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The lives of women with disabilities have differences that are distinct from those of men with disabilities. But being discriminated against as a disabled person and being discriminated against as a disabled woman are not two separate realities. All discriminations experienced by women with disabilities are issues of women with disabilities. No one in any society should be excluded or discriminated against for being a disabled woman. In addition, we work to secure equal opportunities and rights for women with disabilities in education, work, mobility, access to culture and information and to prevent the sexual autonomy and reproductive rights of women with disabilities from being controlled or violated. *Women with Disabilities Empathy* was founded in 1998 with the aim of creating a society in which women with disabilities are respected as equal members of society and can make valid choices and decisions.



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Major Activities of GongGam

Counseling and relevant work concerning human rights issues of women with disabilities

Counseling with regard to sexual violence against women with disabilities, support system for the victims and Developing sex, sexuality and gender culture movement

Project relevant to empowering education for women with disabilities

Project of a support concerning Independent living of women with disabilities

Policy development and research project with regard to women with disabilities

Network system and solidarity activities among the organisations

Project

School for women with disabilities

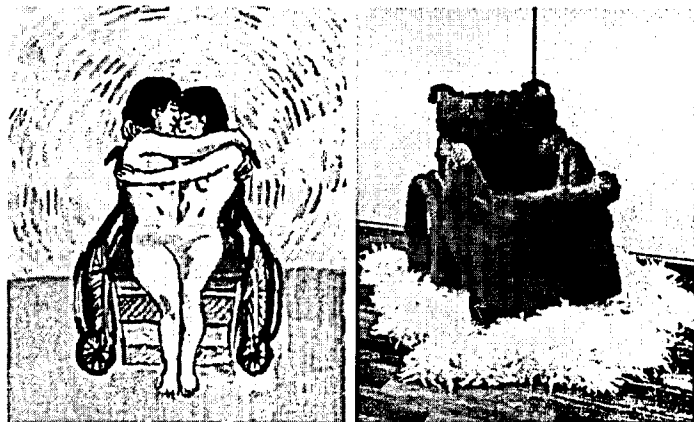
- Daily life-based educational space for empowering women with disabilities



Affiliated Organisations

Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities

Society as experienced by women with disabilities is filled with discrimination, oppression and alienation, and many are vulnerable to becoming victims of violence, due to their physical or mental limitations. Women with disabilities at a particularly vulnerable place socially where disability and gender discriminations overlap, and while sexual violence against women with disabilities is prevalent, prevention and support measures are thoroughly lacking throughout society. Being excluded from education and access to information, many disabled women hold prejudiced views of sexual violence and do not recognize sexual violence even when it happens to them. Therefore, it is necessary to teach women with disabilities about sexual violence as well as to raise the awareness of parents, teachers and social workers and to support their work. The *Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities* is based on a belief system of both feminism and disability rights. While our main focus is on providing crisis relief, counseling and psychological, medical and legal support to women with disabilities who have suffered sexual violence, we also provide regular programs in consciousness-raising and sexual education to women with disabilities. We will continue on in our efforts to create a society in which all disabled women can live free from violence.



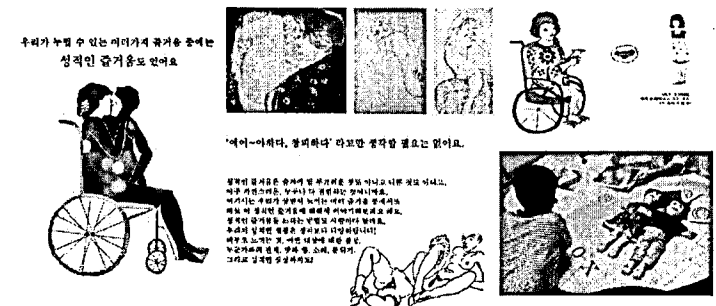
Counseling and support system for women with disabilities as victims of sexual violence : Crisis intervention and consultation, psychological, medical and legal supports and connections, preparation of support system network

Investigation and research activities for betterment of human rights of women with disabilities : Investigation of the actual conditions of women with disabilities as a victim of sexual violence, research over the sex/gender/sexuality awareness

Healing and empowering program for women with disabilities as a victim of sexual violence : Specialised consultant program, self-help gathering of damaged women and etc.
Education and programs to abolish sexual violence against women with disabilities: specialised consultant training program, sex education and etc.

