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*Venue: Nishat Hotel, Emporium Mall, Lahore*

*Time: 09am to 05pm*

*Date: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019*



**Group Photo of Respected Participants**

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## Rationale of the Conference

The Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (JSRPD) and the Nippon Foundation have been engaged in encouraging the network construction and collaboration among Duskin and JICA (Japan International Cooperation) trainees who are mainly from Asia and Pacific regions as well as among their belonging Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs). We shall organize a Forum above title in Pakistan where the network construction by Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) are advanced in order to introduce new and possible solution models to realize inclusive society.

The Pakistani government ratified the UNCRPD in June 2011 and has been demonstrating its will to protect its disabled population. However, changes have been relatively slow and certainly have not reached out to those with disabilities. Thus it is both important and urgent to introduce pertinent policies for persons with disabilities in Pakistan. They need to be recognized, reassured and accepted, the conference addressed the basic issues of persons with disabilities in panel discussions.



The conference was held in the city of Lahore, Pakistan where delegations from Asia and the Pacific countries including leader persons with disabilities graced the occasion with their presence including dignities from Pakistan. A large number of persons with disabilities represented their Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) in the conference. The government officials including Governor Punjab Muhammad Sarwar, Managing Director Pakistan Bait Ul Maal (PBM) Mr. Aun Abbas Buppi and Chief Editor Daily Pakistan Mr. Mujeeb Ur Rehman Shami, Chairman AKHUWAT Foundation, Mr. Amjad Saqib, Mr. Akira Tershima (JSRPD), Senior Representative JICA, Mr. Yoshihisa Onoe, President ARUN LLC Ms. Satoko Kono and Honorable Ambassador of Japan Mr. Mr. Kuninori Matsuda graced the occasion with their valued presence and expression.



### Forum Proceedings on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2019

The conference was incepted with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Hafiz Farhan. The national anthem of Pakistan and Japan were played for the formal inception of the conference. The welcome speech was delivered by President Milestone, Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, where He paid heartily gratitude to participants for their valued presence. He briefed the participants about the disability scenario in country and good practices of Milestone for the creation of right based society for all and the supporting role of Japanese entities including Japan Society for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (JSPRD), Ainowa Foundation, Nippon Foundation, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the respected embassy of Japan.

The video messages of respected Japanese well reputed organizations for the conference were played including Message from Ainowa Foundation, Message from Nippon Foundation which paid their well wishes for the conference proceedings and greetings for the participants of the conference.



He invited Senior Representative JICA, Mr. Yoshihisa Onoe to the stage who delivered his speech where he appreciated the organizers for conducting this conference and he briefed the audience about the role and scope of JICA in Pakistan and how is it serving and supporting different government sectors including non-governmental organizations as well for the better future of all. The technical support of JICA has enhanced the services of many government and private sector entities to serve in the best possible manner.



Mr. Amjad Saqib, Chairman AKHUWAT Foundation in his speech paid heartily gratitude to persons with disabilities from Asia Pacific Countries and from Pakistan as well who travelled to the venue to attend and participated in this pertinent conference addressing their issues. He briefly informed the participants about the mission and services of AKHUWAT how is it serving persons with disabilities providing them interest free loans to establish small businesses and to earn livelihood to be a productive and positive part for their families and for the country as well, he added that the return of the loan money is 99.99% that is commendable.



He appreciated organizers of the international conference and said that persons with disabilities are the equal citizens of the country and must support their activities for their inclusion so that they may enjoy life like their counterparts.

The Chief Guest of the conference Honorable Ambassador of Japan *Mr. Kuninori Matsuda* speaking on the occasion appreciated the organizers of the conference and specially paid thanks to Milestone Society for the special persons for their advocacy for the rights of persons with disabilities, quoting the meeting with President Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman he informed that it is his advocacy that the Embassy of Japan has installed a RAMP in the embassy premises that was inaugurated by Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman in the last week. He added that we must support any good practices in best of our capacities for the better future of all and persons with disabilities being the most marginalized community need our support in this concern that will always be extended.



The Governor Punjab Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar in his speech appreciated Milestone society for the special persons, the Japanese delegations and the dignities present for their valued participation for this noble cause to highlight the issues of persons with disabilities. He added that the present government is much active and sensitized for the provision of right based facilities to persons with disabilities and the Worthy Prime Minister of Pakistan in introducing pertinent policies for persons with disabilities that will ensure their rightful living in society like their counterparts in the near future that is their basic right.



