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What is “MAKE THE RIGHT REAL!”

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) launched the “Make the Right Real!” Campaign in October 2010 to accelerate the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). To achieve the aim, the campaign encourages collaboration among governments, organizations of persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in advocacy, research and capacity-building activities. We invite you to join us in the campaign. Let us Make the Right Real! for persons with disabilities! For further details, please visit <www.maketherightreal.net>

SUMMARY OF THE EVENT

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 on 2 December 2011 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).

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

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 in the Philippines.



PROGRAM

07:30-09:00	
Registration	
09:00- 9:30	
Warm-up Exercises	MS. JOANNA HIZON and Company Department of Social Welfare and Development
09:30-10:00	
Video Presentation “Make the Right Real!”	
Philippines National Anthem	ASP Dream Girls PAVIC Twin
Invocation	ASP Dream Girls PAVIC Twin
Welcome Remarks	MS. ANNIE S. GARCIA President, SM Supermalls
Opening Remarks	HON. CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development Chairperson, National Council on Disability Affairs
“Declaration of Cooperation by the Thematic Sub-Group in Promoting Data Collection and Statistics on Disability”	ENGR. EMER ROJAS President, New Vois Association of the Philippines
Intermission Number	TWH Wheelchair Dancers
10:00-11:30	
Message	MR. AKIIE NINOMIYA Executive Director Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability
“Message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations”	MS. NANDA KRAIRIKSH Director, Social Development Division United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN/ESCAP)
Intermission Number	ASP Dream Girls
Message	MR. TAKAHIRO SASAKI Chief Representative, Philippines Office Japan International Cooperation Agency
Message	DR. SOE NYUNT-U Representative in the Philippines, World Health Organization
Intermission Number	INDEFENDENT Dancers
Keynote Address	HON. JESSE M. ROBREDO Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government Chair, International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2011
Pledge Board Signing	

PROGRAM (CONT)

11:30-12:00	
Declaration of the Walk	DR. MAUREEN AVA MATA Chairperson, Makati Federation of Persons with Disabilities
12:00-12:30	
Intermission Number	Mandaluyong City Drum and Lyre
Message	MS. MARY GRACE ADVIENTO President, Autism Society Philippines
Message	ENGR. ILDEFONSO T. PATDU, JR. Assistant Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications
Message	HON. SEVERO CATURA Undersecretary, Presidential Committee on Human Rights
Intermission Number	ILLC Hunks PAVIC Twin San Antonio Elementary School SPED Dancing Angels
Closing Remarks	HON. ALICIA R. BALA Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development Officer-in-Charge, National Council on Disability Affairs

EMCEES:

MS. DANG KOE, Chair Emeritus, Autism Society Philippines
MS. CARMEN ZUBIAGA, President, WOW Leap
MS. KISMETTE CEPE, Member, Autism Society Philippines
MR. ABNER MANLAPAZ, President, Life Haven, Inc.



SPEECHES & MESSAGES

Keynote Address



Hon. Jesse M. Robredo
Minister, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)



Opening Remarks



Hon. Corazon Juliano-Soliman
Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

Welcome Remarks



Ms. Annie S. Garcia
President, SM Supermalls





**Message of the
Secretary-General of the United Nations
on
International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

delivered by

**Ms. Nanda Krairiksh
Director
Social Development Division
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

**at the commemoration of the
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
2 December 2011, Manila**

It is thirty years since the United Nations first observed the International Year of Disabled Persons under the theme "Full Participation and Equality". During that period, there has been significant progress in raising awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities and in strengthening the international normative framework to realize those rights - from the World Programme of Action (1982) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006).

More and more countries are committing to protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities. However, many challenges remain. Persons with disabilities experience higher rates of poverty and deprivation and are twice as likely to lack health care. Employment rates of persons with disabilities in some countries are as low as one-third of that of the overall population. In developing countries, the gap in primary school attendance rates between children with disabilities and others ranges from 10 per cent to 60 per cent.

This multi-dimensional exclusion represents a huge cost, not only to persons with disabilities but to society as a whole. This year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities reminds us that development can only be sustainable when it is equitable, inclusive and accessible for all. Persons with disabilities need therefore to be included at all stages of development processes, from inception to monitoring and evaluation.

Addressing negative attitudes, the lack of services or ready access to them, and other harmful social, economic and cultural barriers will benefit all of society.

On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, I call on governments, civil society and the global community to work for and alongside persons with disabilities to achieve inclusive, sustainable and equitable development worldwide.





Closing Remarks

Hon. Alicia R. Bala

Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development

Officer-in-Charge / Executive Director, National Council on Disability Affairs

“Walk for the Rights of PWDs”

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

I am deeply honored and privileged to be with all of you, persons with disabilities and partner advocates from our local and international disability communities.