Preparation of institutional system to abolish sexual violence and improve human rights : Campaign for the establishment and revision of laws and regulations, proposal of a policy and etc.
Creation of support system network for a victim of sexual violence among women with disabilities

Sexual culture movement



Soom :

Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities

Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities [Soom] is affiliated with **Women with Disabilities Empathy** which is an organisation for human rights of women with disabilities, and is started and introduced in January of 2005, in order to support independent decision making right of women with disabilities, to get respect of it, and to live an independent living.

Within the boundary of the existing support system of independent living that is in lack of understanding about women with disabilities and perspective of gender sensitivity, there have been many numbers of difficulties and limitations to talk about independency of women with disabilities. Accordingly, we have come to realise that another support system which can see the independency of women with disabilities from the perspective of their own eyes, in order to assert their own rights for the independent living.

In Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities[Soom], people make a discourse over an independent living beyond providing simple service, the meaning of that kind of life, and a long-term and fundamental issue of actual independency, and also try to support over the discussion.

Independent Living movement for women with disabilities shall raise issues concerning the idea that a person with disabilities is a person with a flaw in its definition, so shall be 'managed' by a guardian or a specialist, based on the prejudice of 'a person without disabilities = normal.' Independent living movement aims to provide the environment which lets persons with disabilities best and uttermost 'choose and decide' their own lives as an independent being, as 'disabilities' are not a problem of a flaw that is to be overcome by an individual, but 'social environment', which makes 'disabilities' 'a trouble.'



In South Korea, the idea of independent living started being widespread from 2000, and energetic activities of relevant organisations in local areas shall be the solid foundation of an independent living of persons with disabilities. However, can women with disabilities have a life as they want, just because Independent Living movement for persons with disabilities is settled down?

As our society is patriarchal and male-centred, so women with disabilities are supposed to experience another kind of oppression and discrimination, unlike men with disabilities. In accordance with the conduction sex-role, a woman shall have different value of her being, low-rate education and occupation and low pay, all of which immediately cause poverty among them, and moreover an awareness, which they always need protection, and various kinds of violence against them surely make independent living of women with disabilities.

For the present moment, Independent Living movement is dealing with a policy, which support independent living of persons with disabilities, and preparing for many kinds of aids, while a bundle of 'persons with disabilities' hardly includes a policy and supports, in accordance with experience of 'women with disabilities.'

Issues of persons with disabilities are not the same as those of women with disabilities. Independent Living movement must need to an approach from the perspective of gender sensitivity

Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities [Soom] will make efforts to show experience and voices of more various women with disabilities, and organise a society that gives opportunities for them living as an independent women.



Providing personal assistant service for women with disabilities

Support project for Independent Living of women with disabilities: partner counselling, preparation of information on local society, house remodeling service, support of a self-help gathering and etc.

Investigation and research project of Independent Living of women with disabilities: propagation of an idea of independent living of women with disabilities, investigation of actual conditions and etc.

Development of independent living program of women with disabilities: Independent living activists training program, experience program, empowerment program for women with disabilities and etc.



The Dancing Waist : Drama Group

The Dancing Waist was organised in 2003, in order to let the world recognize the issues of disabilities/women and their existence, and show their unheard voices on a drama stage. The Dancing Waist shows real life of women with disabilities and the present conditions of human rights through dramas, as women with or without disabilities empathize each other's story. From now on, **Women with Disabilities Empathy The Dancing Waist** shall expose many voices of women with disabilities through dramas.



2002	Women with Disabilities Empathy Nanjang <I am a woman with disabilities.>
2003	1st regular performance <Suddenly>
2004	Invited people's performance for the closing of The international women's film festival in Seoul <Hello, toenails>
	2nd regular performance <Can't you see me being here?>
2005	3rd regular performance <Where are you now, what would you like to dance?>
	Performance by the invited for the evening celebration of International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women <She is coming>
	4th regular performance <I am going on a trip>
2006	Invited people's performance of Cheongjoo sexual violence relief centre <Here and there>
2007	Invited people's performance of Siheung independent living centre <Ten fingers, ten toes>

