

2008 Annual Program of Activities
(April 2008 - March 2009)

1、 Surveys and research on Accessible Design products and services

(1)System integration to find out inconveniences experienced in daily lives of persons, children with disabilities and older persons

In 2008, we prepare the surveys of attributes which have not been conducted so far, in addition to the surveys conducted until 2007.(entrusted work, independent work)

(2)Market surveys of Accessible Design products in Japan

In 2008, we conduct the surveys on market size of Accessible Design products continuously done from 1995, and compiles the information chronologically as database.(independent work)

(3)Research and development on database (DB) of Accessible Design products for the purpose of promotion of Accessible Design products

In 2008, we make the database and prepare to provide people widely with information that consumers with or without disabilities, distributors, manufactures and related persons can utilize it and get easily information about products, services and living they want to know.(independent work)

(4)Co-creation systems and monitoring research system

In 2008, we study about Accessible Design products using technical skill of co-creation systems, together with several companies which are planning leading activities about Accessible Design products and services.(entrusted work)

1) Surveys and research on inconveniences and needs of sanitary items

From the results of surveys of the inconveniences and needs of sanitary items deliberate of people with disabilities, we abstract deliberate points and examine the items which need standardization.

2) Establishment of guidelines about Accessible Design services

We establish guidelines about the way that services in companies should be, plan to establish communication supporting board and we monitor existing board.(independent work)

(5)Examinations of commendation system and way of marking

In 2008, we examine the commendation system in case of that implementation to enhance co-creation systems further. (independent work)

2, Promotion of standardization on Accessible Design products and services

(1) Surveys and research on themes regarding Accessible Design and presentation of JIS (Japanese Industrial Standard) draft

In 2008, we prepare the draft of standardization based on the investigation results of “guidelines about meetings considerate of older people and people with disabilities” conducted from 2006, and also make final coordination to standardize “braille sign in consumer products” as Japanese Industrial Standards. Furthermore, we start surveys and research on standardization of guidelines about vending machines deliberate of older people and people with disabilities. (entrusted work)

(2) Cooperation in presentation of JIS draft and in the surveys and research on Accessible Design conducted by other organizations

We work together with the government offices concerned and other bodies about the surveys and research on Accessible Design done by organization except Accessible Design Foundation and cooperate in the promotion of standardization when necessary. (independent work)

3, Promotion and enlightenment of Accessible Design products and services

We offer support to companies (manufactures, distributors), industrial bodies, other bodies concerned so that they can realize Accessible Design products and services in accordance with the needs of users, and we provide information to consumers with or without disabilities and distributors concerned about Accessible Design products and services.

Activities in 2008 are as follow;

(1) Exhibition of Accessible Design products and services

In 2008, we prepare exhibitions as independent works according to the requests of various places.

- Standing exhibition hall in the office and projected display (independent work)
- Participation to exhibitions held by other industrial bodies

(2) Expansion of works on Accessible Design products for children

In 2008, we continue to practice the activities of promotion of “Accessible Design products and services” (conduct of classes for Accessible Design products, lessons of reading aloud and so on) in the educational interface continuously carried out. And we examine the way that lessons easy to understand for children with disabilities should be on the basis of results of surveys at schools for blind about degrees of recognition of Accessible Design products, utilizing

“booklets”, “our Web site”, “guidebooks for leaders”, “package of teaching materials for Accessible Design products” which are so far produced.(subsidized work)

(3)Planning and production of books and videos for promotion and enlightenment of Accessible Design products

1) We distribute “videos” regarding the promotion of Accessible Design products and services.(independent work).

2) We plan books for the promotion and enlightenment of Accessible Design products.(independent work)

4, Training on Accessible Design products and services

For the continuous forwarding of promotion of Accessible Design products and services ,training for company staff who promote the Accessible Design products and services at supply or distribution, consumers of older people, people with disabilities who can take part in development of products, and for administrative officials who promote it in regions is inevitable.

To achieve this, we organize symposiums, lectures for wide range of staffs and lessons for corporate members.

(1)Promotion and management of Accessible Design Conference(ADC)

In 2008, we manage a secretariat of Accessible Design Conference(ADC), keeping to hold forums or symposiums in mind.(independent work)

(2)Lessons for companies

In 2008, we plan to make textbooks (including supplementary readers) to conduct various lessons regarding Accessible Design products in cooperation with administration, private and citizens’ organizations.(entrusted work)

(3)Surveys and research on training of coordinators regarding the promotion of products deliberate of ageing (Accessible Design products)

In 2008, two year in session, we continue to hold “courses for training of coordinators” based on “textbooks for training of coordinators” which were created in 2006 by “surveys and research on training of coordinators regarding the promotion of products deliberate of ageing (Accessible Design products)“ .(independent work)

5, Collection and provision of information about Accessible Design products and services

(1)Publication of 2 official organs which carry the activities of this foundation and

related information

1) Official organ "Incl."(Accessible Design)

In 2008, we reexamine the contents of information of Accessible Design products and services and this foundation, and continue to issue.(independent work)

2) News from Accessible Design Foundation

Once a week, we deliver articles about Accessible Design products and services to personal or corporate assistant members by e-mail, and keep operations to make them available on our Web site after the delivery.(independent work)

(2)Provision of information on Accessible Design products and services by various media

1)We provide periodical information on Accessible Design products and services and related activities in cooperation with various media such as newspapers(Silver Industry Newspaper), weekly magazines(Women Seven, Weekly Post), broadcasting(NHK).

2)We provide irregular information to mass media positively.

(3)Distribution of the report of surveys on the inconveniences

In 2008, we sell at cost, on request, the report of surveys on the inconveniences of people, children with disabilities and older people experienced in daily lives.(independent work)

6, Exchanges and cooperation with domestic and international organizations related on Accessible Design products and services

(1)Connection with organizations to regulate international standards

In 2008, we take in charge of the secretariat of "Advisory Group for Accessible Design (AGAD)" which was proposed from Japan to ISO/TC159 in November 2007 and approved, and prepare to enlarge the international standardization of Accessible Design.

In addition to it, we continue to take in charge of the secretariat of working groups about general standards of Accessible Design which was proposed to the committee of ISO/TC159 and approved in 2007, and promote the international popularization of Accessible Design.(entrusted work)

(2)Consultation with Asian organizations concerned on the surveys of needs of older people and people with disabilities

In 2008, we examine about Accessible Design with Korea and China

separately to develop "China, Korea, Japan Accessible Design Committee", and further with Thailand, Malaysia and so forth and we promote the international standardization of Accessible Design.(entrusted work)

(3)Cooperation with International Disability Alliance

In 2008, we cooperate with disability organizations joining International Disability Alliance (IDA) and form the basis to reflect the needs of people with disabilities on the standards which will be applied in the future domestically or internationally.

(4)Promotion of barrier free service in international exhibitions

In 2008, we coordinate service manuals or training for staff to promote barrier free service in Expo Zaragoza.

7, Others

(1)Boards of directors and councilors

We hold basically twice each of boards of directors and councilors.

(2)Assistant members

In 2008, we try to increase corporate assistant members to 70 from 63 (as of March 31, 2008), and personal assistant members to 150 from 121(as of March 31, 2008).

(3)Treatment for reformation of nonprofit foundation

We prepare to register as new nonprofit foundation in accordance with the nonprofit foundation law which will come in force in December 2008.

(4)10th anniversary commemoration of the founding

The year 2008 is an important year as 10th anniversary of the foundation, so that we examine to hold the commemorative event and try to gain recognition of the foundation, and to promote popularization and enlightenment of Accessible Design.