



APCD Foundation

The Foundation of Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability

Under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness
Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



Background



The Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) is a regional center on disabilities and development. APCD was established in Bangkok as a legacy of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993–2002, with the collaboration between the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the Royal Thai Government, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Government of Japan.

APCD was endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as a regional cooperative base for its Biwako Millennium Framework for an Inclusive Society in the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003–2012. ESCAP identified APCD as the regional center on disability for the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real, 2013–2022. APCD cooperates with more than 30 countries in the Asia-Pacific region to empower person with disabilities and promotes the inclusive society

Organization for the Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the World Bank recognized APCD as a good model project globally for South-to-South Cooperation. APCD is currently managed by the Foundation of Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (APCD Foundation).

Vision

A leading organization in strengthening of the inclusive, barrier-free, and rights-based society through the empowerment of persons with disabilities in Asia-Pacific region.

International Instruments

APCD applies and practices the significant International instruments for implementing Disability-Inclusive Development are;

- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- The Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” and the Beijing Declaration including the Action Plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy
- The Jakarta Declaration in the Asia and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032
- The ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025
- The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction C015–2030

Mission

To promote an inclusive community and society, APCD implements these three important works;



1) Training / Capacity Development

APCD collaborates with various international and local stakeholders including government, civil society, community organizations, and organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) to promote disability-inclusive development via training activities. With wide coverage from weeks-long training to a few-hour session or speech, APCD Training team is comprised of long-experience training facilitators with disabilities. Their specialized areas cover Disability Equality Training (DET), Inclusion and Intersectionality, Gender and Humanitarian field, community and social participation etc. APCD also offers customized training related to disability-inclusive development for all stakeholders.

2) Networking & Collaboration



Networking and collaboration is the significant mission of APCD. Since the beginning, APCD has started various disability-focus networks, both regional and sub-regional levels, for more than 20 years. The areas of the APCD network included practitioners of Community-based Inclusive Development (CBID), Autism parents groups, self-advocates with Intellectual Disability, persons who are hard of hearing and deafened, facilitators of Disability Equality Training (DET), and practitioners of Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR). APCD believes that networking and collaboration among different sectors at different levels, regional, national, and community is the key successful factor to move Disability-Inclusive Development.

3) Information & Knowledge Management

As one of the key remaining barriers to accessibility of Persons with Disabilities still be information and communication, APCD commits to creating accessible and barrier-free information and communication platforms for Persons with Disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region. The lessons learned, good practices, and key evidence on disability-inclusive development are disseminated and shared via APCD's publication, social media, and online platform. This accessible key knowledge and information will support on enhancement of Disability-Inclusive Development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Approaches

APCD focused on 4 key approaches to driving Disability-Inclusive Development which are as follows:

Disability-Inclusive Business (DIB)

In 2015, APCD presented to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on the auspicious occasion of 60th Birthday anniversary on 2 April 2015 by the initiation of the 60+ Plus project. It became the starting point for the promotion of work and employment of persons with disabilities. APCD with a strong partnership with Yamazaki and MarkRin opened the 60+Plus Bakery & Café in APCD Building at Ban Rajvithi. The second branch is located at the Thai Government House and the third branch of 60+Plus Bakery & Café is at the Thai Redcross Society in Bangkok. APCD with active supported by the Charoen Pokphand Group Co., Ltd. (CP) opened a Disability-Inclusive restaurant at APCD training building. APCD also has a bakery kiosk at the United Nations Conference Center, United Nations Building in Bangkok All of the activities under the Disability-Inclusive Business (DIB) program named 60+Plus is the platform for on-the-job training and demonstration center regarding training for promotion on disability employment and DIB.





@The Thai Government House

@The Thai Redcross Society



APCD Building @Rajvithi Road





APCD 60+ Plus Kitchen by CP @APCD Training Building



@APEC Summit 2022



Trainees with all kind disabilities



Leave No One Behind





@Hyatt Regency Bangkok, Sukhumvit

Inclusive Work Places



@Black Canyon, Central Westgate



@Centra by Centara Chaeng Watthana



@Yamazaki Branch

Community-based Inclusive Development (CBID)

CBID is one outstanding approach and strategy to promote community and family proactive participation in building up an inclusive society. APCD has been the official secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Community-based Inclusive Development (CBID) Congress from the first congress until the previous one which was organized in Bangkok (in 2009), Manila (in 2011), Tokyo (in 2015), Ulaanbaatar (in 2019) and Phnom Penh (in 2023) accordingly. With experiences in implementing training and networks in the CBID context, APCD can exchange and share our experiences and knowledge in the Asia-Pacific region.

@Phanom Penh, Combodia



@Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



Disability-Inclusive Sports (DIS)

According to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) have full rights to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure, and sport (article 30). APCD believes that sports is a substantive tool for promoting health, quality of life, team spirit as well as social participation of persons with disabilities. APCD promotes friendly and friendship sports rather than competition sports. During the COVID-19 pandemic (in 2020-2022) when the serious situation of lockdown globally, APCD supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) promoted and encouraged youths with developmental disability and their family members to do physical exercise via an online platform. The activities became popular among organizations working with young people with developmental disabilities.



Community Empowerment Program (CEP) 2021
JICA Special Project

HAPI-IE GUIDEBOOK ON

PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES OF
PERSONS WITH AUTISM, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
AND PSYCHOSOCIAL DISABILITIES IN
ASEAN COUNTRIES TO COPE DURING COVID-19



Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR)

DIDRR has become one of the important approaches since the emerging occurrences related to climate change, global warming, and other disasters. There was a phrase mentioned that “Persons with Disabilities are the first group to be forgotten, and the last group to be aware of in the disaster situation”. APCD supported by the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), gathered representatives from the government, civil society, and OPDs from the ASEAN Member States to regional training courses. To create a national-focus handbook in participants’ respective countries and develop potential trainers on DIDRR. The program is implemented during the year 2022 – 2024. APCD is willing to collaborate with all partners in the Asia-Pacific region to make a safe community and society for all.





"Toward Inclusive, Barrier-free and Right-based society in Asia and the Pacific Region"



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