2007	1st street performance <Picnic>
	Invited people's performance of Night_stroll in front of City Hall <2am, two women with disabilities>
	Invited people's performance from a cultural festival against violence of national solidarity for abolition of discrimination against persons with disabilities <There is no one.>
2008	2nd street performance <Our own holiday>
	1st drama academy for women with disabilities
	10th Anti-festival <She is coming>
2009	5th regular performance of drama festival of women with disabilities <women with disabilities, let your spirit of art free>
	2nd drama academy for women with disabilities
	Recital of a work from the 2nd drama academy for women with disabilities



Cultural movement of women with disabilities through dramas
Activities to secure a right to access to culture of women with disabilities
Progress of drama academy and workshops
Street performances and invited people's ones (frequently), regular ones (once a year)



Our activities

1998

Feb. 14 : Founding of *Women with Disabilities Empathy* (9 Initiators)

Feb. ~ Dec. : Organising feminist seminars and the members, and discussion over a discourse of the organisation



1999

April : Publication of *Women with disabilities magazine [The 1st GongGam]*

May ~ Nov. : Starting a seminar with the members of *Women with Disabilities Empathy* (Independent living of women with disabilities)



June 14 : Issuing of the 1st newsletter

Dec. : Publication of *Women with disabilities magazine [The 2nd GongGam]*

2000

Feb. 20 : The 1st general meeting

April 15 : Opening of 'Debate forum regarding group sexual violence for 7 years against women with intellectual and developmental disabilities'

April 18 : Participating in 'Public hearing for the abolition and measures of sexual violence against women with disabilities'

May ~ Nov. : Educational program for the members 'Violence against women with disabilities'

Aug. 20 : Publication of the 3rd *Women with disabilities magazine [GongGam]*

2001

Feb. 24 : The 2nd general meeting

March. 7 : Joint opening of 3.8. *International Women's Day [Women's solidarity with empowering differences]*

March. 17 : Publication of the 4th *Women with disabilities magazine [GongGam]*

April 20 : Participating in 4.20. discrimination abolition day against persons with disabilities - *[Let's get on a subway together with persons with disabilities]*

May 11 : Joint writing of *Dangdaebupyeong* (of which meaning is 'Contemporary review') *[Emergence of women with disabilities, and its political meaning]*

Aug. 30 : *Women with Disabilities Empathy Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities*

Sep. 14 ~ 16 : Holding of the 1st human rights camp for women with disabilities *[Hanmadang festival of women with differences unbiased]*



2002

Feb. 23 : The 3rd general meeting with the members

March ~ June : Progress of Sujeomo (Wednesday evening gathering of the members)

April 20 : Participating in a 4.20 rally to adopt a resolution against the discrimination against persons with disabilities

May ~ : Working as ajoint representative for *[meeting of solidarity for a right to mobility of persons with disabilities]*

June ~ Nov. : Educational program for the members - *<Sexuality of women with disabilities>*

June 29 : Starting an educational program for the members - *[Sexuality of women with disabilities]*



Sep. 6 : Publication of the 5th *Women with disabilities magazine [GongGam]*

Sep. 12 ~ 15 : Holding of the 2nd human rights camp for women with disabilities [*From an oppressed angel to a liberated witch*]



From Oct. : Participating in a street demonstration concerning solidarity for a right to mobility of persons with disabilities [*Getting on a bus of persons with disabilities*]

Oct. 13 ~ 16 : Participating in a gathering of DPI Disabled Peoples International (Japan)

Nov. 2 : Holding of the 1st Nanjang [*I am a woman with disabilities*]

Dec. 2 : Briefing session of activities concerning *Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities*

Dec. 27 : Presentation of actual gender sensitivity of women with disabilities

Dec. 29 : Documentary production preview of human rights of women with disabilities [*Tuttle sisters*]

2002

Feb. 10 ~ 13 : Nationwide tour for suggesting regional solidarity to secure a right to mobility of persons with disabilities



Feb. 13 : Publication of a public statement regarding [*solidarity against arresting or interrogating Ok Hyeon Kim, a woman with disabilities*]



Feb. 22 : The 4th general meeting with the members

March 26 : Participating in [*The 1st memorial service of Ok Ran Choi, a patriotic martyr*]

