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Together, we can make the difference

Suporntum Mongkolsawadi

On behalf of Redemptorist Foundation for People with Disabilities (RF) and Workability Thailand (WTH), I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your support and contribution for our past Workability Asia Conference, held 8-10 July 2015 at Hilton Pattaya Thailand.

The result from the conference brought the wide positive changing in Thailand both Government and Private Sector to elevate the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Thai Government proclaimed to increase the employment of persons with disabilities in Government sectors approximately 15,000 persons more in this year 2016 and onward until 2018.

Moreover, The Ministry of Labour declared to enlargement 10,000 of PWDs must be employed in 2016. According to this number, 10,000 of PWDs will be employed by private or business sectors. PWDs are encouraged to work in community for social serves, volunteering activities in such place of school, district health center, or local government officials. The compensation will be responsible by private-business sectors.



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Also the positive trend in Private sector, they are more aware of inclusive employment and their role to empower PWDs. Since the PWDs empowerment Fund established seeks to empower, motivate and promote the success of employees with disabilities, and to educate, support and inspire those working with persons with disabilities, many activities has been supported and conducted around the nation during last year and this is extending and expanding in diverse range and more innovative collaboration and partnership.

Not only in shaping the policy in Thailand, we also create the pioneer project 'THE CUBE' as the collaboration between WTH, Ratchasuda College, Mahidol University and private sector to develop the incubation platform to fulfill the ecosystem to empower and build PWDs capacity during their transition to work both in main stream labour workforce and self-employ as entrepreneur track. This incubation center aims to elevate the standard of vocational training center for PWDs that required and accepted by private sectors. With academic standard and process, our curriculums will be designed to pulling PWDs ability to match with hiring or purchasing demand from private sectors, not only support the customized training, we have been established Job Coach Network Thailand to link the Employer aspect with PWDs in creating supported employment with the best practice, by this linkage of the Job Coach process and practitioners, will be carried through during PWDs employment in productive and sustainable way.

I would say Workability Asia Conference have been created the great impact, not by just one day event but with 'brick by brick'. This convergence and collaboration platform will be enabling all good friends and related parties to join hand and walk together in the same path to create more awareness, interest, knowledge, creative ideas to build inclusive world for PWDs and for all. We, as WorkabilityAsia Member are committed to work tirelessly to mobilizing policies, regulations and collaboration on promoting the empowerment of PWDs all over the world to move it forwards as proclaimed in the conference that "Together, we can make the difference"

Workability Asia Conference 2016 in Bengaluru, India

V.S. Basavaraju

I, the Hon.Secretary of Disability NGOs Alliance(DNA) would like to invite you to Workability Asia Conference 2016 to be held in Bengaluru,India from August 25-27, 2016.

The theme for this year is "Empowerment through employment of Persons with Disabilities".The three day event will have presentations, panel discussions and workshop on the first two days, followed by site visits on the concluding day.

We urge and invite you to participate in the event.

Please click on the link below for registering

<http://52.77.100.38/uat/>



- Dates: Aug 25-27, 2016
- Location: Bangalore, India
- Event Location: The Park Plaza, Bengaluru
- Host: Disability NGO Alliance (DNA), India
- Key Sponsor: Accenture



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WAsia Conference 2016... cont.

Agenda

Day 1 – August 25, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Managed by
0800 to 0930 hours	Registration	Registration desk	Event team
0930 to 1115 hours	Welcome address	Grand ball room	Mr. Katsunori Fujii, Chairperson, Workability Asia and DNA
	Key Note address – Govt.	Grand ball room	Ms. Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, UNESCAP, DNA, Govt
	Address by Workability International	Grand Ball room	Mr. Patrick Maher, President, Workability International
1115 to 1130 hours	Break		
1130 to 1245 hours	Address by Workability Asia	Grand Ball room	Ms. Deborah Wan, Vice Chairperson, Workability Asia
	Theme Address & Souvenir Release	Grand ball room	DNA and Sponsors
	Address by the Title Sponsor	Grand Ball Room	Accenture
1245 to 1345 hours	Lunch		
	Track 1 – Skills Development	Track 2 – Enabling Ecosystem	Track 3 – Mainstreaming Livelihood
1345 to 1355 hours	Track Agenda	Track Agenda	Track Agenda
1355 to 1530 hours	Session 1	Session 1	Session 1
	Session 2	Session 2	Session 2
1530 to 1545 hours	Break		
1545 to 1720 hours	Session 3	Session 3	Session 3
	Session 4	Session 4	Session 4
1720 to 1730 hours	Summary of Day 1	Summary of Day 1	Summary of Day 1
End of Day 1			

