2011 NCDA Accomplishment Report

The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the country's focal point on disability concerns, leads the way towards achieving a more accessible and inclusive society for persons with disabilities making them more active and empowered members of every community contributory to a more sustainable development for all. In 2011, the NCDA programs, activities, and projects are aligned to its national campaign **"Make the Rights Real"** and guided by national and international agenda such as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities (Republic Act No. 7277), Accessibility Law (Batas Pambansa Blg. 344), Republic Act No. 9442, Republic Act No. 10070, United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN-CRPD) and the BIWAKO Millennium Framework for Action: Towards an Inclusive Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (2003-2012).

I. POLICY AND PLAN FORMULATION, COORDINATION, AND MONITORING AND EVALUATION

A. Adopted significant policies/resolutions through the Council's Executive Committee and/or Governing Board, which include:

1. Inclusion of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) ***"Pantawid Pamilya"*** program; undertake regular consultative activities with the sector of persons with disabilities and utilize the NCDA to facilitate the participation of persons with disabilities and in the monitoring of the project;

2. Review of the Philippines' Human Rights Action Plan through the Office of the President-Presidential Human Rights Committee (PHRC);

3. Inclusion of the concerns of persons with disabilities in the Department of Health's (DOH) "2011 and beyond" health programs in line with the Aquino administration's health agenda of "Achieving Universal Health Care for All Filipinos";

4. Department of Tourism's (DOT) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2011-04 Series of 2011 "Adopting the Guidelines on the Grant of Special Discounts to Persons with Disabilities pursuant to the Provisions of Republic Act No. 9442";

5. Conduct of summits/conventions on the establishment of Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAOs) on a cluster basis, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and DSWD to ensure the implementation and monitoring of all disability-relevant laws;

6. Amendment of Executive Order (EO) No. 709 "Redefining the Functions and Organizational Structure of the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons which is renamed as the NCDA and attached to the Office of the President, and amending for the Purpose EO No. 676 (2007) and EO No. 232 (1987), particularly Sections 3, 4, 6 and 7".

7. Implementation of the agreements reached during the DSWD-National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Joint Dialogue with PWD Leaders

B. Submitted position papers and participated in the deliberations on the following bills/resolutions:

BILL/ RESOLUTION	PARTICULARS	AUTHOR/S
Senate Bill (SB) No. 1912	An act establishing at least one (1) special education center for each school division and at least three (3) special education centers in big school divisions for children with special needs, guidelines for government financial assistance and other incentives and support	Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
SB No.2855	An act providing additional relief to families with dependents, supporting the aging parents and persons with Disabilities	Senators Antonio F. Trillanes IV, Ralph G. Recto and Manny Villar
House Bill (HB) No. 1055	An act requiring all franchise holders or operators of television stations, producers of television programs, home video programs and motion pictures to have their programs and films broadcast with closed-caption and providing penalties for violation thereof	Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez and Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr.
HB No. 1574	An act recognizing the potentials of the Filipino youth towards nation building, prescribing the free exercise of certain rights and for other purposes	Reps. Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo and Gloria Macapagal -Arroyo
HB No. 1681	An act providing telecommunications systems accessibility to persons with communication deficits (hearing-impaired and speech-impaired)	Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez
HB No. 1685	An act granting persons with disabilities who are self-employed a seventy percent (70%) government subsidy for their monthly premium contributions to the Social Security System for the first three (3) months of coverage amending for the purposes Republic Act (RA) No. 7277 otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities	Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez and Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr.
HB No. 2955	An act providing hearing-impaired and speech-impaired persons access to telecommunication system	Rep. Marcelino Teodoro
HB No. 3192	"An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons on the Equal Opportunity for Employment of Persons with Disabilities"	Rep. Imelda Calixto-Rubiano
HB No. 3665	An act providing for the establishment of city and municipal rehabilitation center for children and young adult with disabilities	Rep. Teddy A. Casino
HB No. 3838	An act requiring all franchise holders or operators of television stations, producers of television programs, home video programs and motion pictures to broadcast or present their programs and films with closed-caption and providing penalties for violation thereof	Rep. Raymond V. Palatino
HB No. 4121	An act requiring the use of sign language insets for local news program	Reps. Teddy A. Casino and Neri Javier Colmenares

House Resolution (HR) No. 221	A resolution directing the House of Representatives Committee on Social Services to investigate, in aid of legislation, the status of the implementation of various laws applicable to persons with disabilities in the light of various reports that certain drugstores are not honoring the discount on purchases made by persons with disabilities pursuant to RA No. 9442 otherwise known as "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and for Other Purposes," and Administrative Order No. 2009-0011 issued by the Department of Health.	Reps. Bello, Bag-ao, Gonzales II, Lagman and the Members of the Committee on Rules
HR No. 1024	Directing the House of Representatives to determine if Section 5 of R. A. No. 7277, Otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities being implemented by all government and government-controlled corporations	Rep. Catalina C. Bagasina

The NCDA's participation in the enactment of the above-enumerated legislations is part of its continuing efforts to harmonize future laws with the UNCRPD, which are expected to enhance the provision of services and programs for persons with disabilities leading to their empowerment and enjoyment of their rights.

The NCDA likewise submitted its inputs on the UN-ESCAP survey on the progress and Challenges in Implementing the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five and position papers on the Draft Outcome Document of the High Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases.

C. Spearheaded/facilitated/provided technical assistance on the following collaborative efforts with its member-agencies, Regional Committees on Disability Affairs, local government units, and other stakeholders:

1. Crafting of the amendments of the implementing rules and regulations of the Accessibility Law (Batas Pambansa Blg. 344), with the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the representative of the sector of persons with disabilities *(The recommended amendments will address the concerns of other disability type groups like those with visual impairment, multiple disability and the deaf, and also the transportation-related concerns)*

2. Issuance of person with disability identification (PWD-ID) cards in line with Republic Act No. 9442 and responding to complaints on non-compliance of establishments, restaurants, etc. to the discounts provided in the said Law *(61 ID cards were processed/issued to walk-in persons with disabilities in the NCDA Office; facilitated and coordinated with the Department of Health's (DOH) Information Management Systems the request for the password and user accounts of Ilocos Norte, La Union, Pangasinan, Region 12, Mandaluyong City, San Miguel Bulacan, San Pablo and Kalayaan, Laguna for the PWD-ID card issuance)*

3. Access audit of government buildings/sports center and other structures:
   a. Provincial Capitols:
      1. Compostela
      2. Davao Oriental
      3. South Cotabato
      4. Agusan del Sur
      5. Misamis Occidental
      6. Camiguin
      7. Rizal, Antipolo City
      8. Ynares Center Provincial Capitol Compound

   b. City/Municipal Halls
      1. Koronadal City
      2. San Francisco, Agusan del Sur
      3. San Jose, Mindoro
      4. Rizal, Mindoro
      5. Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental
      6. Sinacaban, Misamis Occidental
      7. Clarin, Misamis Occidental
      8. Tudela, Misamis Oriental
      9. Ozamis City
      10. Butuan City
      11. Province of Camiguin (five [5] municipal halls)

   As part of the audit, the Council's regional programs coordinators (RPCs) conducted post conference with the provincial/city administrators, wherein they expressed the need to conduct capacity building among local building officials on the technical and on the proper appreciation of the law. It was observed in the audits conducted that most of the violations committed are not because the concerned officials do not know the required measurements for the Accessibility Law but on why they should comply with the required measurements.

