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The Central Committee of the KFPD extends heartfelt thanks again to all donors, partners and assistants for sincere and dedicated contribution to the work.

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In Juche 106 (2017) the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled put the protection of the disabled in the fields of rehabilitation, education, working and

cultural life, onto a higher scientific footing, as it developed into a nationwide undertaking, and thus opened up bright prospects for improving the living of the disabled.

The great leader Comrade Kim Jong II said as follows:

"Taking care of the people to the end of their lives as a matter of responsibility, bringing a flower into bloom even on a rock if that is the people's wish, and sparing nothing for the people—such is the benevolent politics of our Party."

This year the DPRK appointed personnel at ministries and central agencies as concurrent officials in charge of the protection of the disabled, with an aim of embracing a wide range of undertakings related with the protection of the disabled, such as their rehabilitation, education, labour, barrier-free environment, disaster prevention and so on, in the sectoral plans of the five-year strategy for national economic development.

All the KFPD's activities were focused on the implementation of the convention on the rights of the disabled.

Primary efforts were directed to building up the self-supporting capacities of the disabled persons' organizations. Preparations for the construction of sanatorium and other establishments for the disabled were briskly conducted and activities related with the protection of the disabled progressed in scale and style as compared to the previous year.

The census of population comprised an index of the disabled persons based on the international standard, and preparations were made to establish a nationwide system for registration of the disabled persons.

Various events and photo shows took place to mark Day of Persons with Disabilities on June 18 and International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, so as to raise the public awareness of the persons with disabilities.

There were multilateral collaborations between the Central Committee of KFPD and international humanitarian organizations and personages including the EU Programme Support Unit 7, Swedish International Development Agency, and World Federation of the Deaf, as well as overseas Koreans' organizations and individuals.

Though the protection of the disabled in the DPRK confronted different sorts of hardship and challenge in its development, the undertaking proved successful thanks to the state concern and devoted efforts of the federation officials, concurrent officials, persons with disabilities, voluntary service-providers, missions and international organizations in the DPRK and overseas Koreans, and it will be beneficial to future efforts for implementing long-term objectives.

On behalf of the Central Committee of KFPD, I express my heartfelt thanks to the government of the DPRK, missions and international organizations in the DPRK, overseas Koreans as well as officials and persons with disabilities who worked with devotion to the protection of the disabled.

The Central Committee of KFPD will make proactive efforts to champion the rights and interests of the persons with disabilities in all fields of social life and provide them with favourable environment and ample conditions for safe and comfortable life.

Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled Kim Mun Chol

#### 1. Permanent organizations

General Assembly

Central Committee

Administration Department

Rehabilitation Department

**External Affairs** Department

Korean Company for Supporting the Disabled

Korean Foundation for the Disabled and Orphans

Korean Sports Association of the Disabled

Korean Art Association of the Disabled

Korea Economic and Cultural Centre for Deaf and Blind

Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities

Vocational Training School

Deaf Association of Korea

Blind Association of Korea

Korean Association of Women with Disabilities

Korean Rehabilitation Association of the Disabled

> Korean Cooperation Office for the Disabled & Orphans

Deaf Foodball Korea

Representative Office of the Korean Foundation for the isabled and Orphans in Beijing

Songgwang Joint Venture

Company

Wood-Processing Workshop of the Deaf

Workstation

**Provincial Committee** 

City Committee

**County Committee** 

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### 2. Non-standing organizations

Non-standing central committee for the protection of persons with disabilities

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Non-standing city committee for the protection of persons with disabilities

Non-standing county committee for the protection of persons with disabilities



The KFPD sets it as its mission to represent

and champion the rights and interests of the

persons with disabilities in the DPRK and

encourage them to take an independent and

creative part in social life. Its basis task is to

conduct various assistance and support

activities and public information dissemination

work so as to ensure social status of the

persons with disabilities, develop mental and

physical rehabilitation, education, labour,

sports and art activities of the persons with

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## 1.1 Second meeting of the non-permanent national committee for the protection of the disabled

#### 1.3 Workshop highlights protection of persons with disabilities



The non-permanent national committee for the protection of the disabled met in December Juche 106 (2017) to analyze and review the successes and experience made in the activities of the year, give the members assignments for new year and discuss practical measures to be taken to activate the work of protecting the disabled in the country.