Day 2: - August 26, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Managed by
	Track 1 – Skills Development	Track 2 – Enabling Ecosystem	Track 3 – Mainstreaming Livelihood
0930 to 0940 hours	Track Agenda	Track Agenda	Track Agenda
0940 to 1115 hours	Session 5	Session 5	Session 5
	Session 6	Session 6	Session 6
1115 to 1130 hours	Break		
1130 to 1215 hours	Session 7	Session 7	Session 7
1215 to 1230 hours	Summary of Day 2	Summary of Day 2	Summary of Day 2
1230 to 1345 hours	Lunch and networking		
1345 to 1430 hours	Session on Livelihood for persons with multiple disabilities	Grand ball room	Panel discussion by Ms. Kavita Sharma (Autism society); Ms. Deepa S (EMC); Nidhi Singhal (National Centre for Autism) & Ms. Annapurna Maruvada and Dr. Ruma Chatterjee (Society for Visually Handicapped, Kolkatta)
1430 to 1500 hours	Summary of Tracks by DNA and event closure	Grand Ball room	
	Launch of Workability India Chapter		
1500 to 1530 hours	Valedictory		
1530	End of main conference on Day 2 – time for networking amongst delegates		
1600 to 1800 hours	WAsia AGM		WAsia and DNA
1800 hours	End of Day 2		

Day 3 – August 27, 2016

0830-0900 hours – Assemble at Park Plaza

0900 to 0930 hours – Depart for NGO / Corporate visit

1300 hours – return to Park Plaza and check out

Relief activities for PWDs in KUMAMOTO

WAsia Secretariat staff, Fuki Sato

As you may know, two big earthquakes struck on April 14 and 16 in KUMAMOTO, JAPAN. Over 1800 aftershocks have been counted since then. In addition, it is rainy season in Japan, so landslide disasters have also occurred.

We, KYOSAREN, have started relief activities for people with disabilities affected just after the earthquakes and continue to work as a member of Japan Disability Forum (JDF). I took part in the activities for one week (May 30 to June 5) as secretariat staff, so I will report it.

We did two kinds of activities, one was a door-to-door survey to visit people with disabilities who had never used any social welfare services and the other was to support an earthquake affected workshop “Dandelion House” which also provided meals to people who are staying in an evacuation center nearby.

From the survey, we have found that the situation is very serious. Many of the people who we visited have mental disabilities and their conditions became worse after the disaster, but they didn't know how to contact welfare services. Also we have heard many people with disabilities couldn't utilize evacuation centers or just stayed there for a few hours, because there were so many evacuees, no disability access and no special support for evacuees with disabilities. So they had to go back to their damaged houses or stay in their own cars.

In front of the workshop “Dandelion House” with the director. What can't be seen here is the backside of the building which has been damaged by a landslide.



KUMAMOTO earthquake ... cont.

Unfortunately Japan didn't very much learn from the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, which means we should grow our organization and continue to spread awareness of disability issue.

It was such a good opportunity for me, because it allowed me to reconnect with the original purpose of my job. We will continue the relief activities for many more months, and never give up until people with disabilities can also live "on an equal basis with others".

Finally, on behalf of KYOSAREN and JDF I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the donation to help affected people with disabilities in Kumamoto from Redemptorist Foundation for People with Disabilities and People of Thailand.



A door-to-door survey in the devastated area.



From the Secretariat

IHC WI Conference 2016 in Auckland, NZ

- Date: 26 – 28 September 2016
- Venue: Sky City Convention Centre/Auckland Museum, Auckland, New Zealand
- Theme: Make it WORK

Please visit for more information.

<http://www.ihc.org.nz/ihc-workability-international-conference>

Make it WORK

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IHC Workability International Conference

Auckland, New Zealand, 26-28 September 2016

Welcome to WAsia!

A new member from India.

- Name: EnAble India
- Website: www.enable-india.org

EnAble India is one of the core organizations of DNA which hosts the WAsia Conference 2016.

Share your stories

The Workability Asia Newsletter would like to invite you to send an article your activities.

Share your knowledge and experience with WAsia members.

Please send your article (1-2 pages) with some photos for the next newsletter to WAsia secretary (wasia@kyosaren.or.jp).

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