

education This workshop composed of delegates from ASEAN member states which are representatives from governments and DPOs.

- ♿ **Australian Awards Fellowship Program entitled “Establishing a Disability Resource and Development Center”** held on August 17 to September 18 at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. Participating entities include the representatives of the Employees Compensation Commission, The National Library, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Education, Philippine Information Agency and Taguig City Persons with Disability Affairs Office. This program aims to develop a framework on the establishment of a national disability resource center which will serve as a model infrastructure in terms of physical accessibility by adopting the universal design concept in its facilities.
- ♿ **Capacity Building Program to Make the Right Real entitled “Disability Inclusive Local Governance”** held on August 30 to 9 September 9 in Seoul and Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea with co-participants from the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Labor and Employment-Region 2, Department of Health-CAR, NORFIL Foundation, AKAP Pinoy, Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired Children, and Naga City Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office. It aims to expose the participants in government programs of Korea on employment promotions, vocational training, support services for independent living of persons with disabilities, and advocacy strategies in disability inclusive development.
- ♿ **ASEAN – Japan Senior Officials’ Meeting on International Cooperation and Disability** held on August 31 in Tokyo Japan whose objective was to provide an opportunity to elaborate future perspectives of international cooperation on disability among senior officials in ASEAN countries and Japan

- ♿ **Hosting of Meetings of APEC Group of Friends on Disability** held in Boracay in May 19-22 and on September 3 at Radisson Blu, Cebu City which was also attended by representatives of APEC-member countries. The Philippines worked with China delegation in developing a position paper on the inclusion of Disability within the APEC Agenda which was approved during the Senior Official’s Meeting in Boracay and was approved during the Senior Official’s Meeting in Cebu. As a result, Disability is included in the APEC Leader’s Declaration published in November which also recognizes the “*APEC Group of Friends on Disability Issues*”. The NCDa was also elected as the 2nd Vice Chair of GOF with China as Chair and US as the 1st Vice Chair.

- ♿ **IT Policy Forum** and presented the country’s IT policies and accomplishments which was held on October 28 in Jakarta, Indonesia. A representative of the Information and Communications Technology Office-DOST has also attend.

- ♿ **NHE Regional Workshop for Persons with Disabilities** held on November 15-22 at APCD Bangkok, Thailand. This is a part of a series of regional initiatives to translate into action the Goals and Objectives of the Asian and Pacific Decade of