



APDF CONFERENCE 2014

Asia and Pacific Disability Forum (APDF)
***General Assembly and Conference on
Accelerating Action to Make the Rights Real –
2 years since the Ministerial Declaration 2012!***
26-29 November 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam
The 1st Announcement

Distinguished guests, friends, and dedicated colleagues,

The Ministerial Declaration proclaimed in 2012 for the Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2013 to 2022, adopted the ***Incheon Strategy to Make the Rights Real***. Two years into the Third A/P Decade, APDF, in cooperation with international organizations and other member organizations, will organize the first APDF conference to review recent developments and deliberating on new strategies.

The Vietnam Federation on Disability (VFD), supported by the Vietnamese Government, is honored to host the APDF 2014 Conference under the motto *2 Years Accelerating Action to Make the Rights Real!*

Conference and meeting venue: Hanoi Melia Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam

Main activities:

- A. 26 November 2014, Wednesday, morning: APDF Executive Committee
- B. 26 November 2014, Wednesday, afternoon: APDF General Assembly, and open to all registered Conference participants
- C. APDF Conference: 27-28 November 2014, Thursday and Friday
- D. Post Conference Field Trips: 29 November 2014, Saturday

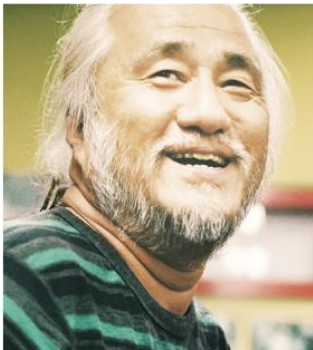
APDF Conference Themes:

1. Poverty reduction and access to human rights of persons with disabilities
2. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Incheon Strategy and post-2015 development strategies
3. Participation and access of young people with disabilities in the Third Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2013-2022

APDF members, all stakeholders concerned with disability, international and regional NGOs are welcome. The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to share the voices and challenges of millions of people with disabilities in the Asia Pacific region; and good practices to promote the common mission of “Make the Rights Real”. We shall discuss and review the advancement of past 2 years as well as identifying effective change strategies.

This Conference will also provide excellent opportunities for people with disabilities, disability advocates, service providers, and policy makers in the Asia Pacific region to join hands to accelerate the *Incheon Strategy to Make the Rights Real*, to review the achievements of the first two years, and identifying future challenges and figuring our effective strategies.

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Chairman
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Ms. Dang Huynh Mai



Chairwoman, APDF 2014 Conference
Organizing Committee