   Letters of commendations were sent to the following for complying with the Accessibility Law:
   a. Caloocan Central Elementary School, Caloocan City;
   b. Department of Social Welfare and Development, National Capital Region;
   c. Department of Budget and Management, Manila;
   d. Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
   e. President Diosdado Macapagal Memorial Center, Caloocan City;
   f. DPWH Building, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte;
   g. Governor Roque Ablan Sr. Memorial Medical Hospital (Out-Patient, Payward and New Payward Building), Laoag City, Ilocos Norte; and
   h. Bangui District Hospital (New Building and Hospital II), Bangui, Ilocos Norte;

   DPWH likewise sent "Notices of Non-Compliance" to the Chief Executive Officers and/or Agency Heads/District Engineers of those not complying with Batas Pambansa Blg. 344)

4. Construction of access ramps on the existing footbridge fronting Ever Gotesco Mall in Commonwealth, Quezon City, in coordination with the DPWH

5. Passage/monitoring/evaluation of local ordinances/resolutions/executive orders, such as:

RCDA	PATICULARS	LOCAL ORDINANCE NO.
NCR	Establishment of Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) in Taguig City	Local Ordinance No. 8 Series of 2011
NCR	Establishment of PDAO in Quezon City	
I	Establishing PDAO in the Municipality of Santol, La Union	EO No. 2011-011 dated January 5, 2011
I	Establishment of PDAO in Sudipen, La Union	Resolution No. 001-2001
I	Establishment of PDAO in San Fernando, La Union	EO No. 001-2011
III	Resolution requesting the Department of Budget and Management for a separate sub-allotment on the 1% budget for the use of persons with disabilities and older persons	Resolution No. 2011-01
III	Creation of PDAO in San Fernando City, Pampanga	Ordinance No. 2009-014
IV-B	Enjoining local government units (LGUs) to implement policies, programs and provide services to persons with disabilities	Resolution No. 01, S. 2011
VI	Encouraging LGUs to implement Republic Act No. 10070 ("An act establishing an institutional mechanism to ensure the implementation of programs and services for persons with disabilities in every province, city and municipality	Resolution No. 002-2011
VI	Encouraging the Sangguniang Panglalawigan, Panglungsod, and Bayan to pass a local ordinance requiring all parking estabslishments for public use to allot parking slots for persons with disabilities in Iloilo City	Resolution No. 004-2011
V	Establishment of PDAO in Naga City	EO No. 2010-066
CARAGA	Enjoining LGUs and other government agencies concerned to fully implement RA 9442 ("an act amending RA No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities and for other purposes" and RA 10070	Resolution No. 12, series of 2011
CARAGA	Creation of a technical working group for the promotion of the acceptance of persons with disabilities in colleges and universities in the CARAGA region	Res. No. 001 Series of 2011
	An act establishing PDAO in the province of Antique	Provincial Ordinance No. 2010-55
	An ordinance mandating an increased budget allocation for persons with disabilities and senior citizens *(allocations must not be less than 1% of the annual budget)*	Ordinance No. 2010-66

6. Formulation of the 2012 Plan of Action and RCDAs' quarterly meetings to clarify policies, laws and issues concerning persons with disabilities

7. Provision of livelihood assistance to individuals with disability and organizations of persons with disabilities through the Department of Labor and Employment regional offices, specifically:
   a. "Kabuhayan" starter kits to twenty (20) persons with disabilities from Taguig City, One (1) from Quezon City and six (6) from Surigao City, Surigao City Organization of PWDs, Butuan City Organization of PWDs and Magallanes Association of PWDs of Agusan del Norte

   b. Php 183,000 grant from the DOLE Kabuhayan Starter Kit Program and aumgmentation fund from the DSWSD for the conduct of Training on Cosmetology and Hair cutting in New Lucena, Iloilo Province

   c. Php 31,000 for a massage parlor and a sari-sari store business to a person with disability from Western Samar

   d. Php 100,000 for the school desk project of Tacloban Persons with Disabilities Cooperative Association

   e. Php 300,000 for the Broiler Production and income generating projects of San Jose Persons with Disabilities

8. Continuous updating of disability-relevant data and monitoring of various activities through the RCDAs and/or LGUs, namely:

   - RCDA I:
     - Directory of Higher Education Institution admitting students with disabilities and the list of enrolled students with disabilities from the Commission on Higher Education
     - List of commercial establishments implementing the 5% discount on prime commodities and basic necessities from the Department of Trade and Industry
     - Inventory of audited government buildings/facilities from DPWH
     - Programs and services for PWDs from LGUs Ilocos Norte/Laoag P/CSWDO
     - Capacity Building extended to LGUs and implementation of GAA allocation for PWDs from the Department of Social Welfare and Development
   - CARAGA Region:
     - Passage of Memo Circular enjoining LGUs to pass a local ordinance on the inclusion of organizations of persons with disabilities as signatories in the issuance of building permits and certificate of occupancy and on the creation of Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) in Bayugan, Agusan del Sur and Magallanes, Agusan del Norte
     - Launching of the 2012 Search for the Most Persons with Disability-Friendly LGUs and the provision of budgetary requirements and preparation of the criteria and awarding requirements for the same by the Department of the Interior and Local Government
     - Establishment of a rehabilitation unit in each medical facility pursuant to RA No. 7277 by the Department of Health in provincial and city hospitals
     - Implementation of BP Blg. 344 in provincial and city hospitals by DPWH

- National Capital Region:
  - Crafting of the City Legislative Agenda initiated by the Office of the Quezon City Vice Mayor and conduct of the Quezon City Persons with Disability Summit which resulted to the passage of the local ordinance establishing the PWD Affairs Office and the adoption of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) by the Local Government for the development of the sector in the priority agenda of the Quezon City Mayor

  - Formulation of the local code for persons with disabilities in coordination with the Office of the Quezon City Vice Mayor

  - Conduct of orientation on Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) in Payatas, Bagbag, Commonwealth and Old Balara, all in Quezon City

9. Conduct of "Wheelchair Assessment Trainings," in coordination with the Church of Latter-Day Saints Charities in NCDA Office, Carmona, Cavite for CBR volunteers and leaders/parents of persons with disabilities and in Zamboanga City for persons with disability leaders and stakeholders, through the sponsorship of PDAO. These trainings resulted to the following:
   - Granting of seven (7) regular wheelchairs and thirteen (13) supportive wheelchairs to children with disabilities and donation of two (2) wheelchairs to Nazareth Bahay at Pag-ibig House of Apostolate, San Pablo City; and

   - Referral of four (4) children with clubfoot and two (2) with catraract to Mabuhay Deseret Foundation for operation and rehabilitation.

