

Accessible Tourism Promotes National Development

(Conference, Exhibition, and Activities to Promote Tourism for All)

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

This is an event to use Tourism as a tool to achieve barrier-free society that could enhance people with disabilities to live independently in the society.

The Tourism Industry is one of the world's largest and fastest growing industries, especially in South East Asia. In Malaysia various development programmes have placed our country as one of the most successful models of tourism development in the South-East Asia region.

However the Malaysian tourism has yet to tap into the tourism segment for the disabled (PWDs) and the senior citizens. None of the Malaysian travel agencies offer any tour products that cater specifically to these two groups.

As populations age (especially in the West), "grey tourism" (also known as seniors market) has emerged as a major new market segment. This was brought about through the ageing of the generation which has historically led market shifts during the later part of the twentieth century.

Closely linked to the needs of the seniors market are people with disabilities, and this tourism segment is termed Accessible Tourism (AT). AT offers a new opportunity for segmentation that merges the access requirements of the seniors and disability markets. Besides providing information as well as presenting, promoting and marketing easy tourism facilities, Accessible Tourism can also provide tourist destinations with a greater competitive advantage for attracting these growing niche markets.

The event with the theme "Accessible Tourism Promotes National Development" that is jointly organized by Beautiful Gate Foundation For The Disabled, JICA Malaysia, Disabled People International Asia Pacific, and 14 disabilities related organizations, as pro-event for International Conference on Accessible Tourism 2013 (Pro-ICAT 2013), had successfully convey message on changing perception of providing disabled friendly facilities from "extra cost" to "investment". It also raised the awareness on the importance of Accessible Tourism and is believe will bring about a tremendous impact to Malaysian tourism and disabled friendly facilities in the near future.

EVENT OBJECTIVES:

- To highlight the existence of Accessible Tourism through hosting events that will draw attention to this niche in the tourism sector
- To provide information on Accessible Tourism to the public locally and internationally
- To make known to the public the obstacles and challenges in Accessible Tourism and ways to overcome it
- To increase the rate of usage of environment-friendly accessibilities, and to avoid the possibility of under utilize that might discourage the related parties
- To encourage a tourism system in Malaysia that welcomes PWDs by bridging a good liaison between disabled organizations and tourism organizations so that attractions can be facilitated more systematically.
- To encourage the Ministry of Tourism in Malaysia to do more research in promoting Accessible Tourism.
- To advocate for the removal of architectural and transportation barriers that prevent PWDs from sharing fully in all aspects of our society including going for tours.
- To change the perception of providing disabled friendly facilities from “extra cost” to “investment”.

EVENT ORGANISATION

Event Coordinator:

Beautiful Gate Foundation For The Disabled

Event Joint Organiser :

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),
Disabled People International Asia Pacific (DPIAP),
Malaysia Council of Rehabilitation (MCR),
Malaysia Federation Of The Deaf (MFD),
Malaysia Parent of Disabilities Association (MPDA),
Malaysia Spinal Injuries Association (MASIA)
Malaysia Association For The Blind (MAB)
Persatuan Orang-orang Cacat Malaysia (POCAM),
Persatuan Kabajikan Kasih Sayang OKU Muar
Persatuan Kristian Shuang Fu
Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran (PERKOBP)
Asia Community Services (ACS)
Society of Independent Living for the Disabled Selangor
Society of Chinese Disabled Persons Malaysia
Save Ones Sight Missions
Society of the Blind Malaysia (SBM)

Event Co-Organiser :

Heap Hope Angels
Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
D to D Services

Media Partner:

Sin Chew Jit Poh
Photo Creator Publication
Challenges

Sponsors:

JICA Malaysia
DPIAP
Malaysian Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB)
MPSJ

EVENT PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	Event	Venue
Jul 1 st -Oct 1 st		First Asia Pacific Photo Contest On Accessible Tourism	Region wide
Sep 14	11am	Launching of First Accessible Tourism and Barrier-free Access Guide Portal in Malaysia	JICA Office
Nov 25 th	7pm	Welcoming Dinner & Presenting of Malaysia Book of Records & Prizes Presentation for Photo Contest	Pearl International Hotel
Nov 26 th	9am-2pm	First National Conference on Accessible Tourism	Sunway Resorts & Spa Hotel
	10am-9pm	Exhibition	Sunway Pyramid
	2pm-7pm	Singing & Dance contest for PWDs	Sunway Pyramid
	8pm-9pm	Stage Performance by local artists	Sunway Pyramid
Nov 27 th	9am	Convoy Flag off ceremony	Sunway Pyramid
	10am-9pm	Exhibition	Sunway Pyramid
	11am-1pm	Stage Performance by local artists	Sunway Pyramid
	1pm	Closing Ceremony	Sunway Pyramid
Nov 28 th	8am-6pm	City Tour for PWDs & Senior citizen from overseas	KL & Putrajaya

EVENT ACTIVITIES

1. First Asia Pacific Photo Contest on Accessible Tourism



Starting Date: July 1st, 2011

Closing Date: Oct 1st, 2011

Announcement of Winners: Oct 31st, 2011

Prizes Presentation: Nov 25th, 2011

Venue: Pearl International Hotel Time: 7.30pm

Exhibition: Nov 26th-27th, 2011

Venue: Sunway Pyramid Time: 10am-9pm

Photographers around the Asia Pacific region were invited to participate in this regional photography contest entitled “Accessible Tourism promotes National Development” by depicting the notions of Accessible Tourism in a variety of ways. This activity aimed to create momentum up prior to conference’s date and create awareness through wonder of pictures. It attracted 223 entries from different cities including Kota Kinabalu, Sg Petani, Alor Setar, Subang Jaya, Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur, and entries from Myanmar, India, and Singapore.

Prizes of the activity is as below:

1st Prize : US 1000/ RM 3000
2nd Prize : US 650 / RM 2000
3rd Prize : US 330 / RM 1000
7 Excellence Prize : US 160 / RM 500
5 Consolation Prize : Hampers

Result of this activity is as below:

Position	Name	City/State	Country
1 st Prize	Ng Wei Chean	Ang Mo Kio	Singapore
2 nd Prize	Lim Lean Eng	Georgetown	Malaysia
3 rd Prize	Chow Phik Kuan	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Excellence	How Bee Yok	Selangor	Malaysia
Excellence	Tan Ai Bee	Subang Jaya	Malaysia
Excellence	Somennath	West Bengal	India
Excellence	Tonny George	Kota Kinabalu	Malaysia
Excellence	Chong Long Chau	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Excellence	Chung Hong Tsin	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Excellence	Foo Kim Leng	Selangor	Malaysia
Consolation	Kim Chong Keat	Sungai Petani	Malaysia
Consolation	Zaw ZawTun	Yangon	Myanmar
Consolation	Tan Chee Hon	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Consolation	Cheah Sern Chong	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Consolation	Lin Joe Yin	Subang Jaya	Malaysia

2. Established The First Accessible Tourism and Barrier-free Access Guide Portal in Malaysia



Date & Venue:

Soft Launch : September 14, 2011 by Mr Nagae Tsutomu & YB Loh Gwo Burne, Parliament Member of Kelana Jaya at JICA Malaysia office

The website is designed and managed by PWDs, with the domain name www.inclusivemalaysia.com.my .

