



Tokyo Declaration

The 16th Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pacific Regional Assembly
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We, the participants from 14 countries in the 16th Disabled Peoples' International Asia and the Pacific Regional Assembly from 23 to 24 May 2016, in Toyama Sunrise, Tokyo, Japan, co-hosted by Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pacific and the Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International,

Showing great appreciation to the disability community of Japan for all the effort and support for organizing this event,

Also appreciating the messages of friendship and unity presented by Honorary Regional Chairperson, the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the U.S. Department of State, Rehabilitation International and DPI World,

Recognizing the unity and the importance of governance, transparency and sustainability of DPI Asia-Pacific,

Understanding the importance of harmonization of the Sustainable Development Goals with the Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities and Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific,

Showing appreciation to the ESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting in 2017, which will conduct the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities proposed to host by the Government of the People's Republic of China,

Celebrating with 29 countries in this region which have ratified the CRPD within the first decade of its enactment, 2016,

hereby unanimously declare that:

op. 1

Central and active roles of Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) should be ensured at all levels in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the CRPD and the SDGs,



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In the next 5 years, more participation of DPI Asia-Pacific and other DPOs should be encouraged in every forum in the region including the ESCAP Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities.

op. 3

All the government, UN Bodies, development partners and the international non-profit organizations should maintain their obligations to DPOs to collaborate to build the partnership and to accelerate the implementation of the CRPD.

op. 4

Government should promote the provision and allocation of sufficient budget and other resources to DPOs including organizations of women and girls with disabilities for their capacity building and sustainability.

op. 5

Member states of ESCAP should ratify the CRPD as a key priority for the Asian and Pacific Decade. In the ratification and implementation processes, member states should harmonize the national/domestic laws and regulations in line with the CRPD, including the establishment of anti-discrimination law and human rights institutions.

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Member states of Asia and the Pacific Region should consider the concerns of the participants of this meeting toward the full implementation of Incheon Strategy,

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DPI Asia-Pacific should address the needs of governance, transparency and collaboration for our sustainability.

op. 8

Asia-Pacific multi-donor trust fund to be established under the Incheon Strategy should extend the support to regional and sub-regional activities done by DPOs which promote the implementation of Asia and the Pacific Decade.

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We shall meet again, at the 17th Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pacific Regional Assembly in 2018 which will be organized by the DPI National Assembly in Bangladesh.

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