

15th World Congress of Inclusion International in Berlin, Germany and our life

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I participated in 15th World Congress of Inclusion International in Berlin, Germany last June.
It was held from June 13 to June 22.
It was my second time to participate in the World Congress of Inclusion International.

From Germany, the host nation, 1598 persons participated in it.
The second was Austria, 107 persons, and the third was Japan, 87 persons participated.

Most people presented in German. And some of them presented in Spanish and French.
African, Japanese and Malaysian also participated in the Congress.

I enjoyed the dinner cruise and the sightseeing in Paris.
It was my second time to visit Germany.
First time I went there with my family. At that time we visited Frankfurt and Munich and so on.

Last June, FIFA World Cup soccer was held in South Africa, so we were talking about it in the Congress. The flags of Germany were decorated on the cars on the streets. People were excited about the World Cup in Germany.

One of the topics was “How do you want to live in the community?”
In Japan, the consumption tax is 5% but in France and Germany that is 20%. I was surprised. I think that it will be easy to live if there is no consumption tax.

I think it is better to build more group homes for the people with disabilities.
Canadians were talking also the same thing. In Japan, we don't have enough space to build group homes.

There were a lot of halls in the Congress in Berlin. I got in the hall written Tokyo and other various halls. There were earphones in the hall. When we adjusted the channel of them, we could hear the presentation in Japanese.
Though various presentations were translated to Japanese, I didn't understand well about them.
One person has been in the hall with me and she has translated the presentations to Japanese.
I heard many presentations and I saw that many people were thinking the same things with me.

I participated in the Congress in Mexico five years ago. At that time some of the people asked me “could you give me money?” on the streets. There was no such person in Germany.

All people have the right to be educated. People should have education, otherwise they won't understand the society. When growing up, children might be in trouble if they don't have education.

All children in Japan are able to have education because most of the Japanese family has only one or two children. But in some of the foreign countries, each family has many children, so sometimes only one of them is able to have it. I really feel sorry about that.

It was reported about "Poverty and disability" in Mexico. It is necessary to exterminate poverty. 49% of the people in the foreign countries are undernourishment. There are a lot of people who die in undernourishment.

Exclusion is discrimination. It is necessary to eliminate all exclusion.

11.3% of the people in Panama don't have a job. They do not have the right to work.

Then, they are made to live in poverty. Because they do not have enough money and job, I think that they live terrible lives.

I had a good experience at the World Congress of Inclusion International in Mexico. So I wanted to participate in the next Congress in Berlin which would be held four years from then. I participated in the Congress in Mexico with 3 persons. And I participated in it in Berlin alone.

I want to participate in the next Congress in 2014. But the host country has not been decided yet.

The briefing sessions of the Berlin World Congress were held at 29 November and 16 December last year.

History of the Inclusion International Congress

Times	Year	Name of the city	Name of the country
1	1961	London	England
2	1963	Brussels	Belgium
3	1966	* Paris	France
4	1968	Jerusalem	Israel
5	1972	Montreal	Canada
6	1975	Dublin	Ireland
7	1978	Vienna	Austria
8	1982	Nairobi	Kenya
9	1986	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
10	1990	* Paris	France
11	1994	New Delhi	India
12	1998	The Hague	<u>Netherlands</u>

13	2002	Melbourne	Australia
14	2006	Acapulco	Mexico
15	2010	Berlin	Germany
16	2014		

My life and the objectives of my future life.

Persons with disability are working at the company called Toshimaya.

I have been working for 33 years.

I live with some of my friends and sometimes go out with them.

I moved in the group home because I have wanted to live all by myself and to have an independent life.

My objectives are to become independent, and to marry if I have a chance.

My type is a slim and tender-hearted woman.

I fell in love with the teacher when I was a third-grade high-school student. At that time, I couldn't go steady with her and I cried from the bottom of my heart.

Sometimes I want to marry when the colleague marries.

I had wanted to marry before 30 years old. But I will be 53 years old next year, so I want to marry as soon as possible.

I am contemplating marriage seriously.

I have lived in the group home called "Gesyuku-ya" for seven years.

I want to get over anxious feeling while living in the group home.