## **About the White Paper on Persons with Disabilities**

This White Paper on Persons with Disabilities is an annual report submitted to the National Diet on the general status of measures taken for persons with disabilities pursuant to the provisions of Article 13 of the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 84 of May 21, 1970).

This year's white paper is the 21<sup>st</sup> edition, covering "New Developments in Policies for Persons with Disabilities" and "Background and Recent Trends in Promotion of Measures" as well as summarizing measures taken for persons with disabilities focusing on measures taken in FY 2013 with a view to "Promoting Mutual Understanding and Interaction," "Building Foundations of Independence toward Social Participation," "Establishment of Foundations for Daily Life" and "Building Foundations for Comfortable Living."