

amenity and eight brunches throughout the country, lectures about proper correspondence and support in light of the following subjects: human rights protection, sign language and mental health. Additionally, hand-on experience training of care taking at welfare facilities in order to foster better understanding of persons with disabilities is being conducted.

2 International Cooperation

As one of the basic policies of the Japanese government's foreign assistance and development program—which seeks to maintain an impartiality that includes the consideration of persons with disabilities —broad technical cooperation is being employed through the dispatching abroad of both young cooperative units and of specialists, through the welcoming of foreign researchers, and through grant aids for the establishment of rehabilitation facilities and vocational training facilities for persons with disabilities.

【Main Measures】

- In terms of loans, Japan is promoting barrier-free design in the construction of railway and airport facilities with consideration to the use by persons with disabilities. In fiscal year 2011, eight projects related to the consideration of persons with disabilities were committed. In terms of grant assistance, Japan supported the construction of rehabilitation centers and vocational training facilities as well as the supply of mini-buses for persons with disabilities. In addition to the above projects, in fiscal year 2011, Japan supported 39 projects for persons with disabilities, which were carried out by NGOs, educational institutions, local governments, through Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects.

- Japan has implemented a variety of technical cooperation, which includes dispatch of experts, acceptance of trainees and other projects through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). In fiscal year 2011, Technical Cooperation projects such as "Project for Supporting Social Welfare Administration Phase 2" in Myanmar were newly started.

- Concerning the support through Japanese NGO activities, eleven projects supporting persons with disabilities were assisted through the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects in fiscal year 2011.

(The government has provided continual financial contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability. In fiscal year 2011, the government contributed approximately 30 thousand dollars US to the fund.)

As cooperation within the Asian and Pacific region, Japan supported the activities of ESCAP through the Japan ESCAP Cooperation Fund (JECF) and contributed 85,000 US dollars to the Fund in fiscal year 2011.

- The 61st General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) by consensus at in December 2006. The CRPD entered into force in May 2008. The number of Member States at the CRPD as of 31st March 2012 is 111. Japan signed this Convention in September 2007. Japan is working forward the conclusion of the Convention as soon as possible, taking into account the discussion at the Ministerial Board for Disability Policy Reform and the Conference for Disability Policy Reform.

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(Note) The contents below are not decided and may change in the progress in presenting it to the Diet.

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