10. Conduct of consultation meetings with the following:
    - Leaders of disability organizations of Zamboanga Peninsula, which resulted to the commitment from the persons with disability participants and officers of the Provincial, City and Municipal to lobby to the Local Chief Executives on the creation of PDAO as embodied in RA No. 10070 and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 103 dated September 2010.

    - Sorsogon Provincial Government officials, *Sangguniang Panglalawigan*, MSWDOs and leaders of persons with disabilities on the implementation of policies and laws for the development of persons with disabilities, which paved the way for an advocacy partnership and collaboration of government organizations and persons with disability leaders

II. ADVOCACY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A. Disability-Inclusive Advocacies with Various Stakeholders

1. "Non-Handicapping Environment" (NHE) Project, in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency - The NCDA took active role in facilitating the conduct of the Mid-Term Review of the NHE project in New Lucena, Iloilo City, in developing the guidelines on the adoption/replication of the NHE project in three (3) other municipalities, and in conducting a Training of Daycare Workers on How to Handle Children with Disabilities/Inclusive Education.

   The NHE project was also presented in the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress to generate awareness on the need to make the community physically and attitudinally accessible to PWDs. A Study Tour of interested/selected Congress participants was also done in New Lucena, Iloilo.

2. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) – The NCDA, in partnership with the CBM, CBR coordinating office and APC Network secretariat continued the promotion on the adoption of the local government units (LGUs) of the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) as a strategy/approach in the provision of services to persons with disabilities as stipulated in Executive Order No. 437. Specifically, it was further promoted during the Inter-Municipal Conference on CBR sponsored by HELP Learning Center in Naga City on July 18, 2011.

   The Council, together with a National Organizing Committee and the Asia-Pacific CBR Network held the ***2nd Asia Pacific CBR Congress*** from November 29 to December 1, 2011 at Sofitel Hotel in Pasay City. The Congress is a technical cooperation among organizations/countries in the AP Region which demonstrate resource sharing and information exchange in the field of CBR

3. Provincial Disability Forums - Six (6) provincial disability forums in Northern, Western and Eastern Samar, Southern Leyte, Masbate and Occidental Mindoro, in partnership with Plan International, Liliane Foundation Philippines and Terre des Homes were conducted. These forums enhanced the knowledge on existing policies and mandates of the government concerning disability among LGUs, service providers, local media and persons with disabilities

4. Conduct of advocacy campaigns on the implementation of Republic Act No. 9442, specifically on the availment of the 20% discount on medicines pursuant to the Court of Appeal's Lifting of its Temporary Restraining Order on the implementation of the 20% Discount on the Purchase of Medicines (CA-G.R. SP No. 109903)

   Along this line, the NCDA held a Media Forum (Press Conference) which was attended by representatives from the Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of Internal Revenue, non-government organizations of and for persons with disabilities and other stakeholders. The Forum paved the way for the Mercury Drug Corporation to fully comply with the provisions of RA 9442, specifically on the discount on the purchase of medicines for persons with disabilities effective May 1, 2011

5. Conduct of the "Web Accessibility Forum" for 40 government/non-government organization web designers to upscale compliance to "NCDA-National Computer Institute (formerly National Computer Center) Joint Circular on Web Accessibility" based on Article 9 of the UNCRPD. The action plans of the participating agencies were prepared during the workshop.

B. Advocacies targeting the general public

1. "Beyond Disability" Infomercial - The Council syndicated this infomercial in four (4) national television networks, specifically Channels 4, 5, 9 and 13 for the whole month of April. Thirty (30) copies (in DVD format) of the said Infomercial along with the Council's two (2) other infomercials earlier produced and syndicated were also distributed to local media and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Information Centers during the conduct of the Council's Provincial Disability Forums.

   Videos like the "Blind Architect" and "Barrier-Free Tourism" were also distributed during Council's undertakings and to requesting partner agencies. These informational videos brought consciousness among the general public on the recognition of inherent rights of persons with disability in various human endeavours and helped improve public perceptions on equal treatment to persons with disabilities.

2. Year-Round Disability-Related Celebrations and Observances – The Council took the leadership and initiative for the mobilization of all stakeholders and active participation to conduct fitting activities and to promote the following events in accordance with the adopted themes and through the support of identified lead and member- agencies:
   - Autism Consciousness Week (January)
   - Rare Disease and Orphan Disorders Week (February)
   - Women with Disabilities Day/Women's Month Celebration (March)
   - World Autism Awareness Day (April)
   - International Day of Families (May)
   - National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week (July)
   - White Cane Safety Day (August)
   - Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week (September)
   - Children's Month (October)
   - Deaf Awareness Week (November)
   - International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3)

3. Photo Exhibit – Mounted a photo exhibit featuring the right to sports of persons with disabilities during the "PNoy National Games" on May 22-29 in Bacolod City

4. Postings on the NCDA Website – Uploaded 42 current disability news/links/entries on various departments' circulars to ensure RA No. 9442's implementation, best practices/success stories, international recognition awards for outstanding achievements on disability research and institutions for children with intellectual disabilities, BIR's accessible filing lounge, latest disability trends, issues and other rights-promotion items, and press releases on various disability-related concerns

   A portal called "Webstore" was also provided in the website which will serve as an online mall for entrepreneurs with disabilities where they can showcase their products or services worldwideweb. Through this link, the businesses of persons with disabilities will be advertised and their products widely marketed and converted into revenues. This portal will also serve as a door for local/overseas investors interested to engage persons with disabilities as partner-entrepreneurs.

C. Advocacies targeting schools/universities and local government units/service providers/Disabled People's Organizations

1. Establishment of disability section in the University of the East (UE) Manila Campus. The section serves as a repository of information on disability which increases the knowledge of both students and faculty seeking latest trends and updates on various disability-related topics.