Objectives of the website are:

- a. To provide information about accessible places including tourist attractions in Malaysia to PWD and senior tourists.
- b. To encourage the disabled who are confined at home to integrate into the society and eventually live an independent life in the community.
- c. To acknowledge and appreciate corporations for their efforts to provide facilities for the disabled community and hence encourage other corporations to provide the same disabled friendly facilities.

The contents and the function of the website is carefully designed to:

- a. Provide important and practical information of disabled friendly facilities in public places according to categories include Tourist Attraction, Shopping malls, Leisure places, Transportation, Facilities, Education Centre & Government Agency.
- b. Provide a platform for PWDs to share their tour experiences in order to encourage others to have confidence to go for tours.

3. Welcoming Dinner and Cultural Show by PWDs for Conference's delegates



- Title : "Excellence & Beyond"
Welcoming Dinner for delegates of Conference on Accessible Tourism &
Handover Ceremony of Certificate of Malaysia Book of Records for
Beautiful Gate Performing Arts Troupe
- Date : 25th November 2011
Venue : Pearl International Hotel, Ballroom, 5th Floor
Time : 7 pm – 10pm
Guest of Honor: YB Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan (State Assemblyman of Subang Jaya)
- Special Guest : Ms. Leorna Paul (Representative of Datuk Danny Ooi, from Malaysia Book of record)
: Ms. Michelle Mok (President of Lions Club KL Central)
: Mr. Edward Ling (Counselor of MPSJ)
: Ms. Chen Jin Lin (representative from Embassy of Taiwan)
: Ms. Okubu Miho (representative from Japan International Cooperation Agency)
: Mr. Liu Kun Sheng (Director of Sin Chew Daily)
- Participants : Representatives from various local disabled NGOs as well as conference delegates from international disabled organization from neighboring countries such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Philippine and India. There were approximately 234 people attended including helpers and volunteers. A total of 30 tables were layout with the cost of RM 450.00 per table. Participants had enjoyed the cultural show by PWDs and witness the handover ceremony of Certificate of Malaysia Book of Records for Beautiful Gate Performing Arts Troupe as "First Performing Arts Troupe by Persons with Disabilities ".

Programs of Welcoming Dinner:

Time	Program	Remarks
6.30pm	Arrival of Distinguished Guest	
7.00pm	Dance Performance by Beautiful Gate Performing Arts Troupe: "An Inclusive Malaysia"	The dance that comprises of Chinese Dance, Indian Dance and Malay Dance speak of Malaysia not only as a multi-racial society but it also speak of different groups of people including persons with disabilities. People with disabilities are part of the society, entitled to enjoy the rich resources of the country.
7.15pm	Welcome speech by Organising Chairman, Pastor Sia Siew Chin	Executive Director of Beautiful Gate Foundation For the Disabled
7.20pm	Dinner	
8.00pm	Speech by Guest of Honor	YB. Hannah Yeoh, State Assemblymen of Subang Jaya
8.10pm	Wheelchairs Ballroom Dance	People with disabilities often been treated differently by the society. But, in reality they are all the same, and having the same nature. If they are given equal opportunities, they are capable to excel in life and contribute to the society. The dance speaks that PWDs might look differently physically, but in unity they shall succeed together in advancement of the society.
8.10pm	Malaysia Book of records Handover Ceremony	
8.20pm	Solo Dance : Peacock	To show the ability of PWD that able to imitate the beauty of a peacock via her body gestures.
8.30pm	Wheelchair Dance: I can Fly	In life, there is no such thing as perfect. This dance aims to highlight the weaker side of the human's life in the beginning. Through perseverance and strong determination, one can conquer their weakness and turn them into their strengths.
8.40pm	Photo Contest Prizes Presentation	

4. First National Conference on Accessible Tourism



Date: Nov 26th, 2011

Time: 10am-1pm

Venue: Sunway Resort & Spa Hotel

Opening Ceremony by Mr Nagae Tsutomu and YB Tony Pua, Parliament Member of Petaling Jaya Utara

The main highlight for this event is the keynote and three plenary sessions by international and local speakers as below:

- Keynote: Global Trends on Accessible Tourism
- Plenary 1: Accessible Tourism Promotes National & Regional Development
- Plenary 2: Accessible Tourism & National Economic Development
- Plenary 3: Barriers to Accessible Tourism

Each session focuses on the **importance of accessibility** that would help promote national and regional economic development, besides drawing attention to the PWD challenges that the country is currently facing as well as suggesting the potential of the **power of accessibility** in promoting accessible tourism.

Profile of speakers as below:

		
Name:	Joseph Kwan	
Country:	Hong Kong	
Current position:	Global Chari, RI-International Commission on Technology & Accessibility	
Organization:	Rehabilitation International Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities	
Highest Education:	Master of Science	
Related experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultant to UN-ESCAP on Non-handicapping Environments and Barrier-free Tourism;• Member of the International Steering Committee for TRANSED (International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons).	
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Name: Emma Li-Chia Lee

Current position: Senior Specialist for international affairs, individual capacity, Taipei, Taiwan

Highest Education: Master in Communications Studies

Related experience:

- Organizer of the First International Conference on Accessible Tourism (ICAT) in Taipei, 2005;
- Working Committee of APDF on Accessible Tourism, 2006 and Accessible Tourism and Transportation, 2010;
- Working Committee of the 4th International Conference on Accessible Tourism (ICAT 2011) in Taipei, 2011.

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Name: Judy Wee

Country: Singapore

Current position: Vice President of Disabled Person's Association, Singapore.

Founder & Principal Consultant, LevelField Consultants

Organization: LevelField Consultants

- 5. Related experience:**
- Executive Committee of Handicaps Welfare Association, 1988 to 2007;
 - 6. • Committee of The Code on Accessibility in the Built-Environment, 1995, 2002 and 2007, and the
 - 7. "Access Singapore" booklet;
 - 8. • Resource Person with the United Nations - Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

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Name:	Patrick Ang
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Current position:	Manager / Access Consultant
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Name:	Hideto Kijima
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Name:	Mohamad Szazli Shaari
Country:	Malaysia
Current position:	President of Malaysia Federation of the Deaf
Organization:	Malaysia Federation of the Deaf (MFD)
Related experience:	Involves in various activities advocating and protecting the rights of PWDs
Website:	http://msazali.blogspot.com

