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Introduction of Mongolian
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Introduction of Mongolian Disabled People's Federation

Mongolian Disabled People's Federation / MDPF/ was established in March 05, 1990 and is non-government organization that protects Mongolian disabled people's rights and serves its members, and is official member of Disabled People's International /DPI/ organization and has legal entity **Federations** in 9 districts and 21 provinces, Mongolian first organization for disabled people's.

Federation cooperates with governmental and International organizations in affairs level.

Federations run its financial and organizational activities independently and separately from each others.

Organization mission:

- Monitoring in impletion of Convention of disabled people's right and preference honor of Disabled People's.

Goal:

- To monitor impletion of National program of supporting Disabled Peoples



Main field of Operation:

- Protect disabled peoples legal right and interest
- Attend and support to members
- Strengthen local Federations capabilities
- To give legal advice and information

Federation convention

Board of directors

president of federation

Executive director

Federations of 9 districts, 21 provinces













DISTINGUISHED CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND LEADERS!

Greetings for the day, I would like to congratulate all of you on behalf of the Mongolian persons with disabilities and myself. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the United Nations, with additional protocols was approved by the 60th United Nations General Assembly on 18th of December, 2006. Mongolia joined the convention and its additional protocols on 19th of December, 2008. The Mongolian Government fully supports the principles of this important agreement and signed the convention to increase its efforts and activities intended for the persons with disabilities.

All these work was not the Government's own initiative. In Mongolia, there are over 100 organizations for disabled people which serve the society and its members. These organizations worked together as a network and arranged many activities to have an impact in order to join the conference. I am proud to announce that our organization played a leading role in this historic process.

Tasks of making the public familiar with the convention and preparing teachers had been done coherently for 2 years, and similar organizations reached a general understanding on how to get the convention approved. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to madam Tulgamaa. D, representative agency of the Italian non-governmental organization AIFO to Mongolia, mister Enkhbuyant. L, the manager and mister Giampiero Griffo, a board member of the world association of persons with disabilities, who have greatly assisted us in all we did.

Mongolia has a population of over 2 million and 700 thousand people. 125 thousand people of it are person with disabilities.

Each year 522 people die because of various kinds of accidents and 900 people get injured on average, increasing the number of persons with disabilities.

Subcommittee responsible for persons with disabilities was created next to

the Ministry of Social security and Labour, according to 33.1 of the convention. Our organization is an official member of the subcommittee and contributes our ideas in the policy making to implement the convention. We have held peaceful demonstrations on 13th of May for 2 consecutive years, the day of joining the convention, with the intent of delivering our voices to the Government. In order to ensure the proper implementation of the convention, we have created 2 standards on construction area and infrastructure in cooperation with Mercycore international organization.

By joining the convention, Mongolia is obliged to the following duties.

- In accordance with the agreement, the country has legal obligations and shall pass laws that can be realized.
- Countries which approved the convention shall report progress regarding the convention

- Countries shall support the rights of persons with disabilities with no discrimination
- Get rid of all the practices and laws that discriminate persons with disabilities
- Take persons with disabilities into consideration when passing new policies and programs

Countries that joined the convention are supposed to deliver their reports to the United Nations after 2 years. However, our Government still hasn't delivered its report, it shows the fact that the Mongolian government doesn't always pay attention to the needs of persons with disabilities. 2 years had passed since our organization proposed to cooperate with Labour Welfare Service Department of the Ministry of Social security and Labour, but there has been no response up until now. This is an example of Government organizations not respecting non-governmental organizations and not working together. We need to dismiss this habit of being used to demonstrations to understand and accept.

Although Mongolia made incredible economic progress in the past 20 years, discrimination against persons with disabilities is the same as it was, and perception that their skill and capabilities are limited still remains the same. Some people still consider being disabled is the “punishment” for the evil deeds they and their families have done in the past.

Human rights, health, social security, unemployment, poverty and allotment are the words persons with disabilities commonly use to describe their current situation.

Without providing the possibility to fully and effectively participate in the social lives of persons with disabilities, Mongolia can't accomplish its Millennium Development goals. No matter how nice a decision the Ministry of Social Security and Labour passes, the environment and most of the society is still out of their reach. I believe recommendations on how to work with non-governmental organizations and what measures different governments can take to implement the convention will be discussed during this meeting.

Thank you for your attention.