

About the White Paper on Persons with Disabilities

The 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 1970). (*)

This year's white paper is the 25th edition covering "Comprehensive and Systematic Promotion of Policies for Persons with Disabilities : Formulation of New (Fourth) Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities " as well as summarizing the measures taken for persons with disabilities, primarily in FY2017, from the five perspectives : "Building the Foundation for a Deeper Understanding of Persons with Disabilities," "Building the Foundation for Autonomy in Social Participation," "Building the Foundation for Daily Life," "Building the Foundation for a Comfortable Living" and "Global Efforts."

(*) The Basic Act for Countermeasures Concerning Mentally and Physically Disabled Persons established in 1970 was revised as the current Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities in 1993. With this revision, it is obliged to submit White Paper on Persons with Disabilities as a statutory White Paper to the National Diet. (The White Paper on Persons with Disabilities has been issued since 1994 edition.)

〔 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. 〕