

(c) 1995: Prime Minister's Office Decree No 18/PM: Appointing the National Commission for Disabled Persons

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The Decree
Of
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- Refer to the Constitution of the Lao PDR.
- Refer to a convention of the Social-Economical Development Organization Management for Asia and Pacific held in Peking, Republic People of China, on December 1st – 5th 1992 regarding to the policy and plans of Action for disabled persons' decade 1993 through 2002.
- Refer to a proposal from the Acting Minister of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare numbered 1399, dated 17/08/1994.
- Refer to the proposal from the Head of Administration and Government Staff numbered 05/NCDP, dated on the 24/01/1995

The Prime Minister issued the decree:

Article 1: To appoint the National Commission for Disabled Persons that composed of:

1. The Acting Minister of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare as a President
2. The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Health as a Vice President
3. The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Member
4. The Vice-Head of the Political Department of the Lao Army, Ministry of Defense, as a Member
5. The Head of the Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Labor and Social welfare as a Member and Secretary.

Article 2: Roles, Duty and Responsibility of the NCDP:

1. To be the representative of seeking for benefits for the disabled persons and to protect the legal rights of the disabled persons in each region.
2. To investigate information and conduct the survey for the national statistics of all kind of the disabled person and their needs, to have the national statistics of the disabled persons available.
3. To develop the propose policies for the disabled persons to the government (Refer to the rights of the disabled persons of the UN and the issue of ESCAP)
4. To provide and exchange information about the disabled persons in Laos and other countries.
5. To educate and raise the public awareness of the disabled persons. The effects in the socio-economy and culture when the disability occurs. Encourage the public to facilitate the disabled persons and to offer them the chance to be able to get a full involvement in various activities.
6. To raise the whole society for promoting the prevention of disabilities, and to form the association for disabled persons.
7. To develop the rules, regulations and present those proposals to the government to facilitate the disabled persons in the areas of communication, transportation and construction to reduce or eliminate the difficulty encountered by disabled persons.
8. To develop the rules and regulations on rehabilitation and an equal opportunity of employment for disabled persons in the whole country, then submit to the government.
9. To develop the plan of action and submit to the government on the comprehensive rehabilitation and prevention of disabilities. To prepare the guidelines and plans of action for the community base rehabilitation activities for the decade of disabled persons.

10. To examine the practice of regulations, laws of the state and private organisation for disabled persons.
 11. To form the subcommittees for disabled persons in the provincial and district levels to be the network of implementing the plan and progress reporting.
 12. To attend international events and look for international or external assistance to support the prevention of disabilities and rehabilitation plan for disabled persons.
- Article 3:** The National Commission for Disabled Persons has the secretariats to assist their work. This assigned the office in the social welfare department. For the duty and roles of the secretariats will be developed and defined by the National Commission for Disabled Persons.
- Article 4:** The government and mass organisations in all levels and all of the Members who were appointed must strictly act under this appointment
- Article 5:** This issue comes into effect from the date of signing.

Vientiane, 27/01/95
Prime Minister of the Lao PDR
Khamtay Siphandone