Participants of Conference On Accessible Tourism

	Name	From
1	Saowalak	Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pasific Region
2	Wansao	Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pasific Region
3	Tina	Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pasific Region
4	Ms. Mie Miku	JOCV
5	Mr. Utsunomiya Ryo	JOCV
6	Mr. Fujiwara Kohei	JOCV
7	Ms. Urai Kana	JOCV
8	Ms. Mari Saito	JOCV
9	Ms. Kawakami Kayo	JOCV
10	Ms Miho Okubo	Japan International Cooperation Agency
11	Mr Katsuo Matsumoto	Japan International Cooperation Agency
12	Nor Rafishah Hassan	Malaysian Council for Rehabilitation
13	Mr. Miskan bin Kasiman	Persatuan Orang-orang Cacat Anggota Malaysia
14	Rose Ng	Malaysia Council for Rehabilitation
15	Marry Chen	Challenges
16	Ng Say Leng	Beautiful Gate Foundation
17	Chong Seong Meng	Beautiful Gate Foundation
18	Sia Siew Chin	Beautiful Gate Foundation
19	Elaine Sia	Beautiful Gate Foundation
20	Ng Chung Chiat	Beautiful Gate Foundation
21	Ivy Pua	Beautiful Gate Foundation
22	Chong Kar Yee	Beautiful Gate Foundation
23	Lau Meng Hung	Beautiful Gate Foundation
24	Tommy Leong Chee Fook	Beautiful Gate Foundation
25	Ding Fang Yee	Beautiful Gate Foundation
26	Low Mee Li	Beautiful Gate Foundation
27	William Lee	HeapHope Angels
28	Jean Goh Soo Jen	HeapHope Angels
29	Mario Chin Lip Kai	HeapHope Angels
30	Eewen Teoh	HeapHope Angels
31	Joanne Chan Poh Yan	HeapHope Angels
32	Goh Chien Hui	HeapHope Angels
33	Chan Wing Leong	HeapHope Angels
34	Michelle Hew Swee Leng	HeapHope Angels
35	Pang Lai Yuen	HeapHope Angels
36	Pang Suet Loo	HeapHope Angels
37	Lee Chuan Maw	HeapHope Angels
38	Sean Lai Yew Hoong	HeapHope Angels
39	Keline Lam Fong Yoke	HeapHope Angels
40	Ho, Hsin Ju	Taiwan

41	Chou Yi Fan	Taiwan
42	Chou Hung Lung	Taiwan
43	Veneranda Depa	Philippine
44	Sherena	Singapore
45	Calvin Hsieh Wen Kuei	J&K, Taiwan
46	Monica Wang Mei Hui	J&K, Taiwan
47	Thomas Yeoh Kee Soon	Society of Independet Living for the Disabled Selangor
48	Daniel Cheng	Society of Independet Living for the Disabled Selangor
49	Lam Li Lian	Society of Independet Living for the Disabled Selangor
50	Teo Chee Wee	Society of Independet Living for the Disabled Selangor
51	They Yu Han	Malaysia Parents of Disabilities Association (MPDA)
52	They Yu Shu	Malaysia Parents of Disabilities Association (MPDA)
53	Lam Ko Khee	Malaysia Parents of Disabilities Association (MPDA)
54	Chia Nooi Chu	Malaysia Parents of Disabilities Association (MPDA)
55	Kok Chee Yin	Malaysia Parents of Disabilities Association (MPDA)
56	Chng Cheng Hui	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
57	Siew Chooi Cheng	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
58	Kwan Saw Hah	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
59	Patricia Lau	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
60	Peter Wong You Pa	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
61	Eng Mei Ling	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
62	Irene Tan	Pertubuhan Keluarga Orang-orang Bermasalah Pembelajaran
63	Arilzoh mukhtar	Society of the Blind in Malaysia
64	Hanifah binti abdul ghani.	Society of the Blind in Malaysia
65	Goh Kaw Kia	Society of the Blind in Malaysia
66	Idah binti Abdullah	Society of the Blind in Malaysia
67	Morley Ng	Pusat Majudiri Y for the Deaf
68	Viviannie Lo	Pusat Majudiri Y for the Deaf
69	Shamila	Pusat Majudiri Y for the Deaf
70	Stancy	MIRI
71	Abi	MIRI
72	Ruth	MIRI
73	Peter	MIRI
74	Jeremy Lester Peter	MIRI
75	Siah Kai Kiong	Klang
76	Ng Hooi Yong	Klang
77	Goo Ai Peng	Klang

78	Lee Yew Hoe	Klang
79	Lee Hee Wei	Klang
80	Ng Shu Yin	Klang
81	Hui Choon Ping	Klang
82	Yew Ah Eng	Cheras
83	Angeline	Puchong
84	Puah Bee Leng	Puchong
85	Ng Wei Chean	Singapore
86	Somennath Mukhopadhyay	India
87	Tonny George	Sabah
88	Dr Christine Leung	Hong Kong
89	Ms Lorena Latumbo	Hong Kong
90	Noor Sabrina Bt Samsudin	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
91	Nurul Suria Bt Mansor	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
92	Noor Asmaridzal Omar	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
93	Raja Shaiful Izmi	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
94	Hamizun bt. Hj. Mohd Basar	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
95	Azfarizal bin Abd Rashid	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
96	Mohd Razif bin Dato' Abd Rahman	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
97	Sharul Izhar bin Arshat	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
98	Hafidah bt. Mohammad	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
99	Ismail bin Mohamad	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
100	Ramzi bin Mohamad Lazim	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
101	Nadia bt. Muhamad Amin	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
102	Mohamat Ali bin Othman	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
103	Norashikin bt. Omar	Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya
104	Zariza Bt Mat Husin	Majlis Perbandaran Klang
105	Nurasyikin bt. Mohamed Yusuf	Majlis Daerah Kuala Langat
106	Abdurrauff bin Abdul Latif	Majlis Daerah Kuala Langat
107	Ahmad Zaki bin Parmin	Majlis Daerah Sabak Bernam
108	Nurul Huda Ahmad bt. Khairuddin	Majlis Daerah Hulu Selangor
109	Mohd Ali bin Abdullah	Majlis Daerah Kuala Selangor
110	Law King Kiew	Pertubuhan Orang Cacat Cina Malaysia
111	Basri Yob	Asia Community Service
112	Azril Kamaruddin	Asia Community Service
113	Sabri Bakar	Asia Community Service
114	Hasra Othman	Asia Community Service
115	Khor Ai-Na	Asia Community Service
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117	Ooi Li Ting	Persatuan Kristian Shuang Fu
118	Ooi Aik Chan	Persatuan Kristian Shuang Fu

