

Preparation for APDF 2012 in Korea

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KSRPD

1. Venue

A decision about the venue for the APDF meeting in 2012 is still in the process, but it is likely for Incheon to be selected. It is very convenient for participants coming from abroad to reach the city. It will take only 20 minutes once a bridge open this year. The Conventia area is a newly developing area as a business district. KSRPD has made a recommendation to Incheon City to follow a guideline for barrier free environment.

2. Activities

- Task Force Team (Koreans only at the moment) : 11 disability experts led by Dr. Il-Yung Lee made a TFT to start to think about a way forward beyond 2012.
- Gathering views from Asia Pacific colleagues on BMF & BMF +5: its achievements and room to further develop
- Visit to JSRPD & meeting with Prof. Matsui and his colleagues to share views on the post-BMF
- Meeting between RI Korea and Joseph Kwak in Seoul in April
- UNESCAP 65th Commissions has adopted a resolution, co-sponsored by Japan & Korea, offering that Korea would like to hold the final review on BMF. The recommendation was made for EVERY member of ESCAP to send their opinions with regard to holding the final review in their countries by the end of October 2009. After collecting the views, the SG of ESCAP will make a decision on this matter.

3. Plans

- UNESCAP meetings & brainstorming in June in Bangkok
- Once a decision on the venue is made in the end of this year, KSRPD would like to organize a working group, composed of 20 AP colleagues, to develop our discussion on beyond BMF.

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