## 1.2 Protection of persons with disabilities supplemented in the targets of five-year strategy for national economic development

Concurrent officials for the protection of persons with disabilities were appointed at ministries and national agencies and they commenced to supplement the targets of five-year strategy for national economic development with the affairs related with the protection of the disabled in the fields of education, culture, public health, urban management, state construction control and so on.





Ri Un Hyang

A workshop was held at the Taedonggang Diplomatic Club in Pyongyang on December 4 to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The workshop "Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Society for All" held under the joint auspices of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, UN coordinator's and UNDP representative's office, and the EU Programme Support, introduced the achievements the DPRK has made in the protection of persons with disabilities and discussed practical issues to include the work in the sustainable development goal for 2030.







Workshop on the occasion of International Day of Persons with DIsabilities





#### 1.4 UN special rapporteur on the rights of the disabled visited DPRK

#### 1.5 Seminar on convention of the rights of the persons with disabilities



Catalina Devandas Aquilar, UN special rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, and her entourage visited the DPRK between May 2 and 9 Juche 106 (2017).

During the visit, her party met senior officials from the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Education Commission, the Ministry of Public Health, and the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, and had correct understanding of the protection of the persons with disabilities in the DPRK. They also visited various places including the Sci-Tech Complex, Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities, and Pongchon School for the Blind, to grasp actual situation of the work in the country.

UN special rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities will submit a report on the DPRK's protection of persons with disabilities in March 2018.











A seminar on the implementation of the UN convention on the rights of the persons with disabilities took place at Sci-Tech Complex in September Juche 106 (2017). It was attended by officials from the Central Committee of KFPD and provincial committees, members of the associations of the disabled, concurrent officials at ministries and national agencies, persons with disabilities, and members of EU Programme Support Unit 7.

The seminar included lectures on the disability types and discussions of the mission of the protection of the disabled, its ultimate objective and objectives by stage, main orientation, worldwide development and tendencies, actual situations, and drafts for strategic plans for various sectors of rehabilitation, education and labour. It served as an important occasion to grasp the correct understanding of the present situation of the protection of the disabled and lay the foundation for developing the undertaking in a planned and far-sighted way.



#### 1.6 Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities



•Between June and December there took place seminars on the rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities and trainings on occupational and physical therapies on cerebral apoplexy, cerebral palsy and autism, attended by over a hundred specialists from Munsu Rehabilitation Clinic, Hamhung Traumatic and Orthopaedic Hospital, Okryu Children's Hospital and other hospitals in the DPRK and foreign specialists. The participants exchanged experience gained in the rehabilitation service and opinions.

•In March and December technical training and discussion of practical matters related with the rehabilitation of children with congenital disabilities, such as cleft lip and strephopodia, took place at a children's surgery centre in Cambodia. A working delegation visited Hanover University of Medicine in Germany for technical exchanges in the rehabilitation of the disabled.



Some facilities for the rehabilitation of the disabled

•Thanks to energetic activities of the federation, various apparatuses for children's rehabilitation, walking-assistive devices, logistics for prosthetic and orthopaedic devices, and ultrasonic facilities were provided to Okryu Children's Hospital, Hamhung Prosthetics Factory, Tongnim County People's Hospital in North Phyongan Province, and Songchongang District People's Hospital in South Hamgyong Province.



• More than 1 600 persons with disabilities in eight areas including Tongnim and Tokchon were given mobile services for them.