119	Lynn Yew Ling Lee	Persatuan Kristian Shuang Fu
120	Danny Tan Kean Hau	Persatuan Kristian Shuang Fu
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122	Mohd Nasir Nurul Asyiqin	Malaysian Federation of the Deaf
123	Md Noor Nurzahirah	Malaysian Federation of the Deaf
124	Bujal Zaine	Malaysian Federation of the Deaf
125	Goh Soo Leng	Malaysian Federation of the Deaf
126	Wan Zuraidah Abu	Malaysian Federation of the Deaf
127	Hafidah Awaludin	Malaysian Federation of the Deaf
128	Sowseng Lim	Selangor
129	Ong Boo Siong	Kuala Lumpur
130	Chan Siew Ling	Shah Alam
131	Torey Wong	Kuala Lumpur
132	Lam Winny	Shah Alam
133	Murlidharen	Petaling Jaya
134	Kenneth Thien	Kuala Lumpur
135	Leong Yen Fong	Kuala Lumpur
136	Au Kok Wei	Kuala Lumpur
137	Amy Wong Jia Hui	Kuala Lumpur
138	Lim Mei Leng	Shah Alam
139	RAMCHAND	MSL Travel Sdn Bhd
140	Dechen Chin	Petaling Jaya
141	Ai Fern Siow	Cherry Bird Travel & Tours Sdn.Bhd
142	Anthony Leopold	Ace Altair Travels Sdn.Bhd.
143	Nal Zal Ah	Asia Travel Group Pte Ltd, Singapore
144	Donald Ho	Asia Travel Group Pte Ltd, Singapore
145	Raymond Teo Chee Wee	At Home Creative

5. Exhibition



Date: Nov 26th --27th 2011

Time: 10am-10pm

Venue: Sunway Pyramid

During the course of the event, an on-going exhibition featuring the disabled community in Malaysia, the activities held in conjunction with many other disabled organisation in some of the country's places of interest, exhibition of arts and craft and various hand-made products created by the disabled and also other PWDs related issues.

Beside, travel agencies also invited to put up an exhibition on their interesting packages and facilities on Accessible Tourism. DPIAP also took part in setting up exhibition to promote International Conference on Accessible Tourism 2013 which will be held in Bangkok.

Booth No.	Exhibitor Name	Items to be exhibit
001	Beautiful Gate (Kepong)	Books / Wire Handicraft /Cookies etc
002	Beautiful Gate (Kampar)	Handicraft
003	Beautiful Gate (Seremban)	Handicraft
004	DPIAP	Information on ICAT 2013
005	MCR	Organisation Information
006	Malaysia Parent of Disabilities Association	Cookies & Craft

007	Persatuan Kebajikan Kasih Sayang OKU Muar	Handicraft
008	PERKOBP	Books
009	Asia Community Services	Handicraft
010	Challenges	Magazine
011	Society of Independent	Website Design Service
012	J&K Hong Kong	Information on transport equipment
013	Access Travel Singapore	Activities on Accessible Tourism
014	Say IT	Artwork and design company
015	Malaysia Association for the Blind	Handicraft
016	Malaysia Federation of the Deaf	Handicraft
017	Society of the blind (SBM)	Handicraft
018	Society of Chinese Disabled M'sia	Handicraft
019	SPV Techonology Company	Lift for accessible van
020	Photo Contest	Winning entries of Asia Pacific Contest on Accessible Tourism
021	Save One Sight Mission	Eyes Check service
022	Malaysia Spinal Injury Association	Handicraft
023	Persatuan DAMAI untuk OKU	Handicraft, Wheelchair

6. Convoy by 500 PWDs, Volunteers and Public



Date: Nov 27th 2011

Time: 9am-11am

Venue: Subang Jaya

Apart from the informative plenary sessions, a convoy is the next highlight. A convoy around the city center had created extensive awareness to the public. The message that we wish to send across to the public became more impactful and effective. By moving around the city, with the aid of volunteers on that day, we explored the places of interest in the city, highlighting areas that could further improve to make the city a more disabled friendly place for Accessible Tourism. Our wish is to make Malaysia a disabled friendly country. It is not only beneficial to local and foreign PWDs but will also provide easy accessibility for the elderly to travel in Malaysia. We believe this will further promote the country as a more favorable country for tourism purposes.

Route of Convoy

Total Mileage: 6.5km

Route: Starting Point F (Sunway Pyramid) — Roundabout (Persiaran Kewajipan) — D (Monash University) — E (Sunway Medical Centre) — End Point F (Sunway Pyramid)

Duration: 1.00hours



7. City Tour



On 28/11/11 a city tour was organized for the foreign participants. The aim of this city tour is to provide insight for PWDs to experience accessible tourism in Malaysia. 17 people participated in the tour (8 of them are wheelchair users), there are 6 Singaporean, 1 Japanese, 1 Filipino, 1 Indian, 1 Taiwanese and 7 Malaysian. This city tour aims to provide an insight for PWDs to experience accessible tourism in Malaysia

The first destination is Putrajaya, an administrative complex of the Federal Government of Malaysia. It was a comfortable and pleasant journey for all as the group are travelling in an accessible tour bus equipped with a hydraulic lift. At about 10.30am the group arrived at "Perdana Putra" the most important building in Putrajaya which houses mainly the Prime Minister's office. The natural stone clad building with its green pitched roof and onion-shaped main dome, surrounded by four smaller domes forms the distinctive land mark of Putrajaya. The stately building bears the influence of Moghul architecture.

Others attraction at the vicinity are Dataran Putra (Putra Square), a Putrajaya's very own town square. Dataran Putra is the centrepiece where the Boulevard is linked to the Perdana Putra building and the Masjid Putra. This is a favourite spot for photography, especially with Perdana Putra or the Putra Mosque as backdrop. In fact, this is a very popular stop by for visitors when they come to Putrajaya.

The next stop was Putrajaya International Convention Centre located strategically on top of a hill, and faces the lakes at Putrajaya. This area is also a photographer's heaven with its stunning vistas.

The bus heading back to KL city centre towards Dataran Merdeka and Sultan Abdul Samad Building for photo snap. However, after lunch break it started to rain so the group could only made a drive pass around King Palace, Tasik Perdana, KL Birds Park, Orchid Garden etc. The tour ended at 2.30pm.

CONCLUSION

The potential for Accessible Tourism in the Asia-Pacific region comes from two sources. First, it generates from countries of origin where there are millions of people with disabilities, like United States of America which has a disabled population of 52.7 million; Canada with 4.7 million; United Kingdom with 10.8 million; Germany with 14.2 million; and France with 9 million. This makes a total of 91.4 million of additional travellers to the region.

Secondly, from countries in the Asia-Pacific region the numbers of people with disabilities have also become significant. These are Australia with 3.6 million of disabled people; New Zealand with 700,000; China with 6.2 million; India with 47.2 million; Thailand with 500,000; and Sri Lanka with 100,000. This represents a total of 114.3 million potential travellers available within the region.

Tourism for senior citizens is a well-established market. It should be noted that the demand for Accessible Tourism is being recognized and driven by the more economically developed nations of the world: United States of America; Canada; United Kingdom; Germany; Japan; Hong Kong, China; Singapore; Australia and New Zealand. Yet in some countries, including Malaysia, this industry is still grappling with the issues and myths that surround tourism for people with disabilities.

This event had successfully conveyed the messages that identify people with disabilities as having the same motivations and same rights to travel as the rest of the community; but they are facing a range of constraints and barriers that impede their tourism desires. The governments, destination marketers, accommodation providers, transport operators and those responsible for planning destination regions were urged to remove the disabling barriers faced by travelers with disabilities and senior tourists, and to ensure new products, buildings, transportation and destinations/attractions are available to 100 per cent of the potential traveling public.

