

ACTIVITY

REPORT



On-site study visit

by Association of Parents with Differently-abled Children
(APDC) to Thailand in 2024

9 (Sat) - 16 (Sat) March 2024

at Bangkok and Pattaya City, Chonburi Province, THAILAND



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Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)

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1. Study Visit Summary



From March 8-16, 2024, Mongolian Parent Groups of Children with Disabilities named "Association of Parents with Differently-Abled Children (APDC)" visited Thailand. The study visit was facilitated by Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD). It aimed to empower these individuals and strengthen connections between APCD and APDC. The program shared Thailand's good practices in supporting children with disabilities. It also aimed to empower Mongolian parents with knowledge and skills to advocate for their children's rights. The visit facilitated connections between Mongolian and Thai parent groups, teachers as well as supporters at community level. The participants were 15 mothers, staff, and supporters of children with disabilities who are passionate about currently implementing the initiatives. The visiting outcomes were significant: Mongolian parents gained valuable insights and skills to support their children, they were equipped with the conceptualization to advocate and implement activities for their children's rights and inclusion, and the collaborative partnerships between Mongolian and Thai practitioners were strengthened. APCD believes this study visit was one significant event to exchange knowledge, skills and develop momentous partnership between Thailand and Mongolia.

2. Background



This program aimed to welcome a delegation of Mongolian Parent Groups of Children with Disabilities, the Association of Parents with Differently-Abled Children (APDC) to Thailand for a week-long visit from March 9th (Sat) to 16th (Sat), 2024. Its objective of the field study was to provide Mongolian participants with hands-on experiences in empowering individuals with disabilities in Thailand, particularly those living with developmental disorders and strengthen collaboration between APDC and APCD.

Training Objectives:

- To share Thailand/APCD's good practices in supporting children with disabilities, particularly those with developmental disorders.
- To empower Mongolian parents of children with disabilities and to equip them with knowledge, practical skills, and attitudes to have strategic plan to advocate/ implement for their children's rights and inclusion.
- To connect the useful resources between Mongolian and Thai parent groups as well as role model of individuals with disabilities.

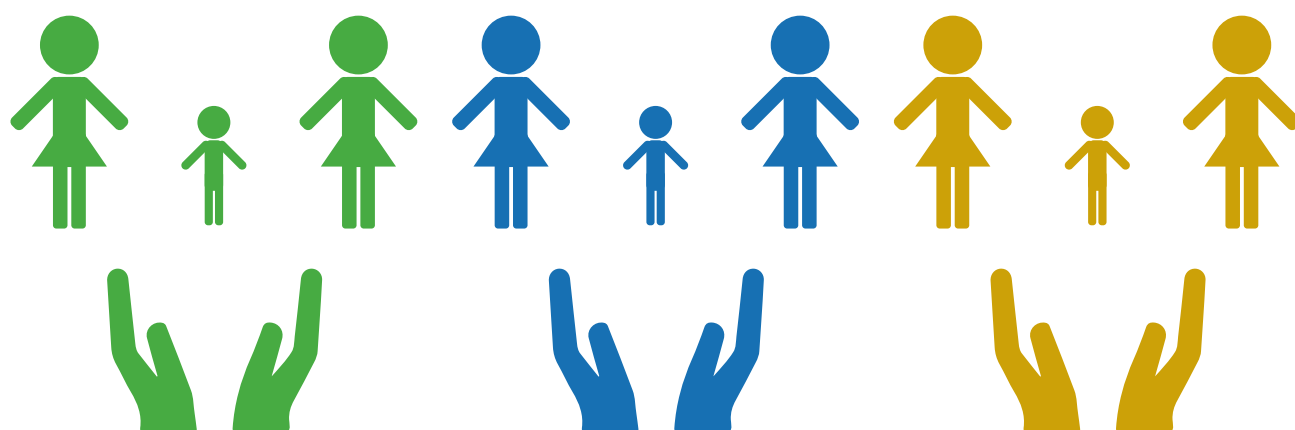
3. Key outcomes



- Knowledge, skills, and attitudes among Mongolian parents and supporters gaining valuable insights to supporting their children were enhanced.
- Mongolian parents were equipped conceptualization to advocate or implement activities for their children's rights and inclusion.
- Collaborative partnerships between Mongolia and Thailand on disability and development was established.

