

# International Forum “ICT Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusive Society: Experiences in Japan and International Development”

—Report from the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Building Inclusive Society and  
Development Through Promoting ICT Accessibility—

**Date: 21 April 2012 14:00–17:00**

**Venue: Nippon Foundation Building, Second Floor, Conference Room AB**

**Co-Organizers: Nippon Foundation, UNDESA, Japanese Disability Forum (JDF)**

**Capacity: 100 persons (free of charge)**

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat (DESA), in close collaboration with the United Nations Public Information Center and the Nippon Foundation, will organize the Expert Group meeting on “Building Inclusive Society and Development through Promoting Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility: Emerging Issues and Trends” in Tokyo. The experts will review current policies and regulations concerning ICT accessibility, technical standardization, and guidance, including in the case of a natural disaster or an emergency.

This International Forum is co-organized by the Nippon Foundation, DESA, and the Japanese Disability Forum (JDF), and will include presentations of findings and recommendations from the EGM, followed by the sharing of experiences in Japan to promote an accessible and inclusive society. Finally, participants will engage in an interactive discussion.

## **Programme**

**14:00 Opening remarks: Ms. Akiko Ito (Chief, UNDESA), Mr. Eiichi Ogawa (President, JDF)**

**14:10–15:30 PART 1 Presentation from the EGM**

**(1) Working Group 1: Policy environments and integration of accessibility in society and development (Mr. Clinton Rapley)**

**(2) Working Group 2: Practices in development of technical standards and their application**

**(3) Working Group 3: ICT accessibility in disasters and emergency management (Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon)**

**(4) Summary and overview**

**15:10 Questions and break**

**15:30–17:00 PART 2 Experiences in Japan and International Development**

**15:30 (1) Experience in Japan: CRPD, Law, Information Access**

**Mr. Jeong Ok Kim (Cabinet Office)**

**Mr. Tomoyoshi Shintani (Japan Association of Hard of Hearing People)**

**16:00 (2) Inclusive society and development**

**Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura (DAISY Consortium)**

**Mr. Yasunobu Ishi (Nippon Foundation)**

**16:30 Questions and wrap-up**