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Survey on Living Difficulties of Women with Disabilities: Digest Version

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This resource, developed by DPI Women's Network Japan, has been distributed at the hearing session of the Working Group for Anti-Discrimination to the Persons with Disabilities* in Japan.

In March 2012, DPI Women's Network Japan released a report, recapitulating the questionnaires to women with disabilities and a survey on the related legislations and policies in Japan. To share this information widely, a digest version of this extensive report is made, with translation into English and Korean, and included in this CD-ROM.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) clearly states that women with disabilities are subject to the multiple discriminations and policies and legislations are needed to ensure their human rights. However, the actual conditions of the women with disabilities are yet to be visible, and the policy planning based on their real state has been behind- as seen in the absence of the statistics on disabilities and gender, as well as its development.

The efforts to tackle this most outstripped issue have just started in Japan, and the women with disabilities themselves are one of the initiators to promote the change.

Please make use of this resource, to share the tasks existing around the world, promote cooperation from different footings, and solve the problems.

* The Working Group for Anti-Discrimination to Persons with Disabilities is organized in the Cabinet Office, with a purpose to establish the Anti-Discrimination to the Persons with Disabilities Act in Japan. Since July 2012, it has been set up under the Committee for Disability Policy Reform, on the ground of the Basic Law for Persons with Disabilities.