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PAPER CUTTING 1: The STAR

Disabled web designer makes a statement through his portal

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By NG MAY YING

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UNPLEASANT travelling experiences led Ng Say Leng to create a web portal that provides comprehensive information on accessible tourism and barrier-free access for the disabled and senior citizens.

The guide portal (www.inclusivemalaysia.com.my) was launched recently with Kelana Jaya assemblyman Loh Gwo Burne as the guest of honour.

Other guests were Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) chief representative Tsuto-mu Nagae and Beautiful Gate Foundation for the Disabled executive director Pastor Sia Siew Chin.



Being disabled, Ng said he understood the struggles of the community especially when it came to travelling and the difficulties they encountered in public places.

“There are so many inconveniences in the form of faulty chair-lifts, flights of stairs, unhelpful staff and other obstacles when I visit shopping complexes and LRT stations. Often I just wanted to give up and go home. However, I eventually realised that I have to find my own solutions,” said the wheelchair-bound Ng at the launch.

Easy access: Sia (centre) and Ng (right) giving details about the portal to Tsutomu.

He then decided to set up the portal, with assistance from Beautiful Gate Foundation for the Disabled and Jica.

“This portal will serve as a guide to the local disabled community and disabled tourists who visit our country.

“It can also act as a benchmark for the Government and private sector in service fields to improve their facilities,” the web designer said.

Sia said the disabled community wanted to live independently.

“Despite our disability, we want to lead a normal life. But unfortunately, there are too many obstacles around,” said Sia who was born with muscular dystrophy.

Sia said the service industry should not look at disabled-friendly facilities as an extra cost, but an investment.



In his speech, Loh said all sectors should pay more attention to the needs of the disabled community as barrier-free accessibility should be for everyone.

The portal provides information on seven areas in accordance with their accessibility, namely tourists spots, shopping centres, transportation, leisure activities, basic public facilities, education centres and government agencies.

Useful: Ng says the portal will serve as a guide to the local disabled community and also disabled tourists who visit the country.

PAPER CUTTING 2 : Selangor Times

Walking with the disabled

Writer: Brenda Ch'ng

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(From left) MPSJ councillor R Rajiv, Ng, Japan International Cooperation Agency Malaysia Officer Okubo Miho, Pua, MPSJ councillor Ng Sze Han, with representatives from disabled organisations and Sia (receiving token from Pua).

SUBANG JAYA: A walk with the disabled over 7.1km around Sunway is being organised on Nov 27 to promote “accessible tourism” and raise awareness of the need for more disabled-friendly facilities.

The Disability Awareness Campaign 2011 main organiser, Beautiful Gate Foundation For the Disabled (BGFFD), is also aiming to reduce architectural

and transportation barriers that hinder the disabled from being independent.

The event is co-organised by Heap Hope Angels and the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

“By promoting accessible tourism for the elderly and disabled, we hope to change the perception of providing disabled-friendly facilities from ‘extra cost’ to ‘investment’,” said BGFFD executive director Sia Siew Chin.

The convoy route will start at Sunway Pyramid to Sri KL school, Taylors College, Monash University, Sunway Medical Centre, and Sunway Pyramid.

Sia said this event is crucial because many people still refuse to provide disabled-friendly facilities in their buildings as they see it as unnecessary extra cost.

“We believe that this event will raise the awareness of the importance of accessible tourism and help bring about a tremendous impact to Malaysian tourism,” she said.

According to Sia, Malaysia is moving towards an aging society, with the number of seniors and disabled expected to reach 3.4 billion by 2020.

By 2013, the population of seniors aged 60 and above will make up 20% of the society.

“It is time we created an obstacle-free zone to adapt to the needs of seniors and disabled who want to move about independently,” said PJ Utara MP Tony Pua.

He said the disabled should be able to enjoy all the benefits and services as everyone else, like watching movies, dining out, taking public transport, and shopping.

“This walk is a good move to getting people to become aware of how neglected the disabled and seniors are. We can also be known as the best destination for disabled and senior travellers all around the world,” he said.

The first-ever disabled conference will also be held on Nov 26 to educate participants on accessible tourism and allow them to better understand the latest in disabled facilities.

The conference will be participated by international representatives from the disabled society, as well as foreign key speakers from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, India and the Philippines.

MPSJ councillors Loka Ng, R Rajiv and Ng Sze Han, and the Facilities for Disabled People Committee will help in coordinating the events.

“We are happy to be part of this programme, and it is such a good timing for [these events] to take place just as our committee is formed,” said Loka Ng.

The committee, which was formed two months ago by MPSJ, oversees infrastructure and facilities for seniors and the disabled.

He said MPSJ will be present with officers who will manage traffic during the walk on Nov 27.

Convoy and conference to promote Accessible Tourism

Tuesday November 8, 2011

By S.PUSPADEVI

ABOUT 200 disabled people will form a convoy to promote Accessible Tourism with the starting and finishing points at Sunway Pyramid on Nov 27.

Beautiful Gate Foundation executive director Sia Siew Chin said apart from creating disability awareness, the convoy was aimed at promoting Accessible Tourism for the elderly and disabled.

“Many firms still refuse to provide disabled-friendly facilities because they view this as unnecessary and an additional cost to the company.

“Malaysia is moving towards an ageing population and by 2020, the number of old people is expected to increase by 3.4 million.

“As such, we have to create awareness. Catering to the needs of the disabled also means helping the ageing society overcome obstacles faced in the environment,” Sia told reporters at RMCafe in Sunway Pyramid, Bandar Sunway recently.

This is the second time the event is being held.

Held in conjunction with the International Day for the Disabled Persons 2011, Sia said this time, the foundation was taking a step further by organising a Pro-International Conference on Accessible Tourism from Nov 25 to 28 at Sunway Pyramid.

“About 200 international and local participants will attend the conference, out of which 30 are from Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and India.

“The conference allows participants to understand the latest improvements and best practices as well as provide insight into the future development of tourism,” she added.

Other events to be held include an exhibition, Asia Pacific photo contest, talent time for the disabled, performance by local artistes and a children’s colouring contest.

Researchers, students and tourism-related organisations have been urged to take part in the conference.

PJ Utara MP Tony Pua said since Malaysia was a developing nation, it was crucial to look into the needs of the disabled as they were part of the society.

“The conference is a great opportunity for the corporate sector to grasp their knowledge in Accessible Tourism.

“Malaysia will gain an edge by being an Accessible Tourism destination for the elderly since there has been an increase in the number of elderly tourists visiting the country,” said Pua.

Subang Jaya municipal councillor Loka Ng Sai Kai said the council would providing canopies, tents, equipment and other forms of aid for the convoy.

The public are welcome to participate in the convoy to understand the challenges faced by the disabled.

PAPER CUTTING 4: Selangor Times

Disabled community walk for accessible tourism

Writer: Alvin Yap

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SUBANG JAYA: The tourism industry should move to fill the untapped market for disabled travellers in Malaysia and the region, says the handicapped community.

