

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 28th edition with seven chapters. The first two chapters cover the topics as special feature articles: Response to the COVID-19 Infection and Movements toward the Hosting of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The white paper summarizes the measures taken for persons with disabilities mainly in FY 2020 in the following five chapters: Building the Foundation for a Deeper Understanding of Persons with Disabilities, Building the Foundations 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.)