

Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities (Overview)

1 .. Overview

Established in Cabinet Office, following the Article 32 of the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities (Statutory commission)

Established in May, 2012. (former “Central Council for the Promotion of Measures for Persons with disabilities” reorganized)

2 .. Duties

(1) Duties based on the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities

Studying and deliberation on formulation of the Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities, as well as offering opinions

Monitoring the implementation status of Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities

It is possible to make recommendation to relevant ministers, if deemed necessary

Offering opinions concerning the Basic Policy of the Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities

(2) Duties designated in the government report of CRPD (ratified in 2014)

Monitoring the implementation status of CRPD in Japan

3 .. Members

Appointer: Prime Minister

Number: 30 or less (part-time)

Appointed from persons with disabilities, persons engaged in independence and social participation of persons with disabilities and academic experts

In addition to the members (30 or less), a technical committee can be set additionally

Tenure: 2 years

4 .. Others

Commission meetings are open to public

Hearing is allowed and distributed materials and minutes are disclosed on the website (videos are delivered on the Internet before disclosure of the minutes)

Various reasonable accommodations are implemented for members and audience with disabilities

Covering the cost for assistant, Braille documents, showing sign-language interpreter/precise writing, etc