April 11 ~ 16 : Participating in the international women's film festival in Seoul, and getting a joint award for [*Turtle sisters*]

April 19 : Holding of a 4.20 fight for the abolition of discrimination against persons with disabilities - [*Day of women with disabilities*]

April 20 : Participating in a 4.20 rally to adopt a resolution against discrimination against persons with disabilities

June : Publication of the 6th *Women with disabilities magazine [GongGam]* (Registration as a periodical)

July 17 ~ 19 : Joint opening of a camp for [*solidarity of women alike in their differences*]

Aug. 4 ~ 14 : The 1st consultant training program for women with disabilities, concerning sexual violence (64hours)

Aug. 27 : Joint opening of [*Solidarity launching ceremony and symposium concerning sexual trading against women with disabilities*]

Sep. 26 ~ 28 : Opening of the 3rd human rights camp for women with disabilities [*A goddess within me opens her eyes*]

Oct. 16 ~ 19 : Opening of the 2nd Nanjang <Last Sigh>

Oct. : The 1st regular performance of *The Dancing Waist* <Suddenly>

Nov. 1 : Joint participation of [*Demonstration against sending troops*] with women's solidarity who are alike in their differences

Nov. 28 : Getting an award of 'Jeong Hee Goh' from <Alternative culture>

2004

Feb. 6 ~ 10 : Screening of [*Turtle sisters*] (Akame, Osaka, Japan)

Feb. 21 : The 5th general meeting with the members

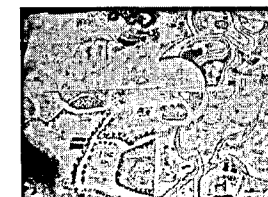
March 6 ~ 8 : Joint opening of 3.8 rainbow demonstration celebrating 3.8 International Women's Day - [*Dadam organisation*]

April 9 : Closing performance of the international women's film festival in Seoul [Hello, toenails] - Joint performance with *The Dancing Waist*

April 18 : Opening of 4.20 Fight for abolition of discrimination against persons with disabilities - [*Day of women with disabilities*]

April 20 : 4.20 Participating in a rally to adopt a resolution of discrimination against persons with disabilities

April ~ Nov. : Educational program for the members - [*Violence imposed on women with disabilities*]



Aug. 2 ~ 13 : Opening of the 2nd consultant training program for women with disabilities, concerning sexual violence at *Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities*



Aug. 20 ~ 22 : Joint opening of a camp for [solidarity of women alike in their differences]

Oct. 1 ~ 3 : The 2nd regular performance of *The Dancing Waist* [Can't you see me being here?]

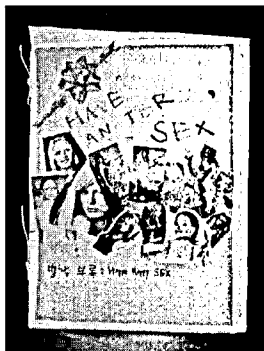
Oct. : Presentation of an opinion of Women with Disabilities Empathy on a nude poster of women with disabilities

Nov. 28 : Publication of the 7th *Women with disabilities magazine* [GongGam]

2005

Jan. 28 : Opening and introduction of Women with Disabilities Empathy Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities [Soom]

Jan. ~ March : Responding to a group sexual violence against a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities at a facility in Gunsan



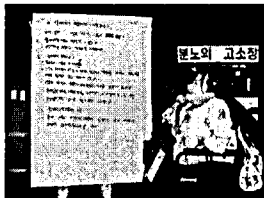
Feb. 26 : The 6th general meeting with the members

March 5 : The 3rd rainbow demonstration celebrating 38 International Women's Day - [Dadam organisation] : Joint holding of Change Day stopping discrimination

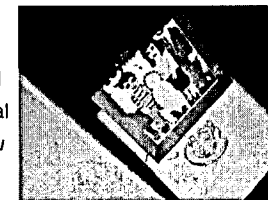


April 20 : Participating in a 4.20 rally to adopt a resolution against discrimination against persons with disabilities

June 19 ~ 23 : Performance of *The Dancing Waist* [She is coming] celebrating the opening of International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women



June ~ Aug. : Progress of a group healing program for women with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a victim of sexual violence [Hold on, I will tell you now]



July 9 : One-day club sponsored event [Sorry, I am hof-fing]

July 14 ~ 16 : Participating in the 1st national meeting with activist working for persons with disabilities

July 20 : Participating in a signature-seeking campaign for the enactment of a prohibition law on persons with disabilities discrimination

Aug. 23 ~ 26 : Opening of the 4th human rights camp for women with disabilities [Amazon, revived!]

