

## 【Summary Reports of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific CBR Congress】

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific CBR Congress ended in success.

The participants came from 46 countries/areas, and the number was about 550 people in total. Among them, about 350 participants came from abroad mainly from Asia and the Pacific. As the background factor, it can be thought that there were supports from WHO and international NGOs such as CBM, AIFO, and Lillian Fond.

The programs of the Congress were comprised of 5 Plenary Sessions and 13 Concurrent Sessions. The keynote speakers were Mdm. Alicia Bala (Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN) and Ms. Akiko Fukuda (Secretary General of World Federation of the Deafblind). Starting from their speeches, 10 Japanese practitioners made the presentations on CBID.

Other than these programs, 3 side events were also held. One of them was organized by JANNET on September, 2<sup>nd</sup> where five JANNET member organizations presented their activities in disability in ASEAN countries. They are Association for Aid and Relief (AAR), Asian Development with the Disabled Persons (ADDP), Japan Portage Association (JPA), Sasakawa Memorial Health Federation (SMHF), and Japanese Federation of the Deaf (JFD).

Most of the committee members and also about 60 volunteers were the members of JANNET. Therefore, it was a good opportunity to work together for the success of the Congress. Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities(JSRPD) took responsibility of the Secretariat of the Congress.

【Date】 September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (Tue.) - 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thu.)

【Venue】 Shinjuku Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo

【Co-organizers】 CBR Asia-Pacific Network, Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET), and Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (JSRPD)

【Collaborators】 WHO, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Disability Forum (JDF), Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC), Christoful Blinden Mission (CBM), Japanese Physical Therapy Association (JPTA), Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists (JAOT), Beyond MDGs Japan (that is comprised of National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), JICA, JANIC, JANNET, The Japan Society for International Development (JSID), Japan Association for International Health (JAIH), Japan National Assembly of Disabled People's International (DPI) and so on), CO-OP All Japan, CO-OP Saitama, CO-OP Tokyo, The Nippon Foundation, The

KIRIN Foundation, SOMPO JAPAN Nipponkoa Environment Foundation, and others

**【Sponsors】**United Nations ESCAP, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA), Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (MOHLW), and the Cabinet Office of Japan

**【Theme】** “Poverty Reduction Through Community-based Inclusive Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

**【Participants】** About 550 people from 46 countries which include Mongolia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Tajikistan, the Philippines, Pakistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Japan so on.

**【Programs】** The opening ceremony: His Imperial Highness Prince Hitachi, Royal Patron of JSRPD and Princess attended, and the Prince Hitachi made an opening address.

Keynote speakers : Mdm. Alicia Bala, the Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN  
Ms. Akiko Fukuda, Secretary General of World Federation of the Deafblind

Five Plenary Sessions (including the keynote speeches) and thirteen Concurrent Sessions

The closing ceremony: the adoption of the Tokyo Declaration was adopted, and the announcement of the venue of the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific CBR Congress (in Mongolia, 2019)

**【Side Events】**

1. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, sponsored by JICA and JANIC:

Presentations about “Internationally-cooperated activities in the field of disability in ASEAN countries” by 5 organizations

2. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at lunch time: Side event held by the WHO

3. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 17:30-20:00: Participatory workshops on community issues were conducted in seven groups.

Issues discussed were aging (low-birthrate) societies, disaster reductions, (economical) poverties, (social) isolations, children with disabilities, rapid urbanizations, spread of non-infectious diseases and accesses to health.

\* In these workshops, depending on the size of community, participants listed up the barriers that prevent the inclusion of persons with disabilities, the success factors for solution, and the points for sustainable development.

Information services: Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation in all of the nd Concurrent Sessions; and with request, Japanese sign-language interpretation, international sign-language interpretation, captioning, textile sign-language interpretation (interpreters), and the real-time English subtitle were also available.

Presenters of personal:

Plenary Sessions (excluding the keynote speeches); 14 people (10 foreigners, 4 Japanese)

Presenters of concurrent Sessions; 60 people (43 foreigners, 17 Japanese)

Moderators: 20 people (2 and 9 foreigners in the Plenary Sessions and Concurrent Sessions respectively, and 3 and 6 Japanese in the same)

Presenters of poster Sessions: 22 people

Exhibitors: 18 groups

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 16:00 P.M., massage services were provided in the exhibition area (the certified masseurs were dispatched from Japan Federation of the Blind, and about 80 people received the services rotated in about 10 minutes).

