

## Seoul Declaration

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The Youth with disabilities in the Asian-Pacific region (Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, Japan, Korea) gathered in Seoul, Republic of Korea for the Incheon Strategy Asian-Pacific Youth with Disabilities International Seminar held September 4-6, 2018.

During the seminar about the implementation of Goal 1 'Reduce poverty and promote employment' and Goal 2 'Promote participation in political processes and in decision-making' of the Incheon Strategy, we discussed the tasks of law and policies of each country in the implementation of Goal 1 and Goal 2.

There are six hundred and fifty million PWDs in the Asian-Pacific region and as known in CRPD, the PWDs are discriminated in various ways in vocational activity. We acknowledged the poor reality that is unparallel with the conditions of **persons without disabilities and the** problems, such as poverty, low wage, low skilled work, discrimination of women with disabilities and discrimination of persons with developmental disorders. To improve such conditions, we- the Asian-Pacific youth with disabilities- decided to work continuously in close collaboration and mutual development across the region.

Moreover, we acknowledged there are 37 nations that ratified the CRPD in the Asian-Pacific region. We also realized that even though the countries have ratified the CRPD, the CRPD is not progressed in the national policy and even if there is a policy, it is not enforced.

We acknowledged to encourage the ratification of other countries that have not yet ratified the CRPD in the Asian-Pacific region. We also acknowledged

the need to monitor by CSOs after the ratification. We need to encourage collaboration with UN ESCAP for effective activity. In countries that have ratified, we need the continuous monitoring via the making of the independent monitoring mechanisms in order to make and apply concrete plans for the harmonization with the national law.

We urge to implement the recommendations of the CRPD and ILO for the increase in employment and vocational rehabilitation, provide work places for the PWDs, and guarantee social security system and economic independency for all PWDs.

We urge to build a more accepting labor market for the PWDs.

We ask for the formulation of laws and institutions for various PWDs-related groups, such as adolescents and women with disabilities, to be involved and participate extensively in all levels of political decision-making process for the 'Asian and Pacific Decade of PWDs'.

We urge for the support with improved method, the PWDs to be involved in public decision-making process, exercise the right as full members of the society and to fulfill their responsibility.

We urge to establish the national organization that coordinates the disability-related policies, draft reviews the disability distinctive and disability comprehensive measures and its compliance, strengthens the collaboration between ministers, internal ministers and multiple sectors, and fully reflects the principle of nondiscrimination in law, policies and regulations.

This declaration is adopted in Seoul, Republic of Korea, 6 September, 2018.