*Shields were distributed among the dignities before the next session*

### Session 1:

- ♿ *Title: "How disabled persons organizations (DPOs) in Pakistan can tackle their difficulties and secure organizational sustainability"*
- ♿ *Discussion Theme: Dependency of DPOs activates, vulnerable financial basis*

- ♿ **Moderator & Conclusion: Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani**
- ♿ Guest Speaker 1: Mr. Atif Sheikh (STEP)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 2: Mr. Izhar Hashmi (PWTD)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Mr. Muzammil Islam (AAR)

The session was moderated & concluded by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani who invited the mentioned guest speakers to express their views about the *title* "How disabled persons organizations (DPOs) in Pakistan can tackle their difficulties and secure organizational sustainability", the speakers belonging to different disabled persons organizations (DPOs) briefed the participants about the services of their organizations for the persons with disabilities and what matters these disabled persons with disabilities (DPOs) face in this process of services delivery. The financial vulnerability is one of the major barriers in the service delivery.





### Lunch Break & Cultural Exchange Program

The lunch was served with the Cultural Exchange program where an artist, person with disability Mr. Niaz from Gilgit Baltistan played musical instrument of folk music of all the provinces of Pakistan that amused the participants.



The representative of Japan Society for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (JSRPD) Mr. Akira Tershima in his speech appreciated the organizers and the participants of the conference for the creation of right based, barrier free society of all. He informed the present that JSRPD provides 1 year leadership training to persons with disabilities from the Asia Pacific countries in Japan and currently



Pakistan is rich with 8 graduated leaders from JSRPS who are serving their community in the best possible manner.

## Session 2:

- ♿ Title: “Collaboration among Wide Range of Stakeholders is the Answer to Persons with Disabilities’ issues”
- ♿ Discussion Theme: Social Innovation, Social Impact, System Approach, Intermediary Organization, Solution Model, Unwanted Result based on good will, How can they tackle the difficulty”?

- ♿ **Moderator & Conclusion: Dr. Sarwat Mirza (CBID Network-Pakistan)**
- ♿ Guest Speaker 1: Mr. Jawad Khan (CEO-PSDF)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 2: Mr. Shahid Lone (AWT)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Mr. Tahir Malik (PPAF)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Ms. Abia Akram (PFWWD)

The session was moderated & concluded by Dr. Sarwat Mirza (CBID Network-Pakistan) who invited the mentioned guest speakers to express their views about the Title “Collaboration among Wide Range of Stakeholders is the Answer to Persons with Disabilities’ issues, the speakers belonging to different organizations serving persons with disabilities briefed the participants about the services of their entities for the marginalized community of persons with disabilities including women with disabilities as well. The aforementioned well reputed organizations are providing project based services to persons with disabilities, and supporting disabled persons organizations (DPOs) in terms of implementing different projects for the creation of right based society for all.





### Session 3:

- ♿ Title: *“Constructing Income Generation Model and Utilizing Investment Fund towards the Solution of Persons with Disabilities Issues”*
- ♿ Discussion Theme: Social Entrepreneurship, Social Business, Social Investment Fund, Business Model, Self-Employment, Base of Pyramid (BOP) Business

- ♿ **Moderator & Conclusion: Mr. Javaid Iqbal (DOABA Foundation)**
- ♿ Guest Speaker 1: Ms. Ammara Javaid (NESTLE-PAKISTAN)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 2: Mr. Shahzad Waris (UNILEVER)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Ms. Eri Takagaki (PAPER MIRACLE)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Ms. Sataso Kono (ARUN LLC)

The session was moderated & concluded by Mr. Javaid Iqbal (DOABA Foundation) who invited the mentioned guest speakers to express their views about the Title *“Constructing Income Generation Model and Utilizing Investment Fund towards the Solution of Persons with Disabilities Issues”* the speakers belonging to different international multinational entities briefed the participants about the services being paid to persons with disabilities. All the said entities are providing Employment Opportunities to persons with disabilities as they have launched many employment programs where potential persons with disabilities are provided with decent jobs to ensure inclusive environment and society as well.



Mr. Zubair Khan Niazi, Chairman Complaints Cell, Punjab graced the occasion with his presence and speaking on the occasion informed the participants about the services introduced by the present government for persons with disabilities.

### **Shields Distribution Ceremony**

**Guest of Honor:** Mr. Yoshihisa Onoe (JICA Senior Representative) distributed shields among guests.

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### Forum Proceedings on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day was presentation and leaders talk day where ex-Duskin graduates persons with disabilities leaders from Asia Pacific Countries along with representatives of Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) from Pakistan participated in different panels and presented their organizations video documentary and brief introduction of activities where they discussed the challenges they face and what kind of services are being provided to persons with disabilities by the government.