【Special notes】

☆ **“Tokyo Declaration on Community-based Inclusive Development (CBID)”** was unanimously adopted by participants at the closing ceremony. The drafting committee was established, and Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani (Chairperson of CBR Asia-Pacific Network, Pakistan) served as the coordinator.

As a part, the declaration says that “recognizing CBID as an effective strategy for achieving the SDGs (newly-established framework) and leaving no one behind” and that “strengthening the international cooperation on CBID for monitoring the implementations and progresses of SDGs”.

URL of the declaration:

[http://www.dinf.ne.jp/doc/japanese/intl/cbr/tokyodeclaration\\_apcbr2015\\_jp.html](http://www.dinf.ne.jp/doc/japanese/intl/cbr/tokyodeclaration_apcbr2015_jp.html)

☆ From ASEAN, the Government officials and NGO representatives (45 people in total) came to Japan to take part in Japan-ASEAN Forum, which was held in Tokyo on August 31st by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. They attended the first day of our CBR Congress.

☆ Many presentations about practices of CBR/CBID were given by oversea and Japanese participants. For this Congress, two booklets of good practices of CBID cases were distributed to participants. One is CBID cases in Asia-Pacific and the other is Japanese cases. In these booklets it was found that twin-track approaches are seen as a common factor of success. And positive impacts can also be seen in persons with disabilities, their families, and that the community.

URL of the domestic examples:

[http://www.dinf.ne.jp/doc/japanese/intl/cbr/cbr\\_jirei\\_2015/index.html](http://www.dinf.ne.jp/doc/japanese/intl/cbr/cbr_jirei_2015/index.html)

<http://www.dinf.ne.jp/doc/english/world/dl/CBIDGoodPractices.pdf>

☆ The room for exhibition, poster session and coffee break was also used as lounge for informal meetings among participants.

### **【The results of questionnaire in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific CBR Congress】**

JANNET Publicity and Enlightenment Committee

With the participation of around 550 people from 46 countries and regions, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific CBR Congress (held on September 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at Shinjuku Keio Plaza Hotel) ended with fruitful results (See the summary reports in the above for the detail). During this congress, we, the committee, made survey based on questionnaire. Hereafter, we report the forms and results.

The questionnaire was made in English without requiring names, and the volume was within an A4 sized paper. The survey was conducted in the morning on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and got the answers from 29 people mainly through the interviews with the help of volunteers (they were the members of Japan Red Cross Language Service Volunteers and Association for Aid and Relief, Japan). After the congress, with the help of committee members, two more participants answered to the questionnaire. In summary, 31 answers were obtained in total and analysis was conducted.

The following is a part of the results. The percentage (%) to all the answerers in multiple choice questions is shown, rounding off from the first decimal place and put it with the real number.

30 people (97%) answered “the congress was better than expected”. Moreover, 28 people (90%) answered “I will recommend others to participate in the congress”.

As for the satisfaction to the contents and compositions of the congress, all of the people answered “Very satisfied” or “Satisfied” to its contents and 30 people (97%) answered “Very satisfied” or “Satisfied” to the compositions. To the speakers and facilitators, all the people answered “Very satisfied” or “Satisfied”. About the atmosphere of the congress and exchange activities, 29 people (94%) answered “Very satisfied” or “Satisfied”. As for the procedure of registration and management for the participants, 30 people (97%) answered “Very satisfied” or “Satisfied”. Moreover, 26 people (84%) answered “Very satisfied” or “Satisfied” to the distributed handouts.

As for the question that “Do you think that the congress was well-organized?”, 29 people (94%) answered “I strongly think so” or “I think so”. To the question that “Do you think that the staff

members were very helpful and kind?”, all the people answered “I strongly think so” or “I think so”.

Moreover, we asked them about the total impression of the congress compared with other ones. As a result, 27 people (87%) evaluated this congress as “Excellent” or “(Very) good”.

The questionnaire in this time was based on only the small number of people (that was 31 people among 550 in all, 5.6%). However, we think that the frank opinions from oversea participants will be useful for the future activities of JANNET and the next 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific CBR Congress.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to all the participants who cooperated to answer to the questionnaire, and volunteers who helped the interviews.