



The participants of the Disability Sensitivity Orientation, with Sec. Ramon Lopez



Planning on Disability Inclusive Local Governance with PWDs during the Disability Sensitivity Training for DILG Provincial Directors of NCR, Region 4A and B, and 5



- Developed a Disability-Data Portal for the Task Force on Effective Data-Generation, ISSP and E-DRDC
- Lobbied with the Department of Public Works and Highways which resulted to the allocation of P90M under the National Building Program of FY 2017 National Expenditure Program for the construction of a five-storey with basement model “Disability Resource and Development Center (DRDC)” building at the NCDA Compound, Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City. This is a result of the fellowship training by a core group of agencies namely, DPWH, NCDA, DepEd DOLE-ECC, DSWD, National Library, PIA and Taguig PDAO in Australia in 2015 for benchmarking, framework development and planning for the center’s establishment. The building design is now being finalized.

The DRDC, a one-stop shop that will house all the information on programs and services for persons with disabilities, their family members, advocates and other stakeholders, will foster the full participation, inclusion, empowerment and contribution of persons with disabilities in the society and build partnerships and infrastructure that incorporate the principles of universal design, sustainability and social justice.



The DRDC Core Group with the DPWH Officials from the Bureau of Design while discussing the building design of the proposed DRDC Building.



- Engaged with the Department of Transportation and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board on the launch of the Airport Bus System which intends to provide an alternative means for persons with disabilities access the airport facilities, and to ease long queues for airport taxi services.



Former DOTC Secretary Emilio A. Abaya (left photo in white polo) and Ms. Eunice Factor of NCDA (center) during the launch of the Airport Bus System at NAIA Terminal 3.

- ✧ Partnered with the DOST-ICTO on the conduct of “ICT Expo 2016 Work-at-Home Seminar” for 50 participants to mark this year’s ICT Month with the theme “Work-at-Home: Susi ng Kabuhayan ng May Kapansanan”.
- ✧ Launched the “Orientations on Gender and Women with Disabilities” on July 27, 2016 in Region 12 (Koronadal City) and ARMM where 50 men and women with disabilities were developed as active members and leaders of organization, and increased their awareness on their rights and responsibilities.
- ✧ Partnered with the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino for the free translation to Filipino and Meranaw versions of the Incheon Strategy Brochure titled “We Want to Be Counted – Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific of UNESCAP”. The translated publication was launched/ turned-over last May 27, 2016 at the NCDA Office.
- ✧ Advocated to the DSWD central and regional offices the operational process on providing assistive devices and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities at the regional level
- ✧ Spearheaded the “SAORI Hand Weaving Workshop” to promote the creative power of people with disabilities and to enhance their livelihood skills, in partnership with St. Francis School- VSA Arts Philippines and the SAORI VSA Japan on April 13, 2016 at the NCDA Atrium;
- ✧ Collated survey inputs of 108 State Universities and Colleges with Programs/Services for Persons with Disabilities, and captured summary by region into one (1) Directory for publication. Also provided technical inputs on disability mandates to 20 sectoral entities and assisted 40 walk-in students/ professionals/researchers and 20 researchers in their studies on disability-related subjects/topics. Twenty (20) media practitioners/representatives were likewise provided briefing on the current government policies on disability and other relevant technical information.
- ✧ Advocated the need to ensure access of persons with disabilities to health services at the local level during the launching of “Health and Wellness Program for Persons with Disabilities” of ARMM with delegations from all stakeholders within the region.

#### D. International and Technical Cooperation

- ✧ Partnered with the DSWD and NORFIL Foundation, Inc. in representing the country in the **“ASEAN Conference on Program Evaluation for Persons with Disabilities Phase 3- Terminal Evaluation”** held on March 1-3, 2016 in H2O Hotel, Manila. The NCDA Executive Director shared the Philippine experience in developing the Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) tool for disability-related programs and services which aims to measure the gains of the “Decade of Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities” and beyond. The NCDA also provided technical inputs during the workshop on “Policy Development”.



The Philippine Delegation to the ASEAN Conference on Program Evaluation for Persons with Disabilities headed by DSWD Undersecretary Vilma Cabrera (standing, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) . Right photo shows the workshop participants on “Policv Development”.

- Participated in the **“9<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics”** held in Bordeaux, France on March 22-26, 2016, where nine (9) national champions were intensively trained on work skills, personality development and teambuilding in partnership with the DSWD and TESDA. Four (4) DSWD Directors, five (5) TESDA officials and four (4) NCDA officials served as judges/coaches in different categories during the said Olympics of Abilities of Persons with Disabilities. The Philippine contingent brought home a silver medal and the Excellence Award in the Waste Re-Use Contest with the winning of Mr. Julius Rosalinda of Tagum City, Davao del Norte (Region XI).



Silver Medalist Julius Rosalinda proudly waves the Philippine flag during the competition's awarding ceremony. With him is his coach Ms. Nerissa Escueta of the Partnerships and Linkages Office of TESDA.