Oct. 1 ~ 2 : The 3rd regular performance of *The Dancing Waist* [Where are you now, what would you like to dance?]

Oct. 12 : Opening of the 3rd Nanjang [Ilpyeongdansim]

Nov. : Production of a manual for Personal Assistant at *Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities* [Soom]

Dec. 20 : Performance [Our world living all together] by self-help gathering of women with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a victim of sexual violence at *Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities*

2006

Jan. 25 : The 1st event of *Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities* [Soom] - presentation of the actual conditions of independent living of women with disabilities



March 7 : Opening of the ceremony of 3.8 International Women's Day [Water ghost exorcising plan]

April ~ Dec. : Educational program for the members - [Educational program concerning human rights and culture for the empowerment of abilities of women with disabilities]

April : Organising a self-help gathering [Uprising of women with disabilities] of women with serious disabilities at *Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities* [Soom]

April 20 : Participating in a 4.20 rally to adopt a resolution against discrimination against persons with disabilities

June ~ Aug. : Participating in [Media-workshop for training experts in Art and Culture program for women with disabilities], hosted by Power Pink Skirt for the cultural environment of sexual minority

May ~ Aug. : Starting a sex education [Hold on, I will tell you now] for adult women with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities

July ~ Oct. : Participating in a request of the revision of criminal law with women's human rights solidarity at Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities

Aug. ~ Oct. : Working as Committee against sexual violence of Kimpo 'House of love' facility

Sep. 2 : Holding of the 5th event of [11 or 19 minutes which we do not know] at Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities

Oct. : In service training for empowering the executives consisting of women with disabilities of Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities [Soom]

Nov. : Publication of the 9th Women with disabilities magazine [GongGam]

Nov. : The 4th regular performance of The Dancing Waist [I, I am going on a trip]

During the whole year : Joint-action solidarity for the realisation of an identity registration system per purpose, Solidarity for abolition of discrimination against women with disabilities

2007

March 8 : Film festival celebrating 38 International Women's Day

March : Starting of [The Dancing Bakery] with both women with disabilities and without

March ~ Nov. : Starting an activist training program for women with serious disabilities at Independent Living Center for Women with Disabilities [Soom]

May ~ Oct. : Educational program for the members - Beyond a myth of romantic love focused on persons without disabilities/male, having a title of [Crystal shoes, women with disabilities challenge that myth]



June ~ Nov. : Video-education to secure an access to culture for women with disabilities [Wheelchair, camera, and her stories]

June ~ Aug. : Opening of the 3rd consultant training program for women with disabilities, concerning sexual violence at Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities

Aug. : The 5th human rights camp for women with disabilities [Only love and peace]

Nov. : Research project of Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities [Finding my decision making right on sexuality in the event of pregnancy or induced abortion]

Dec. : Working as Emergency countermeasure committee against violence at sheltered housing(rest area) for women with disabilities as a victim of sexual violence



2008

Jan. ~ July : Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities
- Progress of a self-help gathering with women with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a victim of sexual violence [Seven colored rainbow]

Feb. 1 : Opening Monthly meeting of the members

Feb. 5 : The 1st street performance of Human Rights Centre -The Dancing Waist, [The story of my depressing holidays]

Feb. 27 : The 10th party celebrating Women with Disabilities Empathy, [Make a contact, if you stay alive]

March 8 : 3.8 International Women's Day
- Organisation for planning against discrimination ['Female' sensible temperature 38c, Hot!]



March 28 : Opening Monthly meeting of the members

April 4 ~ 6 : Participating in the implementation and evaluation of Human rights film festival of persons with disabilities



April ~ Aug. : Providing a workshop of [Soom] Centre - [Sex story of cheeky women]

April ~ Sep. : The 1st drama academy with women with disabilities

April 12 : The 2nd street performance of The Dancing Waist [What did you say?]