The general theme guiding us in the observance, “Together for a better world for all: including persons with disabilities in development”, draws attention to key areas that would work in synergy to mainstream disability in all development processes. With a number of duty bearers and key stakeholders joining us today in this significant event especially in the “Walk” is a manifest enthusiasm, full support and strong will to promote the cause of persons with disabilities in the country. Make the Right Real!.

On behalf of the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the claw of the organization committee all the member-agencies of the national working committee and sub-committees coming from various government agencies, non-government organizations and the sector of persons with disabilities who participated in the series of discussion, planning and implementation of the different activities lined-up for the event, especially the department of the interior and local government who chaired the committee.

I firmly believe that this activity and those that were conducted to highlight the sub-themes recommended by the United Nations, are not one-shot deals as these are envisioned to open new avenues for more collaboration and partnerships among duty bearers, claim holders and other stakeholders.

On behalf of the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), let me again express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year’s observance of our “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” truly a big success. To our friends from the Asia- Pacific Region the United Nations ESCAP, and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), I hope you enjoyed your stay in our country and learned a thing or two about us. And to all of you – the advocates of persons with disabilities, especially, I hope your experience of coming over here serves as an inspiration for the many things that we can all do together for a better world for persons with disabilities.

Godspeed and more power to all Filipinos with disabilities, including all citizens with disabilities in the Asia Pacific Region.

Thank you.

Messages



Hon. Severo Catura
Undersecretary, Presidential
Committee on Human Rights
of the Philippines



Ms. Mary Grace Adviento
President, Autism Society
Philippines



Mr. Akiie Ninomiya
Executive Director
Asia-Pacific Development
Center on Disability

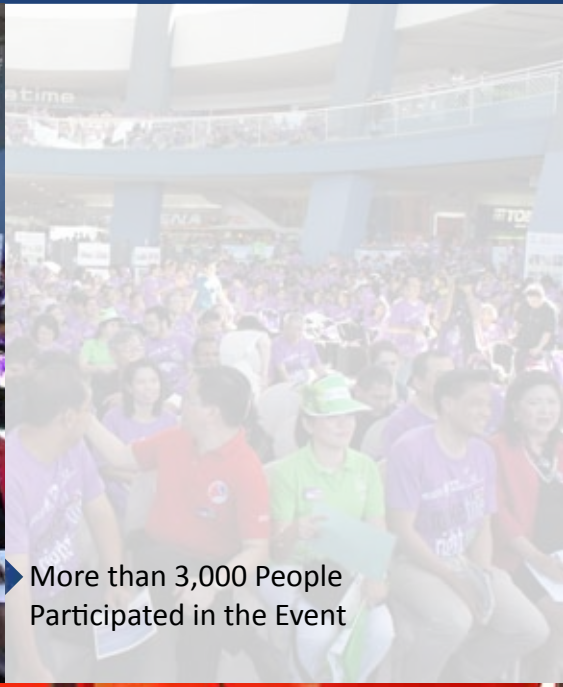


Dr. Soe Nyunt-U
Representative in the Philippines
World Health Organization



Mr. Takahiro Sasaki
Chief Representative, Philippines Office
Japan International Cooperation Agency

PHOTOS



▶ More than 3,000 People Participated in the Event



▶ Vendors in the Mall of Asia Joined the Campaign



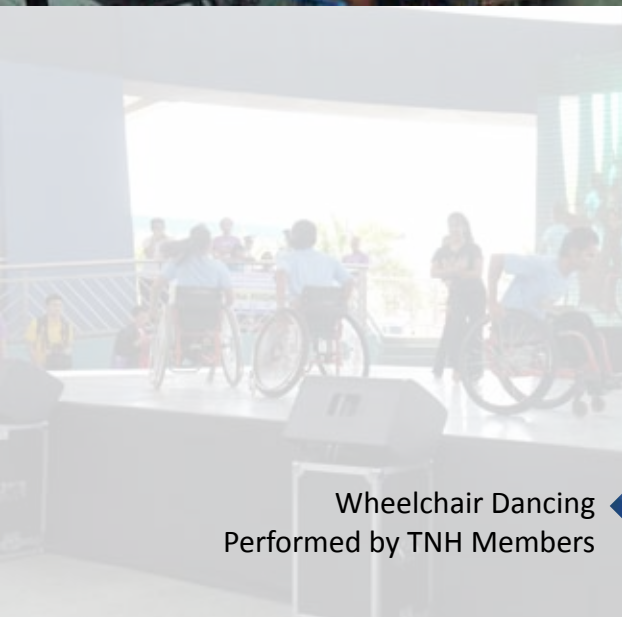
▶ Youth Representatives Marched to "Make the Right Real!"



Singing Performance by the Members of the Autism Society of the Philippines



Persons with Diverse Disabilities from All Corners of the Philippines Actively Participated in Various Activities of the Event



Wheelchair Dancing Performed by TNH Members