2. Production and distribution of AFS-KL-YES Poster and brochures to various schools, and presented it to AFS International President Francisco Casal and main sponsor, US Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer Alan Holt at the Cultural Night. It was cited as a model project for being able to engage smart cross-disability scholars, leading to high-impact success stories.

3. Information dissemination on available leadership training for promising youth with disability, such as the 10-month training opportunity for young people with disabilities in the Asia Pacific Region for the year 2012-2013 being offered by the Japan Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (JSPRD). The program provides an opportunity for participants to learn about welfare measures, policies and services for persons with disabilities in Japan, and thus improve their knowledge and skills on similar concerns relevant to their own countries. It is sponsored by the Duskin AINOWA Foundation as one of the projects commemorating the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1993-2002).

4. Conduct of advocacy forums on the rights, benefits and privileges of persons with disability among the provincial/city/municipal social welfare development officers of Ilocos Sur, Sorsogon, Quezon, San Mateo Rizal, Camiguin Province, Misamis Occidental Province, Biliran Province, Western Samar Province, Nueva Viscaya, Occidental Mindoro, Bataan, Antique Province and Pangasinan.

D. Publications

The Council disseminated a total of 5,871 pieces of various information materials to organizations, private companies, schools, libraries, local government units, stakeholders, partner agencies, academic researchers and other stakeholders which increased and intensified their awareness and knowledge on various disability-relevant topics, including information on existing laws, policies and mandates on disability.

These publications include: (1) Compilation of issuances relative to the implementation of RA No. 9442 such as the DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2011-04 " Adopting the Guidelines on the Grant of Special Discounts to PWDs pursuant to RA NO. 9442"; (2) DOH Memorandum to all DOH Centers for Health Development in the implementation of RA No. 9442 and DOH Administrative Order 2009-00119 to the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines; (3) NCDA 2010 Annual Report; (4) NCDA Newsletter; (5) Pamphlets on RA No. 7277, 9442 and 10070; (6) Booklets on UNCRPD, BP Blg. 344, (7) the Manual of Regulations for Private Schools in Basic Education, and (8) Barrier-Free Tourism.

Disability-related articles totaling to 316 (including NCDA-syndicated press releases) were also monitored and clipped. These now form part of the NCDA library reference materials.

E. Media guestings, advocacy seminars, orientations and forums

NCDA officers and staff served as resource persons and key players in the following media guestings, seminars, meetings, trainings, forums, and the like:

1. Broadcast media guestings/interviews in the following programs: (1) "Unang Radyo, Unang Balita" hosted by Salvador Oberas, DZXL-558 AM, RMN Networks; (2) The Morning Show hosted by Aljo Bendijo, NBN PTV 4; (3) Metro Sabado Radio/TV Show hosted by Alex Tinsay and Izza Reniva-Cruz, Aksyon TV/Channel 5-92.3 News FM; (4) Lets' Talk on the Air hosted by Ms. Juvy De Guzman, Batas iTV; (5) Opinion Leaders with William Thio hosted by William

Thio, Global News Network; (6) "Sunshine Philippines Movement on Air" and "Radyo 5" over 92.3 News FM in the Metro Sabado program and Todo Balita; (7) DWRV radio station; and "Nun Sense, Make Sense," St. Scholastica's 50-minute program aired over Channel 8 of the Destiny Cable.

A Memorandum of Agreement was also executed between NCDA and Aksyon TV's Metro Sabado to have a 30-minute discussion on disability in the segment called " Ako'y Ikaw Rin" which is aired and simulcast over Channel 41, a television network of ABC Channel 5. The agreement included the guesting of the NCDA-IECD Chief in tandem with a person with disability in the said program held every Saturday and hosted by Alex Tinsay and Izza Reniva-Cruz.

2. Hosting of 17 visiting foreign experts from eight (8) countries (California, Malaysia, Australia, Japan, South Africa, Thailand, Pakistan and Korea) which resulted to the development of a national program on GAPH initiatives, training and work opportunities in Malaysia and Australia for at least 50 persons with disability animators, tie-up on a "PWD-friendly disaster management plan and information exchange on issues concerning programs of Disabled People's Organizations and Non-Government Organizations. `

   NCDA also hosted two (2) meetings with Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability, one for government agencies and another for non-government organizations and self-help groups to discuss relevant issues and the implementation of the UNCRPD.

3. Forum on UNCRPD and PDAO Law for parents, teachers and students hosted by the Brothers of Charity-Ortho Pedagogical Institute

4. SPED Convention hosted by the SPED Assistance Program

5. Seminar on Inclusive Education in the Philippine Setting hosted by the College of Education of the University of the East

6. Persons with Disability Consultative Meeting for District 3 hosted by Councilor Allan Benedict Reyes

7. Forum on Women with Disabilities Day Celebration hosted by the National Computer Center

8. Education as a Human Right of Persons with Disability hosted by the Resources for the Blind, Inc.

9. 3rd National Parents Congress of the Parents' Advocates for Visually Impaired Children (PAVIC)

10. College Preparations Program- Turn to Your Right hosted by the Resources for the Blind, Inc.

11. Learning Workshop on the Legislative processes, Lobbying and the Human Rights-Based Approach to Legislation and Policy Development

12. Human Development cluster meeting in line with the President's priority legislative agenda

13. 6th Year Anniversary of Life Haven Independent Living Center

14. Symposium on the 33rd NDPR Week, National Center for Mental Health, Mandaluyong City and in San Lazaro Village, Makati City spearheaded by PERDISCO

15. 2nd National Administrators and Educators Conference, Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon City

16. Symposium on the Implementation of RA No. 9442 and BP Blg. 344, Magallanes Coliseum, Masbate City

17. Forum on Exceptional Children: A Life in a Different World, University of the East

18. Consultation meeting with Federations of Persons with Disabilities to update and advocate to PWD officers/leaders of their rights and responsibilities, as well as the government's programs and projects for the development of the PWD Sector

19. Orientation by Libertas Philippines and International Election Foundation towards policy formulation and programs to push for the rights to suffrage of litigants with disabilities and promote "PWD-friendly" prison houses

20. Strategic Planning Workshop of the Philippine Blind Union

21. Consultative meeting on the Philippine Registry for Persons with Disability for the updating of the Implementing Guidelines and Manual of Operations for the same and clarification on the NCDA Administrative Order No. 001 and NCDA AO 003 re: guidelines on the issuance of the PWD-ID card and guidelines for the computerization of the PWD-ID card.

