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 22nd edition, covering "Basic Policy for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities" and "Preparation for 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics" as well as summarizing measures taken for persons with disabilities focusing on measures taken in FY2014 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."

This Summary is translated into braille and distributed to all the prefectures in Japan. Therefore, an attempt is made to provide description in text rather than graphic form.