The NCDA generated P1M fund support from DSWD to augment costs of the country's participation in the said "Olympics of Abilities", and 5,000 euros cash incentives from the 9<sup>th</sup> IA organizers Abifrance, for Team Philippine delegates' team's impressive participation in that world event.

- Conducted the **“ASB Washington Group Training of Trainers”** held in Hive Hotel, Quezon City on March 31 to April 2, 2016 where the definition of “disability” including the Washington Group six questions and other tools such as Rapid Assessment Disability and WHODAS 2.0 were discussed, among others

- Participated in the **“3<sup>th</sup> World Blind Union Asia Pacific Regional Massage Conference”** on May 4-6, 2016 at the Century Park Manila, with the theme: Maximizing Skills Technologies and Opportunities for Economic, at the Century Park Hotel Manila. More than 300 participants from Asian and the Pacific countries hosted by the Philippine Blind Union with support from the NCDA.



The participants of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Blind Union AP Regional Massage Conference

- ✧ Attended the “**9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of States Parties (CoSP) to the CRPD**” last June 12 to 17, 2016 in New York, USA. The NCDA representatives participated in the panel discussion on the following topics: (1) Review of existing international frameworks to mainstream the rights-based approach to disability and advance the rights, perspective and well-being of persons with disabilities in development efforts at international, national and local levels; and (2) Discussion on the way forward for operationalization and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development under the guidance of the CRPD.



Actg. Exec. Dir. Carmen Zubiaga (left) presented the SLP community project on empowering persons with disabilities to demand for services they need at the community level during the side event on assistive technologies organized by WHO, USAID, IDA and MSH

- ✧ Participated in the “**2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Regional Dialogue on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community**” last June 29 to July 1, 2016 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The said regional dialogue aims to further garner inputs from stakeholders on the development of a regional plan of action on mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities, implement the goal of ASEAN Vision 2025, and to focus on the issues of education, employment and health.



Philippine Delegation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> AICHR Regional Dialogue. The group presented the Philippine Enabling Policies in Employment Tract while Asst. Sec. Noel Macalalad moderated the session in challenges and barriers to employment.

- ✧ Participated in the following **Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund’s sponsored training**:
  - “**Sharing and Learning Workshop**” on January 27-29, 2016 in Cebu City which aimed to explore best practices around inclusive community based DRR and resilience programmes, documenting key learning that ASP partners, stakeholders and ASB have had during the implementation of the program as well as exchanging experiences between the Philippines and Indonesia.
  - “**Disaster Response Training**” on August 1-3, 2016 at the Bayview Park Hotel which aimed to explore basic principles and mechanisms of humanitarian action. The participants were also introduced to some important key topics and practical tools as well as the quality and accountability standards in disaster response; and

- ✧ Participated in the Korea-Singapore Comprehensive Joint Development Corporation Partnership-Capacity Development on Disability Policies from October 23 to November 12, 2016 in Korea. Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez, Information Officer V and Mr. Dandy C. Victa, Project Development Officer IV represented the NCDA.



- Participated in the “**Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**” on November 2-5, 2016 in New Delhi, India where disability inclusive DRR was promoted. The conference aimed to transform the commitment made by governments and stakeholders at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction into regional, national and local action and to set the direction and accelerate regional implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 through the “Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework”.

Conference events at Ashok Hotel with the Mayor of IRIGA Madelaine Alforfe, Marvelous Bernaldez Jorda, Marivic Codiñera and Aloysius Cañete of A2D CEBU



- Participated in the **World Health Organization’s “Meeting on Rehabilitation as part of the Continuum of People-Centered Health Care”** on December 13-15, 2016 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The event provided an opportunity to analyze rehabilitation for all people, as part of the continuum of care. It also supported Member States to discuss and understand how to improve rehabilitation services for people with disability in line with the WHO Global Disability Action Plan 2014-2021.

- Participated in foreign disability-inclusive scholarship training programs:

- “Group and Regional Focus on Social Participation and Livelihood of Persons with Disabilities through a Community-Based Inclusive Approach” from August 17 to September 24, 2016 in Japan. Ms. Jonalyn A. Lucas, Planning Officer I, represented by the NCDA in the said training program.

- Australian Award-Australian Development Scholarship of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australian and the Philippine Australia Human Resource Organization Development Facility (PAHRODF) from September 6, 2016 to July 2, 2017. Ms. Virginia S. Rabino, Administrative Aide VI, is now enrolled in Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management at the University of Newcastle, Australia.



- “Development on Leadership and Networking of Person with Disability”, a Knowledge co-Creation Program sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, in partnership with the Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities from September 28 to November 16, 2016. Ms. Eunice Factor, Administrative Aide IV, joined the other participants with disabilities from Jordan, Laos, Mongolia, Palestine, Philippines, Papua New Guinea and South Africa.