22. Pre-Testing of the Repackaged Modules for the Training of Day Care Workers on Inclusive Education on Special Education

F. Development of reports, programs and standards on various disability-related concerns

1. First country report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), in coordination with the Presidential Human Rights Committee (PHRC) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)

   The Council conducted three (3) consultation meetings to gather inputs from stakeholders and validate their submitted data. The final draft was submitted to the PHRC which in turn will convene an inter-agency assembly for the validation of the country report;

2. Proper assessment and evaluation of wheelchairs including the request of wheelchairs for PWDs in Region I, in coordination with the Latter Day Saints Charities; and

3. Development of socio-economic programs for persons with disabilities of TheseAbled Foundation Incorporated (TFI). Directions to the proponent on how they can access the programs and services of government considering government rules and regulations were provided by NCDA Regional Programs Coordinator

4. Project Proposal on Disability Inclusive in Disaster and Risk Reduction and Management in the Philippines to be submitted to international funding agencies

5. Repackaged Modules on Inclusive Education for the Training of Day Care Workers

6. Concept Paper on the National Campaign to Promote White Cane which aims to intensify public awareness on the plight of the visually impaired persons by promoting recognition and acceptance of the "white cane" as a symbol of their need for specific assistance.

7. Research Proposal entitled "Assessment of the implementation of AO No. 59, S. 2003 "Auxiliary Social Services"

G. Undertakings/projects of the different NCDA Sub-Committees and other disability groups

The NCDA facilitated regular meetings and various undertakings of its Sub-Committees and other experts on disability-related concerns, namely:

1. Monitoring Committee on the Implementation of RA No. 9442 - The Committee prepared an update report on the status of the compliance to the Law, the consultations it conducted and the complaints and its corresponding responses. The Committee also prepared advocacy materials with the support of the Council for the Welfare of Children's UNICEF Fund. It also addresses the issue on Chronic Illness in relation to the categories of disabilities as specified in RA No. 7277 (Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities). Further, this Committee is envisioned to be replicated in the regions as the machinery to comprehensively monitor the implementation of R.A. 9442.

2. Meetings/activities of the Sub-Committee on Children with Disabilities - As Co-Chair of the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), the Communication Planning Workshop on the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities was conducted on December 6-8, 2011 at Aloha Hotel, Ermita, Manila. Its objective is to come-up with advocacy materials to support and promote the implementation of policies on children with disabilities.

   NCDA has also worked with Norfil Foundation and Breaking Barriers for Children and Youth with Disabilities which will plan a communication plan for LGUs to ensure the implementation of related laws on and for persons with disabilities.

3. Preparation for the pilot testing of the "Training of Day Care Workers on Inclusive Education" in Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City. Upon implementation, this will meet the learning needs of preschool children and will equip the day care workers on the identification, management and supervision of pre-school children with disabilities that are enrolled in Day Care Centers

4. 2011-2013 Work Plan of the Sub-Committee on Children with Disabilities as a result of its strategic planning workshop on February 2-5, 2011 at Hacienda Gracia Resort and Restaurant, Lubao, Pampanga

5. Promotion of Sports Toward Good PsychoSocial Make-Up of PWDs through:
   - Training of persons with disability bowlers
   - Exhibition match with De La Salle University bowlers
   - Elimination games on the participation of visually impaired chess players in the IBSA World Championship Games in Antalya, Turkey and Asian Games
   - Sports Demo at the Manila Japanese School
   - Training of the Persons with Disability National Team on Chess to compete in the PARAGAMES in Indonesia, 2011

Participation in the 6th ASEAN Para Games on December 11-23, 2011 in Solo City, Indonesia, wherein about 2,000 physically-challenged athletes with mobility and visual disabilities, amputees or those with cerebral palsy from ASEAN member nations - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam compete in 11 games. The NCDA coordinated with the Philippine Sports Association of the Differently Abled (PHILSPADA) the Country's competitors for the chess competition.

The project assists athletes with disability become globally competitive and develops their self-confidence and self-esteem. Engagement of persons with disability in sports can also help them become economically independent through the prizes, incentives/allowances that they get upon winning a competition

6. Formulation of new criteria and enhancement of existing ones of the Apolinario Mabini Awards, and the review of nominees/entries as part of the Screening Committee. This will ensure more quality selection and recognition of deserving local partners/entities who have made outstanding contributions on disability-related causes

7. Screening and grooming of two (2) exchange students with disabilities as goodwill ambassadors in the United States of America for one (1) year under the American Field Service (AFS) Youth Exchange Scholarship. Also held an orientation to train 14 AFS scholars as disability advocates to report supporters and violators of RA No. 9442 as *"Bantay KmK (Karapatan ng may 'K')"*

8. Review, registration and intensive training of the nine (9) official persons with disability PWD competitors to the 8th International Abilympics in twelve (12) categories; prepared two (2) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Abilympics Philippines and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to strengthen the RP team to Korea; generated a donation of a Canon camera worth over P20,000 and free mastery training by the Federation of Philippine Photographers' Foundation for photography bet's training and competition in Korea. These serve as an excellent opportunity for the country to showcase world-class work skills of Filipino workers.

9. Projects geared towards socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities such as their participation in Baratilyo in Greenhills Shopping Center

10. Support as member of the "26th Apolinario Mabini Awards" Screening Committee – The NCDA extended support and participated in the Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (PFRD)'s Awarding of the winners of the 26th Apolinario Mabini Awards held in Malacañang Palace. The project aims to create public awareness on the work excellence of persons with disabilities and outstanding contributions on disability. Recognition was given on various categories highlighted by the Presidential Award given to Sister Valeriana Baerts.

11. Participation in the 8th International Abilympics held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on September 25-30, 2011 as coaches and technical staff – The NCDA took active role in the preparation, training of contestants, institutional arrangements among partner agencies, coverage of the Korean Broadcasting System of Abilympics contestant/rights advocate, participation in 12 categories and documentation of the Philippine participation in the competition. The NCDA also provided technical assistance in the operation of Abilympics Philippines, Inc., which took the lead in sending the country's delegation to this global event.

H. Representation of the Philippine Government in the following international conferences:

1. 4th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" held on September 7-9, 2011 in New York City, USA. NCDA Officer-in-Charge/Executive Director and DSWD Undersecretary Alicia R. Bala took the lead in presenting the Philippine position on the urgency of employment, international cooperation and participation in public and political life for persons with disabilities based on the UNCRPD.

2. 2nd Pacific Conference on Psychological Rehabilitation held on July 28-30, 2011 in Dusit Thai, Manila. The NCDA representative, Mr. Andres Rhudy B. Ravelo, Jr. advocated for the rights and laws affecting persons with disabilities, as well as the programs and categories of disabilities to the participants from different Asian countries.

