Official Guidelines for the Universal Design Scientific Symposium: "Equal Opportunities"

Organized by the Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA), Funded by the Junior Chamber International (JCI Central)

Date: 25th April 2024 | **Venue:** Union of Mongolian Architects, Ulaanbaatar

1. Overview of the Symposium

The Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA) and the Junior Chamber International are proud to host the scientific symposium, "Equal Opportunities: Advancing Universal Design in Mongolia" on the occasion of the Special Olympics to be held in Mongolia. The symposium aims at fostering collaboration among architects, designers, and stakeholders to enhance accessible and inclusive built environments. This symposium will serve as a platform to share innovative ideas, research, and practical solutions that align with the principles of Universal Design (UD), ensuring equitable access for all individuals, regardless of ability, age, or background.

2. Objectives

- Promote awareness and implementation of Universal Design principles in Mongolian architecture.
- Encourage interdisciplinary dialogue between architects, designers, policymakers, and disability advocates at an international scale.
- Showcase case studies, technologies, and policies that advance accessibility.

3. Call for Speakers

Submission Deadline: 11th April 2024

Submission Form: https://forms.gle/Bt1UzSzmfQUfbq5AA

Submission Requirements:

 Abstract (300 words max): Outline your paper's focus, methodology, and relevance to Universal Design and "Equal Opportunities." • **Speaker Information (150 words):** Highlight expertise in UD, architecture, or related fields.

Selection Process:

- Submissions will be reviewed by a UMA committee based on innovation, practicality, and alignment with the theme.
- 10 speakers will be selected by 18th April 2024. Notifications sent via email.

4. Event Participation

- Admission: Free, but invitation-only. Register via https://forms.gle/Q6VL3RvkxLc9v9Lq9 to receive an invitation.
- Audience: Architects, designers, policymakers, NGOs, academics, and disability advocates.
- Language: Presentations in English or Mongolian.
- **Contributions:** On the day of the event attendees will have the opportunity to contribute financially. The collected money will go to the Special Olympics Committee.

5. Contact

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