[List of Ex-Duskin Graduates \(JAPAN\) Leaders who graced the occasion with their valued presence along with Japan Society for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Officials](#)

Samith Mey	Cambodia
Bopha Chea	Cambodia
Theavy (Bopha Chea PA)	Cambodia
Nay Lin Soe	Myanmar
Lin Chun Chieh	Taiwan
Kaewkul Thantipisitkul	Thailand
Dao Thu Huong	Vietnam
Laxmi Nepal	Nepal
Chomreun Noun(Mr. Samith PA)	Cambodia
PAO, WEI-SHU (Ms. Lin PA)	Taiwan
Minh Ha Le Thi (Ms. Huong PA)	Vietnam
Neera Nepal(Ms. Laxmi PA)	Nepal
<u><a href="#">Japan Society for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities</a></u>	
Naoto Ikeda	JSRPD- Japan
Yoshihiro Mitsuoka	JSRPD- Japan
Akira Terashima	JSRPD-Japan
Satoko Yamaoka	JSRPD-Japan
Hironori Takakura	JSRPD-Japan

**Key Note Speech:** The key note speech was delivered by respected Ms. Okuhira Masako- Director Sasakawa Foundation-Japan who has been serving in JSRPD for past many years to identify and train leaders with disabilities in the Asia Pacific Countries and her services in this term can never be forgotten. She is among the world wide leaders with disabilities who changed their county initiating disability movement and is well recognized throughout the globe.



**Welcome Note:** Dr. Sarwat Mirza, National Coordinator- Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID-Network) Pakistan welcomed the national and international participants for their valued presence for this change making process of international conference. He presented how the CBID Network is achieving its set targets and the affiliated well reputed organizations are serving their community in well manners across the country in all provincial chapters.



The Chief Guest of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day Forum- Managing Director Pakistan Bait Ul Maal Mr. Aun Abbas Buppi graced the occasion with his valued presence and speaking on the occasion he appreciated the organizes of this pertinent event and resolved that Pakistan Bait Ul Maal is readily welcoming



persons with disabilities organizations for their valued advice to serve persons with disabilities in the best possible manners, he added that we have been shifted to provide customized active wheelchairs instead of hospitalized wheelchair with the advocacy of leaders persons with disabilities including Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Agha Hussnain Raza, Asim Zafar and Ms. Zahida Qureshi who have established wheelchair making units in their respective cities for the mobility services of persons with disabilities that is commendable.



The Executive Editor Daily Pakistan Mr. Mujeeb Ur Rehman Shami graced the occasion with his valued presence as Guest of Honor who appreciated this noble cause of highlighting the issues of this marginalized community of persons with disabilities who are deprived of many facilities by the government but with the advocacy of the disabled persons organizations (DPOs) a positive change is anticipated in the country. He appreciated Milestone and Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman for floating the ideas of web-tv Daily Pakistan which is highlighting the problems of persons with disabilities excellently.



♿ **Leader's Talk Sessions:** The sessions were conducted in participatory manners where national and international leader's persons with disabilities presented their organization report including 2 minutes introduction and 3 minute videos highlighting their good practices that ensured mobility and social participation of persons with disabilities.

♿ **Guest of Honor & Moderator: Mr. Umar Farooq (CBM)**

- ♿ Guest Speaker 1: Mr. Samith Mey (Cambodia)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 2: Mr. Asim Zafar (Saaya Association)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Mr. Riaz Baloch (TSO)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 4: Mr. Javaid Rais (DWA)

Mr. Umar Farooq from CBM-Islamabad moderated the session where Mr. Samith Mey from Phnom Penh Center for Independent Living briefly introduced his organization, its services for persons with disabilities and what targets has been achieved. Mr. Asim Zafar, Mr. Riaz Baloch and Mr. Javaid Rais presented their organizational work on projector screen and discussed what targets have been achieved and challenges being faced by persons with disabilities in their respective cities of Pakistan.



Shields were distributed among the panelists by Director Punjab Welfare Trust for the Disabled Dr. Izhar Ul Haq Hashmi who speaking on the occasion appreciated the organizers of the conference and the panelists for their fruitful discussion and pertinent introduction of their well serving organizations who have excelled in their services for the creation of right based society that is the basic right of all persons with disabilities like their counterparts.

♿ **Guest of Honor & Moderator: Ms. Anam Shehzadi- MILESTONE**

- ♿ Guest Speaker 1:Mr. Nay Lin Soe (Myanmar)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 2:Mr. Raheel Shireen (SLF)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 3:Ms. Afshan Afridi (CARRY)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 4:Dr. Sohail Yaseen (KEMC)
- ♿ Guest Speaker 5:Ms.Komal Khan (CO)

Ms. Anam Shahzadi Female Coordinator Milestone Society for the Special Persons moderated the session where Mr. Nay Lin Soe Living briefly introduced his organization, its services for persons with disabilities and what targets has been achieved. Mr. Raheel Shireen, Ms. Afshan Afridi, Ms. Komal Khan presented their organizational work on projector screen and discussed what targets have been achieved and challenges being faced by persons with disabilities in their respective cities of Pakistan specially women with disabilities. Dr. Sohail Yaseen briefly discussed his lifestyle with disability and informed how a spinal cord person with disability can live an active life using personal attendant service.