“We want travel agencies to take notice that the disabled population in Malaysia is some 600,000.

“More than 250,000 of disabled people have the financial means to travel and see the world,” said Beautiful Gate assistant director Elaine Sia here on Sunday.

Beautiful Gate is a non-governmental organisation that runs training and outreach programmes on public awareness of disability issues.

She said tour agencies should approach the disabled community to work together to create tourism itineraries in Malaysia as well as Southeast Asia.

Elaine, who suffers from muscular dystrophy, said public facilities like shopping malls and other tourist attractions must also cater for people with physical impairment, and include ramps for wheelchairs and Braille signs for the blind.

She was speaking on the sidelines of the Accessible Tourism For All campaign here in Sunway Pyramid.

Earlier, some 200 handicapped participants and their volunteers went for a 7km relay walk around the neighbourhood to demonstrate the difficulties the disabled face.

“I was struggling to push my partner on a wheelchair over a shoddily built ramp. It is difficult for them to negotiate these obstacles on a daily basis,” said first-time volunteer Jeremy Tan, who came with a friend, Shirley Teng.



Participants and volunteers returning from the convoy.

The father of three said the able-bodied should assist the handicapped, and stressed that the public should campaign for shopping malls and other facilities to include amenities for the disabled.

Nurul Adilah, 21, said the event was a good way to showcase the difficulties the disabled face moving about their workplace and public areas.

The Islamic Studies student suffers from muscular dystrophy, although it only affects her lower legs, which requires her to rely on crutches to move around.

“I don’t have to use a wheelchair, but I still find the walking difficult,” she said, adding that she hopes the public will gain more awareness of the mobility problems the disabled community face daily.

Nurul’s volunteer, Ames Tan, said the disabled could only be truly independent if public facilities are built with their needs in mind.

The self-employed Shah Alam resident said public infrastructure in the country must be built with ramps, Braille signs and other amenities to fulfill corporate social responsibility.

Japanese writer, motivational speaker and wheelchair traveller Hideto Kijima said the fledgling domestic tourism in Japan had now grown into a multimillion-dollar industry because of disabled-friendly public facilities.



Elaine Sia

“There are tourist sites in Japan that have lifts and ramps and Braille signs for the disabled,” said Kijima, who has been wheelchair-bound since suffering a spinal-cord injury in 1990.

Beautiful Gate executive director Sia Siew Chin said she hopes the public will press the state and federal governments to look into regulations to make public facilities disabled-friendly.

She said such a move would not only benefit the disabled but also the elderly, as they are face problems in walking around shopping malls or other tourist locations.

Sia said providing ramps, lifts for wheelchairs and other amenities is a long-term investment for society and will also contribute to nationbuilding.

She also said the tourism industry should approach disabled groups so that both can work together to identify and create tourism packages that cater for the handicapped.

PAPER CUTTING Chinese 1: Sin Chew Jit Poh

“精彩人生鏡在趣中”攝影賽·美門基金會即日起收件

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（吉隆坡 15 日訊）配合“無障礙旅遊醒覺運動”，美門殘障基金會推介“精彩人生鏡在趣中”攝影比賽，即日起收件。

美門殘障基金會總幹事謝秀貞在推介禮上說，這項比賽是“無障礙旅遊醒覺運動”的造勢活動，比賽作品須以殘友為主。公開給所有亞太區攝影愛好者參與。



她希望藉此提高亞太國家對殘友的關注。很多殘友基於公共設施的限制，無法像普通人隨心所欲到處旅遊。以雙峰塔為例，觀景台的望遠鏡架在平台上，普通人要站上去輕而易舉，但對坐著輪椅的殘友而言，就不容易。

這項活動由美門殘障基金會主辦，國際殘障協會亞太區分會為合作夥伴，其他協辦單位包括《攝影人》、《挑戰者》、馬來西亞殘障聯合會、殘障自立協會、殘障康復協會、殘障父母協會等。

有興趣參賽者，請於 10 月 15 日前呈交作品。

參賽詳情請瀏覽 <http://www.beautifulgate.org.my/pro-icat> 或致電美門詢問，電話：03-78736579、78758609。

（星洲日報）

謝秀貞希望透過“無障礙旅遊醒覺運動”，提高各造對殘友的關注，改變態度，關心並願意給予平等機會。（圖：星洲日報）

PAPER CUTTING Chinese 2: Guang Ming Daily

簽願配合殘障法令備忘錄·大馬缺設備成果不高

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（雪蘭莪·八打靈再也 15 日訊）馬來西亞殘障聯合會會長馬哈山表示，儘管在東盟國家中，只有兩個國家簽署願意配合殘障法令的備忘錄，而大馬就是其中一個國家，但事實上，大馬在這方面所取得的成果並不高。

他稱，國內雖然一直有人為殘障人士爭取屬於他們的福利，但成果並不顯著，因為大馬沒有完善的設備，以致殘障人士一直未能真正參與社會活動。

他週五出席八打靈再也美門殘障關懷基金會中心舉辦的“無障礙旅遊攝影比賽”推介禮後，在記者會上如此指出。

他呼吁有關單位可以改善這個問題，讓殘障人士也有機會享受這個世界。

美門殘障關懷基金會總幹事謝秀貞說，她希望通過“無障礙旅遊攝影比賽”，提高公眾的醒覺，並呼吁各造增加及改善殘障人士設備，鼓勵殘障人士走出家門，享有與一般人相等的福利與機會。

她表示，國內許多地方都不設有供給殘障人士使用的設備，從而造成殘障人士的困擾。

她披露，美門殘障關懷基金會將於 11 月舉辦展覽會，邀請其他在殘障領域方面發展較為先進的國家的議員前來分享及交流。展覽現場約有 30 個攤位，並歡迎殘障用品公司、旅遊社等相關單位前來租借。

“展覽會攤位所得的租金費都將充作無障礙旅遊的基金，以協助其餘亞太區國家的貧窮殘障人士到大馬來參加比賽。”

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配合“無障礙旅遊”而推出的“無障礙旅遊攝影比賽”，合辦的團體有十多個，包括雪蘭莪殘障自立協會、日本國際協力機構（JICA）及馬來西亞殘障聯合會等。攝影比賽即日起接受報名，截止日期是 10 月 15 日。欲報名者，可上美門殘障關懷基金會的網站下載表格填寫。

謝秀貞補充，攝影比賽的題目是“精彩人生盡在趣中”，內容是希望參賽者可以在“無障礙旅遊”裡捕捉住殘障人士喜樂歡欣的一刻。

出席者包括雪蘭莪殘障自立協會主席楊居順、馬來西亞康復協會代表費扎及馬來西亞殘障婦女協會黃美娟。

設備交通不便 障者出門頭疼

馬來西亞殘障婦女協會發言人黃美娟表示，她年輕的時候就常躲在家裡，不喜歡出門，其原因不外有兩個，即設備問題及交通。

她說，每次要出門都要顧及許多方便，例如目的地是否有供給殘障人士使用的廁所，電梯等。

“例如在金河廣場，我連找電梯，就得花費不少時間。”

