the Network the amount of 50 USD per group for the membership fee per year

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED ID NETWORK MEKONG SUB-REGION

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Public Relations Officer

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(Self-Advocate Group of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities)



Constitution of the Network Signed by the Executive Committee Members

OUR PLAN

WHAT IS THE NEXT PLAN IN 2013-2015?

IN OUR COUNTRY



New self-advocacy groups are initiated in our countries.

Advocacy workshops are organized together with our partners' organizations, supporters and family members.



More opportunities to talk about our lives are given to us.

IN OUR REGION



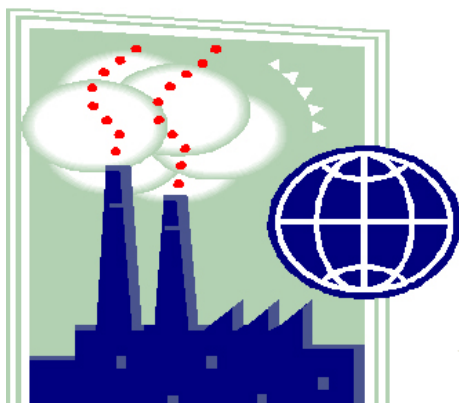
Our quarterly report is shared with our friends in the United ID Network Greater Mekong Sub-region.

Our successful stories are shared with friends by internet.



The next assembly may be hosted in one of the Mekong countries in 2015 if possible.

Capability-building trainings are provided to self-advocates with intellectual disabilities.



The United ID Network Mekong Sub-region and APCD work together to provide information about work and employment by self-advocates with intellectual disabilities.

ACTIVITY REPORT

MEKONG RIVER PEER REVIEW MEETING ON THE USER-FRIENDLY DRAFT INCHEON STRATEGY 6 SEPTEMBER 2013



**Opening Ceremony by ESCAP, APCD and
the United ID Network in Mekong Sub-region**



**Facilitating the Review of Incheon Strategy
(Ms.Aiko Akiyama, ESCAP)**



**Sharing Inputs and Feedback to the Resource Person
(Mr. Osamu Nagase, Inclusion International)**



**We Agree to the Contents!
(Rose Group from Cambodia)**



**Summary of the Day
(Talent Group from Lao PDR)**

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