

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

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1. According to the World Bank's report, it is learned that 16 percent of the world's population are persons with disabilities. Although, individual with disabilities are those experiencing one or more kinds of impairments, such as visual, hearing, physical, mental, or intellectual deficiencies. It has been found that in some sectors they are capable of performing even beyond average. To protect, assist, and promote persons with disabilities, the United Nations General Assembly, through Resolution No. 47/3 on 14, October 1992, designated December 3 of every year as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Today marks the 33rd anniversary of this designation.
2. With the aim of promoting and protecting all human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with an impairment, and ensuring respect for their inherent human dignity, the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2006. Myanmar become a signatory to this Convention as a member state in 2011.
3. The Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008) stipulates that the State shall care for persons with disabilities. In accordance with the Constitution, and with the objectives of being able to provide greater care for persons with disabilities and to more effectively implement the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law was also promulgated in 2015.
4. Regarding the assurance of equality in the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, enjoy inherent rights, the right to life, citizenship, liberty, justice, security, equality, and dignity. In addition, it must be ensured that persons with disabilities care must be taken to ensure there is no discrimination or degradation in society on the grounds of disability. It is also observed that the State is emphasizing efforts to enable people with disabilities to access their rights in all sectors.
5. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has been conducting awareness-raising talks and incorporating discussions on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of individual with disabilities into training session. Furthermore, the Commission is publishing materials, including a Braille version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and a translated version of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). In

addition, the Commission has conducted inspection visits at prisons, detention centres, lock-ups, and training schools for persons with disabilities to monitor whether the basic human rights of persons with an impairment are being upheld, and has sent recommendations to the relevant departments based on its findings. The Commission is also collaborating with relevant Ministries and organizations, including the Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities, on matters pertaining to the rights of persons with disabilities.

6. On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, are emphatically urge all stakeholders to collaborate in ensuring persons with disabilities can accessible and in fostering disability inclusive societies across all sectors, in line with the theme set by the United Nations for this year: “Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress.”

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