**1st Asia Deafblind Conference**

**Venue: Makuhari Messe, Chiba Japan**

**Agenda**

**August 31 (Friday)　Friendship Day : to know each other**

**September 1 (Saturday)　Presentation Day：to talk about ourselves**

**September 2 (Sunday) Communication Day：to enjoy communication**

**September 3 (Monday) Envisioning Day：to make plan for future**

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**Day1**

**August 31 (Friday) - Friendship Day**

9:30 registration

10:00-12:00 Item 1: Opening of the First Asia Deafblind Conference

Venue: 302

Person in charge：Akiko Fukuda

10:00-11:00

1. Miscellaneous announcement

Checking interpreters’ system, introduction of participants, explanation of handouts, explanation of conference schedule: Akiko Fukuda

11:00-11:10 Break

11:10-12:00

(2) Opening Declaration：Satoshi Fukushima

(3) Greeting from Nippon Foundation: Yasunobu Ishii

(4) Greeting from the World Federation of the Deafblind: Puspa Raj Rimal

12:00-14:00 Lunch/Break

14:00-16:00 Item 2: Opening ceremony of the 27th Japan National Assembly of the Deafblind

Venue: Convention Hall (2nd Floor)

16:00-17:00 Break

17:00-20:00 Item 3: Welcome Party (with participants of the Japan National Assembly)

Venue: Hotel New Otani Nakuhari, Tsuru (2nd Floor)

**Day 2**

**September 1 (Saturday) - Presentation Day**

9:00-12:00 Item 4: Free discussion

Venue: 203

Person in charge: Akiko Fukuda

Contents:

Greeting from Board Director: Yasushi Manago

Discussion: What are the key barriers we deafblind people face?

(we will have a 10-minute break twice during 3 hours’ session)

12:00-14:00　Lunch/Break

14:00-17:00 Item 5: Presentation(with participants of the Japan National Assembly)

Venue: International Conference Room (2nd floor)

MC: Akiko Fukuda

Contents:

14:00-15:00 Part1

　　Greeting from MC (5 min)： Akiko Fukuda

　　Greeting from Representative of Asia, World Federation of the Deafblind(5min):

Satoshi Fukushima

　　Malaysia (10 min) : Guat Lay Kong ”My life experience as Deafblind in Malaysia”

　 Uzbekistan (10 min) : Sojida Tadjiyeva ”My life experience as Deafblind in Uzbekistan”

Uzbekistan (10 min) : Guzal Shodieva ”Situation of persons with deafblindness in Uzbekistan and work of Tashkent Cultural Center for the Deaf”

Q&A (20min)

15:00-15:10 Break

　 15:10-16:00 Part 2

　　Korea (15 min) : Wonseok Jo “My experience, Life of the Deafblind in Korea, and Hold Hands for Persons with Deafblindness”

India (5 min) : Pradeep Sinha “My experience and SEDB (Society for the Empowerment of Deafblind)”

　　Q&A (20 min)

　 16:10-17:00 Part 3

　　Singapore (10 min) : Foo Wei Yin (Francis) ”My life experience as Deafblind in Singapore”

　　Singapore (10 min) : Yee Chen Loh (Lisa) ”Situation of person with deafblindness in Singapore”

Nepal (10min ) : Puspa Raj Rimal “Situation of persons with deafblindness and Deafblind Association Nepal (DAN)”

　　Q&A, closing (20 min)

17:00-18:00 Break

18:00-20:00 Item 6: Free discussion

Venue: 302

Person in charge: Akiko Fukuda

Contents may include:

* Reflection of the presentations (Item 5)
* Continue from Item4
* How to form deafblind group/organization?
* What are the roles of the Deafblind?
* What are the roles of interpreters? Interpreter-Guides?
* What are the roles of supporters? etc

**Day 3**

**September 2 (Sunday) - Communication Day**

9:00-15:00 Item 7 Option 1 : excursion

9:00-16:00 Item 7 Option 2 : Japanese National Aseembly of the Deafblind(workshop, plenary session, closing ceremony etc)

Option 1 has a Japanese-English interpreting service

For those who chose Option 2, you do not need to sign up for workshops but there will be no English-Japanese interpretation or English-captioning services in principle.

Satoshi Fukushima will be in Makuhari Messe but his morning schedule is booked. You may find him easier in the afternoon if you want to talk with him.

Akiko Fukuda will be in Makuhari Messe all day.

Atsushi More will be in Makuhari Messe all day.

**Day 4**

**September 3 (Monday) - Envisioning Day**

9:00-12:00 Item 8: International meeting: Wrap-up and closing

Venue: 302

Person in charge: Atsushi Mori

Contents:

9:00-11:00 Free talk and discussion

1. How each country would like to work in the future?
2. What are the necessary actions to take to build Asia Deafblind Network (Network of Deafblind organizations in Asia)? How do we collaborate?
3. Information related to the World Federation of the Deafblind

11:30-12:00 Closing

12:00- Item 9: Farewell Lunch and Group photo

Venue: 302

Person in charge: Atsushi Mori