April 20 : Participating in a 4.20 rally to adopt a resolution against discrimination against persons with disabilities

May 7 : Forum issuing of sexuality with Korea Sexual Violence Relief Center [women / disabilities / sexuality / violence]

May 16 : Invited persons' performance of Human Rights Centre - The Dancing Waist [She is coming](Anti-festival)

June 13 : Opening Monthly meeting of the members

June ~ Nov. : Participating in a joint action against discrimination [Adding of imagination against discrimination]

June 21 : Candle festival against importation of beef from USA : Participating in lightning against discrimination [Rumbling Pounding]

July 4 : Invited persons performance of Human Rights Centre -The Dancing Waist, [Moonlight demonstration re-gaining night walk trip], [Let us play in our new shoes. Holladang! Balladang _ For the right to freely roll over, of women with disabilities]

July ~ Aug. : House remodeling project of [Soom] Centre - 10 houses of women with disabilities

July 12 : The 3rd street performance of Human Rights Centre - The Dancing Waist, [Where are you now? What would you like to dance?]

July 25 ~ 28 : Joint photo exhibition by women with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a victim of sexual violence held by Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities - [The moon during the day, it is there, just not seen!]

Sep. 16 : The 4th street performance of Human Rights Centre - The Dancing Waist [It is all right to be alone]

Oct. ~ Dec. : [Soom] Centre - IL Experiencing program for women with disabilities

Oct. 2 : Presentation of celebrating the completion work of the 1st drama academy of women with disabilities

Oct. 10 ~ 12 : [Soom] Centre - Opening of Joint exhibition of a self-help gathering of women with disabilities [Her breathing sound]

Oct. 11 : Participating in Complaint Chorus held by Hope Production [Pleasant complaint chorus of Women with Disabilities Empathy]

Nov. 6 ~ 7 : The 5th regular performance of Human Rights Centre - The Dancing Waist [Full of ups and down and just another festival of The Dancing Waist]

Nov. 21 ~ 22 : Holding of a festival celebrating the 10th of Women with Disabilities Empathy [GongGam 10 years 十年 : passionate love 熱愛, slow enough, delightful and critical]

Nov. : Production of Video celebrating the 10th of Women with Disabilities Empathy

Nov. : Sexual Violence Center for Women with Disabilities

- Publication of an objection statement against a court sentence with regard to young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Cheongjoo and Signature-seeking campaign

Dec. 3 : Joint presentation of [Human rights manifesto of persons with disabilities] celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Dec. 3 : Proclamation of human rights of persons with disabilities celebrating 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' and participating Culture festival with persons in the area of disabilities

2009

April, 9 : Joint auspices of 'Campaign for banishment of violence against women with disabilities' in the realm of Counselling centre for persons with disabilities of National relief centre from sexual violence and Sheltered housing council.



April ~ October : Progressing of <Breathing larger than imagination> with a school for women with disabilities

April ~ October : Progressing of <Visiting human rights drama workshop> with women with disabilities living in living facilities



April, 20 : Participating in a rally to adopt a resolution against discrimination against persons with disabilities

June, 3 ~ August, 5 : Independent Living Experience program for women with disabilities

July ~ August : Project to improve living space for women with disabilities

Sundays of July : Custodian of the encampment to demonstrate a right of participating in activities outside of facilities at Maronie park.

August, 3 ~ September, 23 : Organising sex education programs for women with disabilities in living facilities

November, 5 : Presentation by a person participating in
<Visiting human rights drama workshop>

November, 12 : Progressing of an open forum, called
<Women with disabilities, reveal their sexuality>, concerning women with developmental and intellectual disabilities who stay in living facilities

November, 27 : Presentation of the actual conditions of a right of living of women with disabilities

December, 3 : Participating in a rally to adopt a resolution for a campaign of celebrating International day of persons with disabilities

December, Implementation of monthly meetings in May and December



Other activities during the whole year

- The Council of Independent Living Centre in South Korea
- The Council of sheltered housing of national counselling centre for a relief from sexual violence
- Solidarity for banishment of discrimination against persons with disabilities
- Joint action against discrimination
- Taking action, corresponding to the institutionalisation of anti-sexual violence movement
- The Council of anti-sexual violence jointly with solidarity for banishment of discrimination against persons with disabilities

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