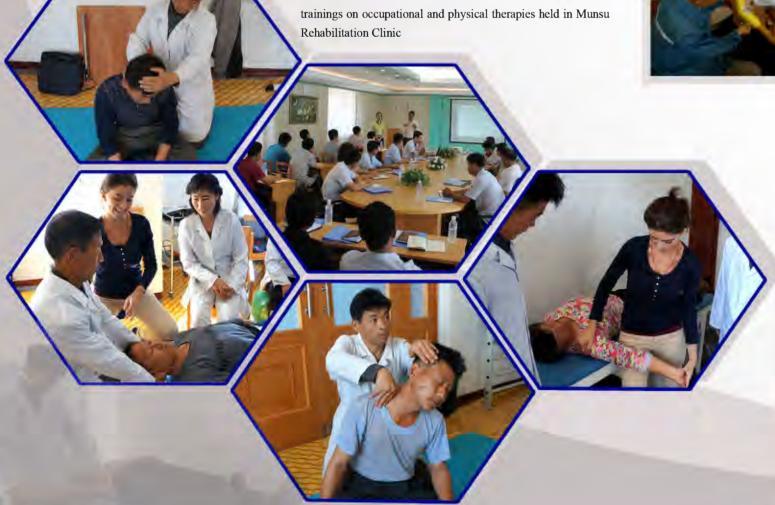


•The federation, in close collaboration with donors' groups, delivered 11 000 artificial crystalline lenses, 5 500 viscomet, and six sets for cataract surgery to provincial people's hospitals, thus making an active contribution to preventing cataract-related visual impairments.





For preventing loss of eyesight by cataract



Seminar on the rehabilitation of the disabled and



#### 1.7 Education of Persons with Disabilities



•The federation attached great importance to the mission of the teachers in the education of the disabled and organized 10-day workshop at Sci-Tech Complex for teachers of deaf schools to raise their qualifications. After the workshop specialists and teachers from the department for the teaching of the disabled at the central teachers' training centre, deaf schools in Pongsan, Pongchon, Unjon and Songchon applied the contents of the workshop to practice. By doing so, they gained good experience and successes.

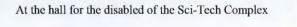
•The federation, true to the Party's policy of making all the people well-versed in science and technology, ensured that the persons with disabilities regularly visited the reading room for the disabled furnished in Sci-Tech Complex to acquire wide-ranging knowledge. It is one of its major efforts to make the persons with disabilities enter online universities.



Kim Jong Hyon, member of the Korean Sport Association of the Persons with Disabilities and student of an on-line college



Course for teachers of the school for the deaf and blind



#### 1.8 Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction

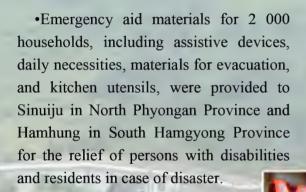






- The federation carried out new project for collaboration in inclusive disaster risk reduction in 2017.

•A planned technical training on inclusive disaster risk reduction was conducted, and it was attended by officials from the federation, provincial committees, disabled persons' associations, the State Committee for Emergency, and disaster prevention bureaus in the provincial people's committees. The training dealt with the conception of inclusive disaster risk reduction, relief survey of persons with disabilities, evacuation, early alarm system and other technical issues.







• The building at Pongsan Deaf School damaged by flood in 2015 was reconstructed.

Foundations, walls and roof hit by flood were rebuilt to ensure the safety of the building and create barrier-free environment.



The federation ensured that its activities were introduced on the family site, newspapers, radio and other publications on a normal footing to enhance social awareness of persons with disabilities. It also published annual and quarterly reports, leaflets and printed materials, 2 000 pieces in seven kinds.

The number of visitors to its family site, Huimang (Hope), increased by 30 percent as compared to the previous year, and 400 books and data of 150 kinds were sent to the reading room for the disabled in Sci-Tech Complex.



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#### 2.1 Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities





Director Song Hyang Chun

Director: In 2017 the centre enlisted 40 odd children with disabilities and gave them rehabilitation therapy, education and training according to their types of disabilities and ages. As a result, a great stride was made in the centre's efforts to develop their intellectual faculties and overcome disabilities.

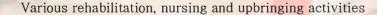






Fifth opening ceremony of the school year held on April 1, 2017

- Activities in 2017
- •The centre worked out a new directive for correct evaluation of the children with disabilities and gave rehabilitation service in a scientific and planned way by means of various apparatuses. Thanks to its energetic activities in the rehabilitation of those with hearing impairments, those with hearing impairments got necessary tests and hearing aids.
- •Considerable efforts were made to improve the conditions and environment for the rehabilitation of the children with disabilities.
- •Technical trainings and workshops for rehabilitation therapists and nursing teachers and workshops for the parents of children with disabilities were conducted. Publications on the rehabilitation were widely distributed, thus raising social awareness.