她說，一些地方雖有提供殘障人專用廁所，卻置放許多雜物，一樣造成殘障人士的不便，形同虛設。

她表示，交通也是極為令人頭疼的問題，國內的公共交通系統不適合殘障人士使用；若要找人接送，也是很麻煩。（光明日報）

提供障友資訊·無障礙網站啟用

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（吉隆坡 14 日訊）相信是大馬史上首個“無障礙旅遊與無障礙通道指南”的網站 www.inclusivemalaysia.com.my 正式啟用，網站除了提供殘障人士外出需知的便利外，也讓公眾投選出最無障礙或障礙重重的建築和地區，讓全民共同塑造無障礙且親善的社區。

美門殘障關懷基金會總幹事謝秀貞說，許多人都拒絕提供對殘障人士友善的設施，而理由通常是“沒必要花費多餘的錢”，她說機場拒建登機橋就是一個很好的例子。

她希望這個網站可以改變人們把提供障友設施是“額外開資”的觀念視為“投資”，為殘障朋友帶來更多的便利，讓大家共同活在同一個社群下。

障友出門很困難

她週三在由日本國際協力機構（JICA）全力贊助及美門殘障關懷中心監控的“無障礙旅遊與無障礙通道指南”網站主持推介儀式，致詞時如此表示。拉那再也區國會議員羅國本、八打靈再也市議員張菲倩、非政府組織代表受邀出席。

她強調，出門對許多人而言是一件輕易就能做到的事，但殘障的朋友出門卻很困難。

“我們常常協助和鼓勵殘障朋友獨立生活，不要只是活在自己的圈子里，我們要活在社群里，但是，我們的環境總是有許多的障礙讓我們裹足不前。”

日本國際協力機構（馬來西亞辦公室）所長永江勉致詞時指出，人們常提到“給所有人的旅遊”（Tourism for all），這對旅遊業者而言是一項挑戰，因為適合所有人的旅遊當中包括行動不便者、樂齡人士、攜帶孩童旅行者等。

因此，他認為“無障礙旅遊與無障礙通道指南”的網站的成立可以為殘障朋友帶來更多便利，讓殘障朋友享有應有的人權。

“障友的無障礙與一般人的無障礙意思不同，我希望這個網站能夠在大家互相分享經驗、交流的情況下，減少障友出遊的困難。”

分享出遊經驗供參考

雪蘭莪殘障自立協會副主席黃世凌指出，他曾經與殘障朋友到購物廣場逛街時遇到無殘障人士專用電梯、設施無法操作等障礙重重的環境，因此，他決定設立網站，分享出遊經驗讓其他障友參考，避免相同問題發生。

黃世凌也是“無障礙旅遊與無障礙通道指南”網站設計人之一，他在推介禮上分享出遊的經驗說，他曾經乘搭輕快鐵到吉隆坡陽光購物商場，雖然商場有提供殘障人士專用電梯，但因為損壞而無法操作。

因此，他被迫花費更多時間，並要兜大圈才找到其他前往商場的通道。

他表示，他們曾經推出手冊，提供殘障朋友參考，但是，他們認為手冊會過時，他們需要更多時效性的資訊，才不會與社會脫節。“因此，我和謝秀貞幹事討論後決定成立這個網站，我們也請義工幫忙到各大商場進行調查、研究和拍照，讓殘障朋友知道哪個商場設有相關的設施，避免大家因為重重的障礙而白走一趟。”

他說，網站的主要對象是殘障朋友，但是，也適合讓公眾人士或商家遊覽與參考，以探視殘障朋友所需。（光明日報）

PAPER CUTTING Chinese 4: Sin Chew Jit Poh

亞太區“精彩人生鏡在趣中”攝影賽·新加坡黃偉章奪冠

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謝秀貞（前排左）與評審之一的梁傑豐（後左）與林紹勝（後右）合影，前排右起為雪蘭莪殘障自立協會理事曾慶年，副秘書黃美嬌。（圖：星洲日報）

（吉隆坡 9 日訊）亞太區“精彩人生鏡在趣中”攝影比賽成績出爐！

目前住在新加坡的黃偉章，以一幀輪椅上的情侶一同參與新加坡河畔倒數活動的動人照片，奪得了冠軍，並贏取 3 千令吉的獎金。

這場比賽是由亞太區國際殘障協會贊助獎金獎品，除冠軍外，亞軍將獲得 2 千令吉、季軍 1 千令吉，七份優勝獎各可獲得 500 令吉。

參賽作品水平甚佳

另外，有鑑於此次的參賽作品水平甚佳，籌委會也另外增設了 5 份佳作，每人可獲得禮物一份，以資鼓勵。

籌委會主席謝秀貞在揭曉成績後指出，這些精彩的作品讓公眾人士看到，殘友若生活在無障礙的環境下，他們不僅能過精彩人生，還能過著與正常人無異的生活，甚至有機會為社會服務。

這項比賽邀請到馬來西亞影藝協會副會長梁傑豐、理事葉章良，《攝影人》與《旅遊玩家》的鄭恩妮、黃徽寰及業餘美術工作者林紹勝擔任評審。

梁傑豐表示，作品在表達上必須切合殘障人士旅遊的主題，這是評分的主要量度之一。

參賽者多不瞭解主題

林紹勝則認為，雖然大家都懂得攝影技巧，但許多參賽者對主題不清楚，畢竟“無障礙旅遊”的概念仍很新，所以這可能是他們的作品深度不夠的原因之一。

此項比賽是美門殘障關懷基金會與聯合國國際殘障協會亞太區分會以及雪蘭莪殘障自立協會等 14 個團體於 11 月份聯合舉辦的“無障礙旅遊醒覺運動”的系列活動之一。

26 日起辦無障礙旅遊醒覺運動優勝作品將從本月 26 日（星期六）至 27 日（星期日）在雙威金字塔購物廣場舉辦的“無障礙旅遊醒覺運動”現場展出。

亞太區“精彩人生繞在趣中”攝影比賽得獎名單

冠軍：黃偉章

亞軍：林聯榮

季軍：周碧筠

優秀獎：（排名不分先後）侯美玉，陳愛媚，東尼·佐治（Tonny George），張龍超，鐘豐璉，傅金玲，蘇門納（Somennath Mukhopadhyay）

佳作獎：（排名不分先後）金昌頌，佐佐敦（Zaw Zaw Tun），陳志宏，謝勝宗，練祖賢（星洲日報 / 大都會）

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美門殘障基金會·26 日起辦無障礙醒覺運動

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（吉隆坡 5 日訊）由美門殘障基金會主辦的“無障礙醒覺運動”將於 11 月 26 與 27 日（星期六與日），一連兩天在雙威金字塔購物中心舉行，歡迎邀請公眾踴躍參加。星洲日報為媒體伙伴。