I. Provision of technical assistance

The NCDA, as part of its inherent mandate in partnership and collaboration with concerned stakeholders has extended various forms of technical assistance to address different concerns of persons with disability. These include the following:

1. Drafting and finalization of CHED's "Guidelines in the Administration and Implementation of Quality Education for Tertiary Students with Disabilities."

2. Criteria-setting, screening of 50 nominees in various categories and advocacy Screening of 12 applicants with disabilities, and eventually the selection of two (2) scholars for school year 2012-2013 American Field service Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange Scholarship (AFS-KL-YES) Program and in the re-entry briefing of 3 returning scholars, in sync with AFS Philippines

3. Conduct of the General Sectoral Assembly of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) to organize the sectoral council and nominate the sectoral representatives for the group of persons with disabilities, held on October 17-19, 2011 at Great Eastern Hotel.

4. Conduct of researches- thesis and dissertations on disability by academic (students and teachers/faculty members) and non-academic professionals/ individuals

5. Consultation Meeting/Workshop on the implementation of the Philippine Registry System for Persons with Disabilities

6. Conduct of Social Weather Station's Focus Group Discussions to come-up with 2 survey questions on the participation of PWDs in the 2013 midterm electoral process.

7. Crafting of advocacy strategies of TheseAbled Foundation, Inc. to strengthen Social Enterprises of PWDs

8. Conduct of 6 orientation/field visits for 11 foreign visiting experts/partners to strengthen international cooperation, educational/training and work opportunities for persons with disabilities

9. Conduct of Forum on Accessible Tourism in Cebu City in coordination with the Department of Tourism. The activity intensified awareness on the implementation of BP Blg 344 and as prescribed under Article 30 as corroborated by Article 9 of the UNCRPD for the rights of PWDs to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life.

J. Other accomplishments

1. Dialogue with the sector of persons with disability - The NCDA chairperson in partnership with the National Anti-Poverty Commission met with selected leaders of persons with disabilities to discuss participation in governance in the NCDA Governing Board, and other concerns/issues. The agreements reached during the dialogue were elevated to the NCDA Governing Board during its 3rd quarterly meeting.

2. Provision of foreign and local trainings/scholarships/fellowship and attendance to international symposiums and meetings – The NCDA coordinated and facilitated the following trainings, scholarship and fellowship programs, both here and abroad for its officers and staff, persons with disabilities and representatives from its member-agencies to capacitate them toward more effective and responsive work performance to promote the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the society:
   - Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship for Queensland University of Technology in the field of "Policy Development, Implementation, Advocacy and Monitoring and Evaluation of Disability Inclusive Programs and Legislations in the Philippines" for seven (7) weeks last March-May 2011.

   - A 3-day fine-tuning of the 12 fellows' Re-Entry Action Plan for stakeholders in government, private and civil society was conducted. A Pilot Training Workshop in one region will be conducted within the 3rd quarter 2011.

   - The positive impact of the first ALAF group is a 2nd batch of another 12 Filipinos who will participate in training on "Disability and Disaster Management" which is among NCDA's mission-critical programs. This is scheduled in 2012.

   - Australian Development Scholarships with Philippines-Australian Human Resource (PAHRODF) as partner organization and sponsored by the ***Australian Aid (AusAid***), one in the field of governance for two (2) years and one in the field of Social Science (Human Service Management) for one year

   - Orientation on Cervical Cancer and other Diseases caused by Human Papilloma Virus, Modified PAG-IBIG II Membership Program, Disaster Preparedness and PHILHEALTH Programs, Services and Other Benefits.

   - On-the-Job Training of persons with disabilities at the Asian Institute of Science and Technology for Computer Science; Manila Christian Computer Institute for the Deaf; National Vocational Rehabilitation Center; and at the NCDA for Information and Communication Technology (PC Operations)

   - Training/Seminar on Tax Audit/Investigation/Updating conducted by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants

3. Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) – The NCDA prepared and worked on the approval of the NCDA's ISSP for 2012-2014 by the Department of Budget and Management. The ISSP

will upscale thru automatic effectiveness, accuracy and speed of sharing of relevant information with local/international partners to promote "disability inclusive" environment for citizens with disabilities in the country.

4. Financial and Referral Assistance - Augmentation fund/fund support to the following organizations of persons with disabilities were granted pursuant to the NCDA Financial Assistance Program for Organizations of/for Persons with Disabilities and Individuals with Disability:
   - Philippine Deaf Federation for the conduct of its national assembly
   - Life Haven, Inc. for the acquisition of high-powered wheelchair from donors abroad for their severely members with disabilities
   - New Vois Association of the Philippines for the Aesophageal Speech Training of 20 Filipinos who are throat cancer victims
   - Four (4) persons with disabilities for their On-the-Job Training to the Asian Institute of Science and Technology for Computer Science and in the National Vocational Rehabilitation Center for Information and Communication Technology (PC Operations)
   - Persons with disabilities and NCDA employees who have suffered from various illnesses, for dialysis and chemotherapy to the Office of the Vice-President, DSWD, DOH, Party List Congressmen, Philippine Charity and Sweepstakes Office and other hospitals for medical assistance The requested aids were granted to clients especially the medical assistance.
   - Six (6) children with disabilities of Abra de Ilog, Mindoro for hearing aids to Dr. Norberto Martinez of Better Hearing Philippines.

5. Maintenance/Improvement of library materials/collections through continuous acquisition of books, daily newspapers, Newsweek magazine and Reader's Digest

6. Resource generation amounting to P781,100.00 from different sponsors for the following activities and assistance spearheaded/coordinated by NCDA:
   - Power wheelchair from Korean visitors and a former NCDA Accountant given to Ms. Carla dela Cruz and other two (2) AFS-KL YES Scholars
   - Fund augmentation from AudAid, DOLE, DTI, DSWD, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority to support the "Women with Disabilities Forum" and "Leadership Training"
   - Fund Augmentation from DOTC and Resources for the Blind for the "Web Accessibility Workshop

7. Preparation and submission of the Council's 2012 Budget proposal and attended the technical budget hearings called by Senate and Congress

8. Maintenance/Improvement of the NCDA office building

9. Adoption of the Code of Conduct (CoC) for the NCDA Secretariat. Guided by the Code of Ethics and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees as provided in RA No. 6713, the CoC promotes the ideals of good governance, eradication of graft and corruption and the upholding of the highest ethical standards among its officials and employees.

10. Forging of Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) between the NCDA Management and Employees Association which will take effect for thee (3) years. The first payment of CNA totalling to Php 236,000.00 (Php 4,000.00 per employee) was granted to all EA members/employees.