Members of relevant international organizations, foreigners and oversees Koreans visiting the centre





- Plans for 2018
- •Training of specialists in rehabilitation at home and abroad
- •Work to publish rehabilitation-related books, including the directives for nursing and education of children with disabilities and for education of persons with disabilities
  - •Projects of expanding the indoor playing ground and reconstructing various places
- •Organization of sports games to be played with normal children to mark June 1 international children's day



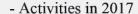
#### 2.2 Korean Economic and Cultural Centre for the Deaf and Blind, Deaf Association of Korea and Blind Association of Korea





Director Ro Kyong Su

Director: The centre attached importance to representing the rights and interests of persons with hearing and visual impairments as required by the DPRK Socialist Constitution, laws and regulations on the protection of persons with disabilities, and UN convention on the rights of the disabled, enlisting them in the activities in all spheres of social life, and developing cooperation and exchanges with relevant international organizations and national organizations in many countries of the world.



•The centre and the associations stepped up their activities to establish deaf and blind associations in every province, based on the experience gained during previous years, so as to perfect the nationwide structure of those associations.

•The Deaf Association of Korea held four meetings of non-permanent commission for judging sign languages to deliberate 3 600 new terms, sign-language words and others, and developed new sign-language programs, DVDs, programs in braille, and multimedia for deaf children of preschool age.

•The Blind Association of Korea made great efforts to developing programs in braille which neared completion.



Many-sided cooperation activities for the deaf and blind







Activities of the Korean deaf and blind associations



•Blind marathon, shot-putting, were added to sports events for the deaf and blind people, and the Korean deaf football team played a friendly football match in Brazil in December.

•The centre conducted various capacity-building activities by sending a delegation to the council meeting and the Third Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf held in Hungary in September and other delegation to Germany in November and discussing with WFD the second-stage four-year plan (2018 – 2021).

- Plans for 2018
- •Development of Korean sign language and simultaneous interpretation programs
- •Compilation of the Korean sign language dictionary and development of over 4 800 sign languages
- •Establishment of braille network linking the Blind Association of Korea, Kwangmyong Publishing House and blind schools across the country
- •Activities of the Korean associations of the blind and the deaf to gain full memberships of world federations
- •Activities of the Korean deaf football team to gain full membership of the Asia-Pacific Sports Federation of the Deaf



#### 2.3 Korean Art Association of the Disabled

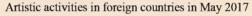


- Activities in 2017
- The art association created 20 odd works of art and staged artistic performance to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Artistic performance of the Pyongyang exchange group of the disabled conducted in May in England provided the disabled persons with the rights to cultural life.
- The association presented 6 musical instruments in 4 kinds made by disabled persons at the 9th Pyongyang musical instruments exhibition and won a technical prize. It sent a delegation to the international musical instruments exhibition held in Beijing, China, so as to keep up-to-date with world trends.
- The association produced 30 000 DVDs of several artistic performances of the disabled and raised social awareness about artistic activities of the disabled.

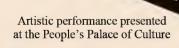


Secretary-general Cha Hyok





- Plans for 2018
- Artistic performances of the disabled persons on the Day of Persons with Disabilities, International Day of Persons with Disabilities and other occasions
- Artistic performance of Pyongyang exchange group of persons with disabilities at home and abroad
- Training of six reserve artistes with disabilities
- Manufacture of violin and other stringed







