Hybrid consultation on strengthening disability data collection and analysis mechanisms to enhance the national implementation and monitoring of CRPD

CRPD and Japan

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CRPD and Japan: Timeline

- 2007 Signature of the CRPD
- 2009 Disability rights movements blocking the ratification of the CRPD General election and new government led by Japan Democratic Party
- 2011 Major revision of the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities in line with the CRPD
- 2012 General election and new government led by the Liberal Democratic Party
- 2013 Establishment of the Act against the Disability Discrimination
- 2014 Ratification of the CRPD
- 2016 Submission of the Initial Report
- 2022 Initial Concluding Observation as the result of the initial review, that includes the Constructive Dialogue in Geneva

The structure/monitoring of the CRPD in Japan

National CRPD Monitoring

Article 33: National implementation and monitoring

Committee on the Policy for Persons with Disabilities in the Cabinet Office

Established by the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities

Monitoring of the Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities

Based on the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities

Japan's report on Article 31: Statistics and data collection

Based on the Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities (IV 3), specific targets for achievement are established and the status of implementation of measures and their effects are assessed and evaluated based on numerical values, etc. The Cabinet Office collects basic data concerning persons with disabilities from relevant ministries and agencies, and posts such data on its website (the collection of basic data). (para. 208)

2022 Concluding Observations for Japan National implementation and monitoring (art. 33)

- 69. The Committee is concerned that:
- (a) <u>There is no national human rights institution</u> in line with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) in the State party;
- (b) The Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities, established as the monitoring mechanism of the Convention, is in the Cabinet Office, has a limited scope, and has insufficient representation of the diversity of disabilities and insufficient gender balance among its membership.

2022 Concluding Observations for Japan National implementation and monitoring (art. 33)

• 70. The Committee recommends that the State party take into account its guidelines on independent monitoring frameworks and their participation in the work of the Committee and establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate on the protection of human rights and with adequate human, technical and financial resources, in full compliance with the Paris Principles, and, within its framework, strengthen the formal capacity of the Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities, guaranteeing its independence, representation of the diversity of disabilities, and gender balance among its membership, to monitor the implementation of the Convention.

National monitoring mechanism of the CRPD in Japan

- The Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities (Policy Commission) functions as the <u>monitoring framework</u> specified in Article 33 of the Convention through <u>the monitoring of the status of implementation of the Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities</u>, which forms the basis of government measures for persons with disabilities.
- The Policy Commission, placed within the Cabinet Office, consists of 30 members, including representatives of organizations of and for persons, business community, labor union and local governments.

- I. Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities (Fourth)
- II. Basic Concept
- III. Basic direction of measures for persons with disabilities in each sector
- 1. Development of safe and secure living environments
- [Related to Articles 20 and 21 of the Basic Act and Articles 9, 19, 20 and 28 of the CRPD]
- (1) Securement of houses
- (2) Development of mobility-supporting environments
- (3) Promotion of facilities, products, etc. paying heed to accessibility
- (4) Comprehensive urban development with care for persons with disabilities

- 2. Improvement of accessibility to information and upgrading of support for communication
- [Related to Article 22 of the Basic Act and Articles of 9, 21 and 24 of the CRPD]
- (1) Improvement of accessibility to information in telecommunications
- (2) Upgrading supply of information
- (3) Upgrading of support for communication
- (4) Improvement of accessibility to government information

- 3. Promotion of disaster and crime prevention measures, etc.
- 4. Elimination of discrimination, promotion of rights advocacy, and prevention of abuse
- 5. Promotion of support for independent life and decision-making
- 6. Promotion of health and medical care
- 7. Enrichment of consideration at government, etc.
- 8. Support for employment, work, and economic independence

- 9. Promotion of education
- [Related to Articles of 16 and 17 of the Basic Act and Articles 24 and 30 of the CRPD]
- (1) Promotion of an inclusive education system
- (2) Development of educational environments
- (3) Promotion of support for students with disabilities in higher education
- (4) Enrichment of various lifelong learning activities
- 10. Promotion of cultural and art activities, sports, etc.
- 11. Promotion of cooperation and coordination in the international community

Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities 2019-2023 (FY) Numerical Targets

• Living Environments and Information Accesibility (CRPD: 9, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28)

ITEM	2016	2021	TARGET
Removal of gaps in major railway stations (more than 3000 passengers a day, about 3600)	87.2	93.7	100
TV programs with captions	NHK 97.5 Others in Tokyo 99.5	NHK 100 Others in Tokyo 100	100
TV programs with audio description	NHK General 12.7 Others in Tokyo 11.7	NHK 15.2 Others in Tokyo 17.6	13.5 for both

Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities 2019-2023 (FY) Numerical Targets

• Promotion of Education (CRPD: 24, 30)

ITEM	2016	2022	TARGET
Percentage of universities providing support to students with disabilities(SWD)	80	87	100
Percentage of universities that have guidelines for support to SWD	36	73	100
Percentage of universities that have coordinators for support to SWD	92.1	97.1	100