Event Invitation: Book Launch

Disability, Education and Employment in Developing Countries: From Charity to Investment.

December 3, 2014 15:00 – 16:00 @ Conference Room E

UNDESA, UNDP, UNU and JICA (Japan international Cooperation Agency) will jointly organize a book launch and interactive program focusing on disability-inclusive post-2015 development goals on the auspicious occasion of this year’s International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The book was written by Dr. Kamal Lamichhane* Research Fellow, JICA Research Institute. The author has for the first time brought empirical works from different low and middle income countries, providing new insights into the importance of investment in disability issues.

*Dr. Kamal Lamichhane, has been working on a number of research projects on disability and development. Having been born with visual impairments in Nepal and deprived of educational opportunity until he turned 12, Dr. Lamichhane understands the importance of collecting empirical evidence on the critical role of education on the lives of people with disabilities, a group which constitute nearly 15 percent of the world’s population.

Program

- **Welcome and opening remarks:**
  Akiko Ito, Chief, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Division for Social Policy and Development, UNDESA

- **Opening Remarks**
  Permanent Representative of Nepal to the UN – TBC
  Mr. Ichiro Tambo, Director, JICA-RI

- **Overview of the book:**
  Dr. Kamal Lamichhane, JICA-RI

- **Discussion on policy implications of the book:**
  - Yasuyuki Sawada, Professor, University of Tokyo/ JICA-RI
  - Rosangela Berman Bieler, Chief Disability Section, Program Division, UNICEF
  - Akiko Ito, Chief, SCRPD, UNDESA
  - Emanuele Sapienza, Policy Specialist, UNDP

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