#### 2.4 Korean Sports Association of the Disabled



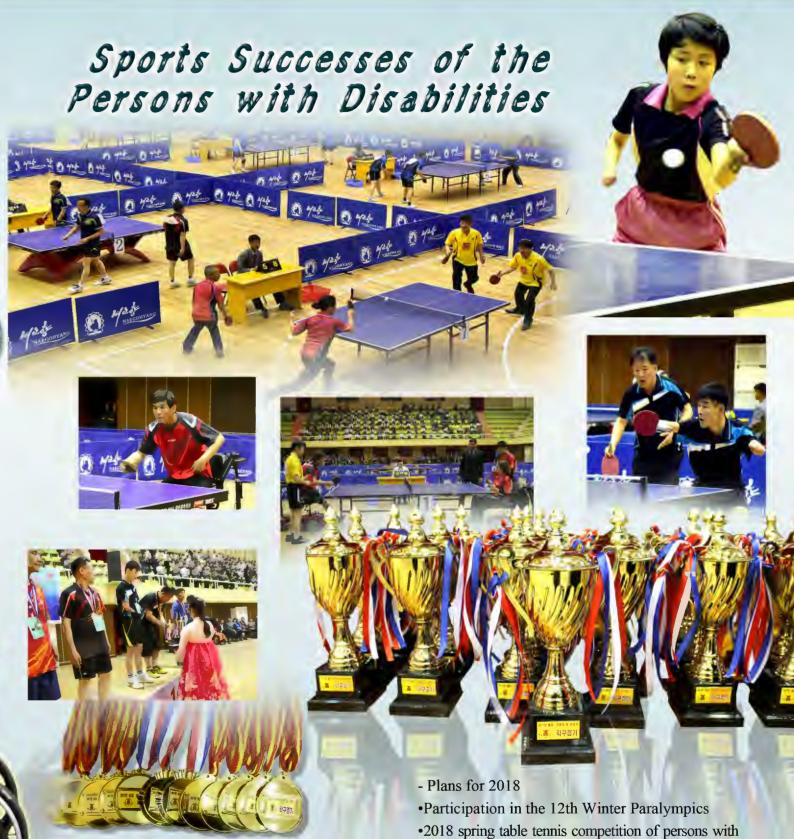


Secretary-general Ri Pun Hui

Secretary-general: The sports association conducted activities to achieve good results at national and international sports games, create new sports events and consolidate material and technical foundations of the association.

- Plans for 2017
- 2017 spring and autumn table tennis competitions of persons with disabilities and amateurs took place in a grand style, drawing over 180 persons with disabilities and 960 amateurs.
- The association selected table tennis, swimming, archery, marathon, and weightlifting as the events of winning chances and set to work in earnest to work out training programmes for selecting competent reserve players and training them systematically, supplying training apparatuses as well as establish joint training system with professional teams.





disabilities and amateurs

•First sports games of persons with disabilities and



#### 2.5 Job Training School

#### 2.6 Korean Company for Supporting the Disabled



VIce-headmistress Kim Pong Suk

The school, putting an emphasis on IT education as required by the IT era and employing concentrating ability and competitive spirit of the disabled, trained 13 competent 3D multimedia editors with disabilities. It is going to promote joint technological development and cooperation with foreign disabled persons' associations in multimedia development.

It also invented teaching methods in embroidery and woodcraft to improve creativity and self-confidence of the disabled.







•The federation ensured that taxi parks for persons with disabilities were set up in major hospitals in Pyongyang and created conditions in several provinces and regions for taxi service.















•The federation made considerable efforts

to activate the existing workteams of the

disabled, while organizing new ones in

Sinuiju, Hamhung and Wonsan with 40

persons with disabilities and supplying

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clothing, carpentry and welfare facilities.





•The federation, in close collaboration with EUPS Unit 7, promoted exchange and cooperation with many foreign countries in capacity-building of DPOs, rehabilitation and education of persons with disabilities, and inclusive disaster risk reduction.

•Foreign missions and international organizations, overseas Koreans' organizations, and individuals, nearly 50 in total, visited the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled and rehabilitation establishments for the disabled and gave sincere support to the protection of

the disabled in the DPRK. Among them are Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the DPRK, Swedish International Development Agency, Pyongyang Cooperation Office of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, World Federation of the Deaf, delegation of Norwegian-Korea friendly association, Norwegian artists' group, World Milal Australia Inc., and Korea-Japan friendly association of the deaf.