Shields were distributed among the panelists by Ex- Director General Special Education Mr. Fazil Cheema who speaking on the occasion appreciated Milestone society for the special persons for their services for person with disabilities





♿ **Guest of Honor & Moderator: Ms. Sadia Vine**

♿ Guest Speaker 1: Ms. Dao Thu Huong (Vietnam)

♿ Guest Speaker 2: Ms. Zahida Qureshi (SSP)

♿ Guest Speaker 3: Mr. Wajid Hussain (ROSP)

♿ Guest Speaker 4: Mr. Shakeel Khattak (Lecturer Islamia University Peshawar)

Ms. Sadia Vine moderated the session where Ms. Dao Thu Huong briefly introduced her organization, its services for persons with disabilities and what targets has been achieved. Mr. Wajid Hussain, introduced his recently established organization of persons with disabilities with the support of Milestone. Mr. Shakeel Khattak being a lecturer at Islamia University Peshawar shared his experience of disability and how the government is implementing job quota for persons with disabilities in different sectors. Ms. Zahida Qureshi shared the issues that women with disabilities are facing in southern Punjab as she is serving in Multan city and providing services to persons with disabilities in southern Punjab that consists of mostly rural area. She emphasized that women with disabilities needs to be recognized and facilitated for the creation of right based society.



Shields were distributed among the panelists by Mr. Naushad Khan who is serving in the field of providing artificial limbs to persons with disabilities.



♿ **Guest of Honor & Moderator: Mr. Ali Hamza- MILESTONE**

- ♿ Guest Speaker 1: Ms. Lin Chun Chieh (Taiwan)  
 ♿ Guest Speaker 2: Mr. Khursheed Alam (SADA)  
 ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Mr. Zia Khan (Quetta Online)  
 ♿ Guest Speaker 4: Ms. Saima Aslam (SAAYA Association)

Mr. Ali Hamza from Milestone society for the special persons moderated the session where Ms. Lin Chun Chieh from Taiwan briefly introduced her organization, its services for persons with disabilities and what targets has been achieved. Mr. Khursheed Alam, introduced his recently established Special Education Institute in Dir-KPK for persons with disabilities with the support of local community. Mr. Zia Khan being an activist has established a live web channel where he highlights the issues of persons with disabilities for their rapid solutions. Ms. Saima Aslam shared her lifestyle how a woman with severe disability can live an active and productive life by using personal assistant service, she added that independent living is the only solution of all the issues faced by persons with disabilities.



Shields were distributed among the panelists by Mr. Asif Ullah Khan, Ex- Army Official who got spinal cord injury during training and living an independent life using personal assistant service and recently wrote a book for spinal cord injury complications to help persons with disabilities.



♿ **Guest of Honor & Moderator: Mr. Ilyas Syed (Friends of Paraplegic-FOP)**

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| ♿ Guest Speaker 1: Ms. Kaewkul Thantipistikul | (Thailand)     |
| ♿ Guest Speaker 2: Ms. Laxmi Nepal            | (Nepal)        |
| ♿ Guest Speaker 3: Mr. Umar Pervaiz           | (HEERA)        |
| ♿ Guest Speaker 4: Ms. Fatima Imtiaz          | (Voice)        |
| ♿ Guest Speaker 5: Mr. Allama Tanveer         | (Peace Motus)  |
| ♿ Guest Speaker 6: Mr. Gul Hasan              | (Green Tiffin) |
| ♿ Guest Speaker 7: Mr. Abdul Moeed            | (RASOI)        |

Mr. Ilyas Syed from Friends of Paraplegic Center (FOP) moderated the session where Ms. Kaewkul Thantipistikul from Thailand briefly introduced her organization, its services for persons with disabilities and what targets has been achieved. Ms. Laxmi from Nepal described what issues woman with visual impairment face in Nepal and what advocacy is being made by persons with disabilities in this concern. Mr. Umar Pervaiz projected his organization HEERA, its services and efforts for the creation of right based society. Ms. Imtiaz Fatima serving in Voice society of special persons presented the independent living group home established few years before by the voice society that is serving excellently. Mr. Allama Tnveer from Peace Motus described what efforts his organization is making to promote peace in the society. Mr. Gul Hasan discussed the role of Green Tiffin for the creation of right based society for all. Mr. Abdul Moeed, a person with severe disability who is living an independent life using personal attendant service has established a Restaurant named RASOI in Lahore and serving as Entrepreneur, role model for others in his community.



Shields were distributed among the panelists by Mr. Imran Managing Director Fountain House, Lahore.





### Awards/ Certificates & Shields Distribution Ceremony & Social Meet Up

The Awards & Shields distribution ceremony was observed where dignities distributed souvenirs among the guests and Volunteers from University of Central Punjab who has been serving for the last many weeks to organize this international conference in the best possible manners.