謝秀貞：將建設設施視為投資

美門殘障關懷基金會總幹事謝秀貞指出，我國將在 2030 年開始面對人口老化問題，商家若能將建設設施視為投資，將吸引更多殘障人士與老年人顧客，為商家帶來更多收益。

她說，兩天的“無障礙醒覺運動”，除了“無障礙旅遊研討會”和“輪椅遊行”兩項大型活動外，還包括了兒童繪畫比賽、殘障團體資訊與手工藝展覽、各項才藝比賽以及表演等。

八打靈再也北區國會議員潘儉偉說，公眾應該共同創造無障礙的社會，因為每個人都該享有“通行無阻”的權力。他希望社會正視殘障人士的權益。

無障礙旅遊研討會輪椅遊行
接受報名 15 日截止

“無障礙旅遊研討會”將於 11 月 26 日早上 9 時至下午 2 時舉行，收費從 50 令吉起。

研討會主要探討無障礙旅遊的國際趨勢，推動國家與區域發展的功能、與經濟的關係以及無障礙旅遊所面對的障礙。受邀講員來自香港、日本、新加坡。其中，日本講員是一名熱愛旅遊的殘疾人士，他曾遊歷逾百國家，對各地公共設施也了若指掌。

另外，美門歡迎殘障朋友、義工及公眾報名參加 11 月 27 日早上舉行的“輪椅遊行”，報名費每人 30 令吉（含 T 恤、午餐）。遊行路線將以雙威金字塔購物中心為起點，步行 7.1 公里，沿途將經過斯里吉隆坡商業學校、泰萊學院、莫納斯大學以及雙威醫藥中心回到雙威金字塔。

兩項活動截止日期是 11 月 15 日。有興趣者可致電美門詢問，電話為 03-78736579 或瀏覽 <http://www.beautifulgate.com.my>。

出席者包括馬來西亞華人殘障協會總秘書劉錦嬌、雪蘭莪殘障自立協會主席楊居順、潘儉偉、梳邦再也市議員拉吉夫、黃世界、黃思漢、JICA 代表大久保美穗、PERKOBP 雪隆智障人士家屬協會代主席莊清輝及主持人李威延等人。

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大馬首個殘友領導·美門藝術團入紀錄大全

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（吉隆坡 26 日訊）美門藝術團昨日正式收錄於《馬來西亞紀錄大全》，成為全馬首個由殘障人士領導的藝術舞團。



團長謝靈霖在接獲《馬紀錄大全》證書後表示，藝術團成立於 2003 年，以豐富殘障人士的生活、提昇他們的生活素質為宗旨。目前，美門藝術團共有 40 名舞者，曾受邀到泰國、新加坡、菲律賓以及全馬各地演出。

在這場“無障礙醒覺運動”的開幕晚宴上，美門藝術團也帶來了數支舞蹈。其中，開場的《中華羽扇》、《印度西施》和《馬來風光》不僅融合了三大民族特色，在健全人與殘友的混合配搭下，讓舞蹈更能表現出我國豐富與多元的文化特色。舞者們在流暢而矯健地推動著輪椅的當兒，也不忘微笑並隨著音樂擺動身體，舞藝與精神同樣地令人動容。

楊巧雙：首邦市成立玩具圖書館

出席見證的首邦市州議員楊巧雙表示，美門藝術團的團員顯然跳得比她這個健全人還好，因此她鼓勵身患殘疾的朋友不要輕易放棄追逐自己的夢想。

楊巧雙在大會上也宣佈，首邦市已成立一個玩具圖書館，特設為特殊兒童服務的小組，歡迎有需要的父母向首邦市政府查詢。

當晚出席晚宴者還包括了首邦市市議員黃世界與林謝明、美門基金會總幹事謝秀貞、吉隆坡中央獅子會莫小仸、《馬紀錄大全》代表麗奧娜保羅以及來自非政府殘疾組織代表。

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逾200人響應組歌舞團隊 美門藝術團列紀錄大全

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（吉隆坡 26 日訊）由一班志同道合的殘障人士和義工組成的美門藝術團歌舞團隊，成功申請註冊為“我國第一支殘障藝術團”，並被列入《大馬紀錄大全》，以褒揚殘障人士在藝術領域的卓越表現。

由美門殘障關懷中心舉辦的“精彩非凡之夜”，《星洲日報》為媒體夥伴，成功吸引來自世界各國的殘障人士，逾 200 人積極響應，場面非常熱鬧。

歌舞表演精彩

出席晚宴嘉賓包括梳邦再也區州議員楊巧雙、大馬紀錄大全創辦人拿督黃罕榮代表麗歐娜、美門殘障關懷中心總幹事謝秀貞、馬來西亞中央區獅子會主席莫小仸、美門藝術團團長謝靈霖等。

美門殘障關懷中心總幹事謝秀貞指出，這項晚宴的目的，是為了慶祝美門藝術團獲得列入《大馬紀錄大全》，她也感謝來自各地的殘障人士和朋友一同參與。

她希望通過一班殘障人士的努力，讓他們的地位獲得政府機構的重視，帶出無障礙的醒覺意識。

她說，如果政府願意一同打造無障礙環境，殘障人士也能為社會獻出力量。

馬來西亞中央區獅子會主席莫小仸深信，只要有堅定的信心，沒什么事可以難倒大家，希望殘障人士堅持本身信念。

美門藝術團更在晚宴上表演三大民族舞蹈、國際標準舞蹈、歌唱表演等，主辦單位更在晚宴上頒發“第一屆亞太區無障礙旅遊攝影比賽”的獎項，為晚宴添加不一樣的色彩。

【マレーシア-社会】 バリアフリー情報サイト、JICA 支援で開設

国際協力機構（JICA）は14日、非政府組織（NGO）の障害者支援団体、ビューティフルゲートおよびセイイット（SAY IT）と共同で、国内のバリアフリー状況に関する情報発信サイト「インクルーシブ・マレーシア（www.inclusivemalaysia.com.my）」を開設したと発表した。

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同日に開いた発表イベントでは、自身も障害を持つセイイットの設立者、ン・セイレン氏がKL市内でショッピングモールを訪れた際に不便に感じた経験などを披露し「サイトを設立するきっかけにもなった」とあいさつ。JICAマレーシア事務所の永江勉所長は、「観光業にとってバリアフリーを進めることは大きな挑戦でもある」とした上で「すべての人にマレーシアを楽しんでもらうための大きな一歩となる同サイトの開設を祝福する」と述べた。

JICAは2005年からマレーシアで障害者の就職支援事業などを展開している。

「国際協力の日」で広告

JICAはきょう15日から10月14日まで日本の国際協力の日（10月6日）を記念し、JICAのマレーシアでの活動を紹介する広告を行う。マレー鉄道（KTM）の首都圏線であるKTMコムーターとLRT（軽量高架鉄道）クラナジャヤ線の一部車両にポスターを掲載する。JICAのマレーシアでの活動はすでに50年以上の歴史がある。



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