

3 A "Place" Shouldering the Promotion of Measures for Persons with Disabilities

Fiscal 2009 was an epochal year for the future of measures for persons with disabilities: among other things, while the new “Ministerial Board for Disability Policy Reform” was established, the “Committee for Disability Policy Reform” – composed primarily of persons dealing with disabilities – were held.

Based on the Basic Law for Persons with Disabilities as amended in 2004, the Cabinet created the “Central Council for Promoting Measures for Persons with Disabilities.” This Council served as a forum where opinions relative to the execution and modification of the Basic Program for persons with disabilities could be made known to the Prime Minister. It was held in December of fiscal 2009 in the presence of the Prime Minister and the Special Minister of the Cabinet Office in charge of disability measures to discuss the nature of future measures for persons with disabilities (there were a total of six meetings).