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**Announcement**

**First Asia Deafblind Conference**

**The first ever conference which aims to build network of persons with deafblindness in Asian region will be held with participation of persons with deafblindness themselves from different countries.**

1. **Name of the conference**

First Asia Deafblind Conference

**２ Objective of the conference**

　 Deafblindness is not yet considered as one distinct disability in many Asian countries and very few organizations of persons with deafblindness exist. Japan Deafblind Association invites persons with deafblindness and their supporters from different countries in Asian region for this conference in order to initiate building regional network of organizations of persons with deafblindness.

This conference aims to promote well-beings of persons with deafblindness in Asian region by sharing experience and knowledge of persons with deafblindness themselves and their supporters including Interpreter-Guides.

**３　Organizaer**

　　Japan Deafblind Association

**４　Sponsor**  
Nippon Foundation

**５　Dates**　From August 31 to September 3, 2018

**６　Venue**

　Makuhari Messe International Convention Hall

　　　2-1, Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba-city, 261-8550 Japan

**７　International participants (countries to be invited)**   
6 countries (18 participants) from Asian region are planning to be invited.

（Korea, Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore, Uzbekistan, and India）

The total number of international participants is expected to be 40 from 8 countries including self-fund participants.

**８　Others**

This conference is will be held in parallel with the 27th Japan National Assembly of the Deafblind that brings persons with deafblindness from all over Japan. International participants of the conference and the participants of the assembly will be encouraged to exchange.

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