11. Facilitated the payment of Performance Enhancement Bonus amounting to Php 560,000.00 (Php 4,000.00 per employee) to all Council's employees.

12. Maintenance of the NCDA office building including the repair of its roofing.

13. Facilitated the selection of personnel for Project Evaluation Officer III, Administrative Aide IV and Administrative Aide VI positions

Details of selected 2011 NCDA's Major Accomplishments:

Advocacy on New Born Screening

The NCDA promotes the prevention of the causes of disabilities among children through the Newborn Screening in line with Republic Act No. 9288 in celebration of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week from July 17 to 23. The Newborn Screening was undertaken in East Avenue Medical Center, Quezon City; Jose Fabella Memorial Medical Center, Manila; Philippine General Hospital, Manila; Dr. J.P. Rizal Memorial Hospital, Laguna; Emilio Aguinaldo District Hospital, Trece Martirez City, Cavite; and Angono General Hospital, Rizal.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities specifically Article 23 which stipulates that "States parties shall ensure that children with disabilities have equal rights with rerspect to family life. Thus, they shall provide early and comprehensive information, services and support to children with disabilities and their families.

With this development, NCDA deems it necessary to conduct early detection on disabilities among babies. In line with Republic Act No. 9288 entitled "An Act Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy", a National System for Ensuring Newborn Screening was undertaken in celebration of the 33rd National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week. Newborn babies were screened for one week to help them prevent disabilities.

In preparation for the activity, Philippine General Hospital, Jose Fabella Medical Center East Avenue Medical Center, Angono General Hospital, Dr. J.P. Rizal Memorial Hospital and General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital oriented all pregnant mothers who underwent prenatal check-ups on the benefits and importance of Newborn Screening. Newborn Screening kits were provided during the orientation and thereafter, indigent mothers who gave birth on 17-23 July 2011 who are not covered by Philhealth insurance were given free screening tests. For positive results, a Confirmatory Test was done and referred to the National Institute of Health through the advice of the attending physician.

The activity served as an "eye opener" to all mothers onthe importance of early detection and intervention of disabilities among babies through the newborn screening. A total amount of P108,900.00 was spent by the Council in the purchase of Newborn Screening Filter Cards/Kits which were distributed to 198 expectant mothers in six hospitals

Details of selected 2011 NCDA's Major Accomplishments:

National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week

With the theme "Making the Rights Real for Filipinos with Disabilities," the different NDPR Week activities conducted from July 16-23 are as follows:

- Read Along Theater Presentation on July 16 held at the Concert at the Park, Rizal Park, Manila
- Thanksgiving Mass aired over ABS-CBN Channel 2 and were held simultaneously on July 17 at the latter's studio and at the Quezon Memorial Circle (QMC)
- M.O.V.E. Manila Run 2011 on July 17 at QMC and PARM M.O.V.E. on July 24 in Dumaguete City
- Opening Ceremonies and Recognition of Special Olympics Medalists held on July 17 at the QMC
- Transport Access Forum- Air and Sensitivity Training on July 18 held at NAIA Terminal III
- Entrepreneurship Appreciation Course on July 19 held at the Occupational Safety and Health Center, North Avenue, Quezon City.
- Tenpin Bowling Tournament for Persons with Disabilities on July 19 at SM Bowling Center, SM North EDSA
- Forum on the Prevention, Early Detection and Intervention of Disabilities among Children on July 18 at the Center for Health Development, Mandaluyong City.
- Forum on the K to 12 Program and the Education of Persons with Disabilities on July 19 at the Commission on Higher Education.
- Live Interview at "NBN at Your Service" on July 20 at NBN Channel 4
- Access Audit of LRTA Train Stations on July 20 at LRTA Station
- Ergonomics and "Banat Buto" Lecture on July 20 at DENR, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City
- Forum on Accessible Tourism for Persons with Disabilities on July 21 in Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Pasay City, in partnership with the Department of Tourism-Office of Tourism Standards and Regulations.
- Mobility Clinic and Registration of Persons with Disabilities held on July 21 in Brgy. San Vicente, Quezon City
- Talk on Prevention of Disability the Natural Way-Management of Diabetes and Hypertension held on July 22 in NAPOCOR, Quezon City
- Lecture on Understanding Disability held on July 22 at the National Children's Hospital, Quezon City
- I-Monitor Mo, Accessibility Law Press Conference held on July 22 at PIA, Quezon City
- Posting of PWD Stickers in Public Utility Vehicles (buses, jeepney, taxi and FX) on July 23 at Novaliches, Quezon City, SM Fairview, Quezon City
- Wreath-laying at the Mabini Shrine on July 23 held at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines Campus, Manila.
- NDPR Week Closing Ceremonies cum Variety Show and Wheelchair Distribution for Persons with Disabilities held on July 23 in SM City Fairview
- Registration of persons with disabilities from July 18 to 22 held in SM Malls and barangays nationwide and on July 23 at SM City Fairview, Quezon city.
- Syndication of press releases on the weeklong celebration

Details of selected 2011 NCDA's Major Accomplishments:

2nd Asia and Pacific Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Congress

The Philippines, through NCDA, hosted the 2nd Asia and Pacific CBR Congress with the theme "CBR: Building Communities for Everyone" and Sub-Theme: "Mainstreaming Disability in the Development Agenda" which was held on November 29 – December 1, 2011 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Pasay City. It was attended by 630 participants from 65 countries in the entire Asia Pacific Region and the rest of the world composed of representatives of organizations of PWDs, CBR practitioners, domestic and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government officials, development agencies, donors, media and the business sector.

The Opening Ceremony was highlighted by the Keynote Address of His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines. He shared that all the steps that the Philippines has taken so far, from instituting fair and honest business practices and good governance in the Philippines, to ensuring the rights of PWDs, are in line with his administration's dream for the Philippines. It is not only growth that the country is after, but, for inclusive growth; not only progress, but equitable progress. He also stressed that his message is clear, "if we work, if we work together, if we work in the name of justice, if we do not stray from the strength and brightens path – we will arrive at the destination we have all aspired from the very beginning, a Philippine, an Asia and a world that prospers under the clear light of day

The World Report on Disability was presented to President Aquino by Dr. Soe Nyuth-U, World Health Organization (WHO) Representative in the Philippines, assisted by Ms. Alana Officer, WHO Coordinator, Disability and Rehabilitation.

The Congress also served as a venue for the participants to network with representatives from across the region and interact with other stakeholders, holding separate meetings during the 3-day event.

