Participants, who are leaders of DPO (Disabled People’s Organization)s and government officials related to disability issues, will learn the significance and measures of Independent Living (IL). Through this course, it is expected that disability issues, such as empowerment of persons with disabilities, IL and social inclusion, will be reflected in social development plans/strategies of African countries.

### Objective
Participants will acquire the knowledge and skills to realize IL and social inclusion of persons with disabilities effectively by promoting empowerment of persons with disabilities in Africa.

### Outcome
1. To be able to explain the significance of IL.
2. To be able to explain the measures to implement peer-counseling, IL programs, personal assistance and other services, and IL center management.
3. To be able to explain the importance of accessibility (accessible facility and transportation, communication for persons with visual and hearing impairments).
4. To be able to explain the policy and services regarding persons with disabilities in Japan.
5. To prepare the report on lessons learned /Action Plan to promote IL.
6. To refine the report that was prepared in 5) through the third country program in Thailand.

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1. Policies related to disability issues in Japan, History of disability movement in Japan, International situation on persons with disabilities, Cross disability collaboration, Disability and Development
2. Peer-counseling, Training for personal assistants, Structure and management of IL center, Services of IL center / meaning of independence, How to organize support group, Community living of persons with disabilities
3. Accessibility
4. Disability-related measures in Japan, System and services regarding persons with disabilities
6. Disability policies in Thailand, IL center in Thailand

### Target Organization / Group
1. DPOs
2. Relevant ministries in charge of policy making of disability issues
3. Leaders of DPOs
4. Government officials in charge of policy making of disability issues

### Course Period
2017/06/07 ~ 2017/07/08

### Department in Charge
Human Development Department

### JICA Center
JICA Tokyo (Human Dev.)

### Cooperation Period
2017 ~ 2019

### Implementing Partner
Japan National Assembly of Disabled People’s International (DPI Japan)