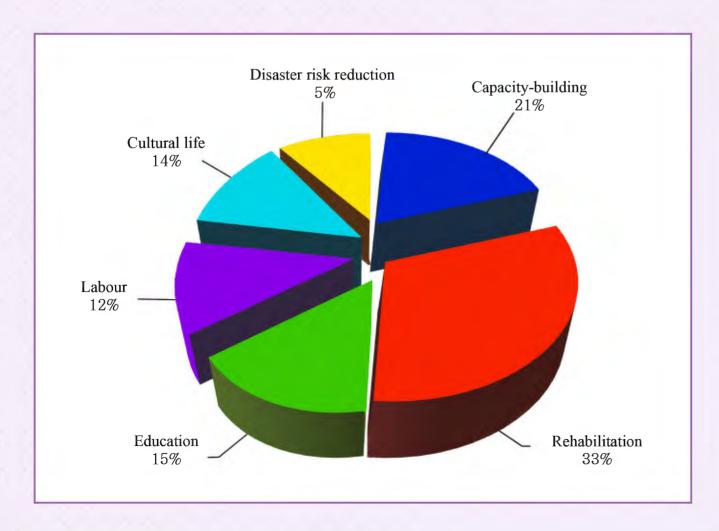
**Financial Report** 

**List of Donors** 



Funds and materials donated in Juche 106 (2017) by international organizations, national associations and overseas Korean organizations for the protection of the persons with disabilities in the DPRK reach €2 166 861. The funds and materials made an active contribution to various activities related with the protection of the disabled, including the capacity-building of DPOs, prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation, improvement of education, cultural life and working conditions of the disabled, and disaster prevention.

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No	Donors	Field	Amount (€)
1	National Supporters' Organizations	Education, Rehabilitation, Art, Sports, Logistics for prosthesis	526 000
2	European Union	Education, Capacity-building, Rehabilitation	433 610
3	Handicap International Federation	Capacity-building, Rehabilitation	201 990
4	Swedish International Development Agency	Capacity-building, Education, Rehabilitation	217 478
5	Pyongyang Cooperation Office of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation	Disaster risk reduction	17 780
6	Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Rehabilitation Disaster risk reduction	94 500
7	World Federation of the Deaf	Capacity-building	58 251
8	Hong Kong KorAid. Ltd.	Rehabilitation of visual impairments, Capacity-building	21 333
9	All Ears Cambodia	Rehabilitation	100 000
10	Kinsler Foundation	Rehabilitative devices, Sports	100 000
11	IPC Agitos Foundation	Sports	29 167
12	World Milal Australia Inc.	Rehabilitation, Job training	4 583
13	Global Blessing	Capacity-building of deaf football team	162 500
14	DULA International	Rehabilitation, Art	100 000
15	Come and Share Inc.	Job training, Education	42 451
16	Blessing New Korea	Rehabilitation of visual impairments	16 000
17	New Hope Rehabilitation Foundation	Walking-assistive devices	14 166
18	Overseas Korean in Australia	Job training	6 929
19	Eagle's Nest Foundation	Walking-assistive devices	5 833
20	National Association of Koreans in Australia	Job training	4 167
21	Red Qin Consulting Office of China	Art	6 193
22	Japan-Korea Friendly Association of the Deaf	Job training for the deaf	8 333
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- European Union Non-State Actor
- Handicap International Federation
- Swedish International Development Agency
- Pyongyang Cooperation Office of Swiss Agency for

#### **Development and Cooperation**

· Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and

#### Northern Ireland

- World Federation of Deaf
- · Hong Kong KorAid. Ltd
- All Ears Cambodia
- Come and Share Inc.
- New Hope Rehabilitation Foundation
- Blessing New Korea
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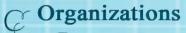


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Mr. Jong Oh Lee, President of the New Hope Rehabilitation Foundation



Mr. Joseph Hwang, Local Representative of the Blessing New Korea



Mr. Young Hwa Jeong,
Representative of the World Milal Australia Inc



Mr. Seok Hee Lee, Representative of DULA International



Kim Song Mi,
Director of the Korean Art
Association of the Disabled



Justin Jeon, member of IPC Agitos Foundation



Pak Su Ja, Korean compatriot in Australia

- •Construction of the sanatorium for persons with disabilities
- •Three mobile repair services of prostheses
- •20 000 cataract surgeries
- •Strategic planning for the development of the protection of persons with disabilities
- •Exhibition of articles for persons with disabilities
- •Participation in 2018 Winter Paralympics
- •Commemorative events on Day of Persons with Disabilities on June 18 and International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3
- •Expansion and consolidation of partnership with international organizations

