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PRESS RELEASE

A step towards inclusive, barrier free and rights based society – Information and Resource Centre for Persons with Disabilities to be opened in Bishkek

An Information and Resource Centre for Persons with Disabilities is going to be opened in the compound of Ministry of Labor and Social Development Building located at 215 Tynystanova Street, Bishkek. This is under the technical cooperation project between the Ministry of Labor and Social Development, the Government of Kyrgyz Republic, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The opening ceremony will take place on 3rd of December, the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities.*

21st - 24th October, the Ministry conducted international workshop in Bishkek entitled ‘Capacity Development of Self Help Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (CDSHOD): Rights-based Approach to Disability in Central Asia’, jointly with the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) .

On the final day, the participants adopted the Bishkek statement with recommendations to concerned stakeholders. According to the Statement, the participants will establish a network and strengthen exchange of information on disability in Central Asia. The Association of Disabled Persons in Kyrgyzstan, in collaboration with The Ministry of Labor and Social Development and JICA, will play the coordination function of the network.

This Information and Resource Centre will serve not only for providing information and communication on disability issue within the country but also for the hub of network among disabled peoples’ organizations in Central Asia.

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* The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3rd of December, aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme of the Day is based on the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities, established by the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, adopted by General Assembly in 1982. This year’s theme is "**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us**". For more detail please see the following URL.

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=109>

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