

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 26th edition covering the following five topics: 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 a 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 the 1994 edition.)

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