The Manila Recommendations, which contain major discussion points during plenary and concurrent sessions, were presented and unanimously adopted by the participants. The following perspectives were shared collectively:

1) Key outcomes of Community-Based Inclusive Development initiatives are to empower community people, especially PWDs. It is the most effective approach for CBR national networks and other CBR stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region to implement Community-Based Inclusive Development approach in accordance with the principles of the UNCRPD and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

2) All CBR stakeholders are encouraged to work on evidence-based documentation not only on major CBR related topics and practices but also emerging issues especially disaster preparedness and response through multi-stakeholders' collaboration.

3) Sub-regional aspects are emphasized, taking into consideration that more than 60% of the world population is within the Asia-Pacific region, in addition to diverse cultural backgrounds and huge geographic areas. It was a good sign that the Congress has a lot of delegates from the Pacific.

4) The CBR African Network, the CBR Americas Network, the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and the participants from the other regions were welcomed for participating in the Congress in Asia-Pacific region and sharing different regional points of view to develop global initiatives such as the CBR Global Network.

The following recommendations were made through all sessions:

1) The MDGs and the CBR Guidelines including the CBR Matrix will be reviewed by 2015 to mainstream disability from the perspective of Community-Based Inclusive Development.

2) The gender perspective needs to be considered in all CBR activities.

3) Networking and collaboration on CBR is strengthened to build communities for PWDs, their family members and other community partners. Hence, CBR related trainings, monitoring, evaluation and mentoring, especially for the development of human resources with disabilities, need to be available.

4) The United nations agencies and international development agencies including donors are encouraged to support CBR activities.

5) The importance of exchanging information about good practices is more recognized. Thus, it is necessary for all CBR stakeholders to enhance knowledge management activities for the promotion of Community-Based Inclusive development.

6) In collaboration with the newly elected Executive Committee members of the CBR Asia-Pacific Network, Japan is endorsed as the host country of the third Asia-Pacific CBR Congress in 2015.

7) Sub-regional mechanisms are focused by the CBR Asia-Pacific Network to strengthen CBR which would promote Community-Based Inclusive Development in the Asia-Pacific region.

8) The preparation of the first CBR World Congress to be held in Agra, India on November 26-28, 2012 is to be supported.

9) The CBR Asia-Pacific takes a leadership role for the development of the CBR Global Network, given that the biggest population is within the Asia-Pacific region.

The Congress participants sincerely thanked the organizers, the NCDA of the Philippines and the CBR Asia-Pacific Network in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines, with the support of the World Health Organization, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability, CBM South East Asia & Pacific Region, other CBR related organizations and the people of the Philippines for the warm hospitality and support which led to the success of the Congress.

The Closing Message of Undersecretary Alicia R. Bala of the DSWD and Officer-in-Charge/Executive Director of NCDA marked the end of the 3-day CBR Congress.

Details of selected 2011 NCDA's Major Accomplishments:

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3, 2011)

For the first time in its observance, it was commemorated under a general theme "Together for a Better World for All: Including Persons with Disabilities in Development", with supporting sub-themes to draw attention to key areas that would work in synergy to mainstream disability in all developmental processes. The Department of the Interior and Local Government chaired the National Working Committee, in tandem with NCDA as the lead convenor along with different government and non-government agencies, including organizations of and for PWDs. The sub-themes were taken cared of by the lead agencies as follows:

1. "Accessibility: removing barriers and promoting disability-inclusive development" (DPWH and DOTC)
2. Gender: including women and girls with disabilities in development (WOW-LEAP)
3. Promoting data collection and statistics on disability (AKAP-Pinoy)
4. Mainstreaming disability: including a disability perspective in all developmental processes (DepEd); and
5. Including Children and Youth with Disabilities in Development (DSWD)

The following activities were conducted during the celebration:

- Forum on Mainstreaming Women, Girls and Children with Disabilities in Gender and Development at the Local Government Level held on November 22 at the Department of Transportation and Communications, Mandaluyong City, and Leadership Training for Women, Girls with Disabilities and Mothers of Children with Disabilities held on November 23-24 in Bayview Hotel, Pasay City. The project raised awareness on the rights of women with disabilities, children and parents of children with learning disabilities.
- Forum on Data Collection and Disability Statistics held on November 23 in the Department of Health, Manila.
- Forum on Mainstreaming Disability on Development Agenda held on November 25 in Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan City.
- Walk for the Rights of PWDs held on December 2 at SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City, with DILG taking the lead, in partnership with NCDA, DSWD, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), SM Mall of Asia, Autism Society Philippines and Japan International Cooperation Agency. It was participated by over 3,000 local/international guests which created region-wide awareness on the PWDs' rights.
- 2020: Race to Success held on December 3 in SM City Fairview, Quezon City, with Tahanang Walang Hagdanan as focal agency
- Exhibit of Artworks of Children with Disabilities held on December 3 in SM City Fairview
- An orientation on the UNCRPD was likewise held on December 5 in Dumaguete City in celebration of the International Day of PWDs. There were also Orientation on RA No. 9442, Teacher's Training on Inclusive Education and Ear/eye Screening and Training of Barangay Health Workers and Day Care Teachers from November to December in Eastern Visayas.

Details of selected 2011 NCDA's Major Accomplishments:

Pre-Testing of the Repackaged Modules for the Training of Day Care Workers on Inclusive Education on Special Education

A Writeshop on the Repackaging of Modules for the Training of Day Care Workers on Inclusive Education on Special Education (SPED) was conducted on September 27 to October 1, 2010 at the Department of Education (DepEd), Pasig City. It was attended by competent and committed SPED teachers, social workers and project officers. A series of consultation meetings were also held with other experts in their fields and their comments were integrated by the DepEd Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE)-SPED.

In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the DepEd BEE-SPED, the modules were pre-tested on November 14-18, 2011 in Richville Hotel, Mandaluyong City. The five day training attended by 25 day care workers of Mandaluyong City aimed to equip the day care workers the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills on the management and supervision of preschool children with disabilities that are enrolled in Day Care Center.

After the training, the modules will be finalized incorporating the comments/recommendations of the day care workers and the DSWD Standards Bureau and Social Technology Bureau.

The NCDA spent P40,000.00 for the supplies and materials for the reproduction of training modules. As fund support, the Mandaluyong City Government provided P18,750.00 for the transportation of day care workers while the Australia Agency for International Development (AusAID) granted P210,000 for the food and accommodation of the participants. This undertaking was a demonstration of collaboration/partnership among local government unit, national government and the international agency/government.

In addition to the above, NCDA and JICA also conducted a "Training of Day Care Workers on How to Handle Children with Disabilities" on May 22-24, 2011 in Iloilo Grand Hotel.