4. Participants

Name	Position	Organization
Selenge Sambuu	APDC Executive Director, Paralegal	Association of Parents with Differently-abled Children (APDC), Mongolia
Tsend Chimed	HQ Office Manager	APDC, Mongolia
Megumi Shiga	Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) at APDC	APDC, Mongolia
Munkhchimeg Purevsuren	APDC Program Manager	APDC, Mongolia
Ariunaa Baatartsogt	APDC Mentor Parent at Baganuur District of Ulaanbaatar	APDC, Mongolia
Oyunsuren Tumursukh	Dornod Province APDC Coordinator	APDC, Mongolia
Rinchin Ganbold	Dornod APDC CDC Teacher	APDC, Mongolia
Tugsjargal Ganchuluun	APDC Member, Special Education Teacher in Dornod Province 11th School	APDC, Mongolia
Byambasuren Tumenjav	APDC Accountant	APDC, Mongolia
Narankhand Altangerel	APDC Handicraft Maker	APDC, Mongolia
Oyunbileg Galsanjav	APDC Mentor Parent at Orkhon Province	APDC, Mongolia
Altanchimeg Galdandash	Darkhan Province APDC Coordinator	APDC, Mongolia
Lkhagvasuren Chuluun	Khuvsgul Province APDC Coordinator, Paralegal	APDC, Mongolia
Amarjargal Batbayar	Head of Development, Social Inclusion Department	General Authority of Development of Persons with Disabilities, Mongolia
Sosorburam Ulam	Head of Policy, Implementation Department	General Authority of Development of Persons with Disabilities, Mongolia



5. Course Schedule



Date	Time	Filed Visit Program	Remark-Venue	Person In charge
Sat, 9 Mar. 2024	14:15 pm. 15:00 – 15:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of Parent Group at Suvarnabhumi airport, flight OM701 08:45 – 14:15 pm. Travel to Hotel and check in 	Hotel accommodation: Vic3 Bangkok Hotel	Ms. Siriporn
Sun, 10 Mar. 2024	09:00 – 09:30 am. 09:30 – 12:00 am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave for meeting place Visit Self advocate group for individuals with intellectual disabilities (Dao Ruang Group, first advocates group of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families) 	Din Daeng Community Center, Bangkok.	Mr. Somchai and Ms. Hiroko
	12:00 – 13:00 pm.	Lunch		
	13:00 – 16:30 pm.	Accessibility checks in Bangkok <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chatuchak Market, Or-Tor-Kor Market etc. 	Chatuchak Market, etc.	
Mon, 11 Mar. 2024	09:00 – 09:30 am 09:30 – 12:00 am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave for APCD Visit APCD 	APCD	Ms. Supaanong and Mr. Chayoot
	12:00 – 13:00 pm.	Lunch		Ms. Siriporn and Mr. Watcharapol
	13:00 – 13:30 pm. 13:30 – 16:30 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel to UNESCAP Visit SDD-UNESCAP 	UNESCAP	
Tue, 12 Mar. 2024	08:30 – 09:30 am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave for the Foundation for Children with Disability (FCD) 	FCD, Bangkok	
	09:30 – 12:00 am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit FCD 		
	12:00 – 13:00 pm.	Lunch		
	13:00 – 16:00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit FCD 	In Bangkok	
Wed, 13 Mar. 2024	09:00 – 09:30 am. 09:30 – 12:00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave for Central Special Education Center (CSEC) Visit CSEC, Din Daeng, Bangkok 	CSEC, Din Daeng, Bangkok	Mr. Watcharapol and Ms. Supaanong
	12:00 – 13:00 pm.	Lunch		
	13:00 – 16:30 pm.	Reflection	Vic3 Bangkok Hotel	Mr. Somchai Mr. Watcharapol and Ms. Supaanong

Date	Time	Filed Visit Program	Remark-Venue	Person In charge
Thu, 14 Mar. 2024	07:30 – 08:00 am 08:00 – 10:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out from Vic3 Bangkok Hotel Leave for Pattaya, Chonburi/ Check in the Redemptorist Center. 	Redemptorist Center, Pattaya, Chonburi	Mr. Watcharapol and Mr. Sutat
	12:00 – 13:00 pm.	Lunch		
	13:00 – 16:30 pm.	Visit the Pattaya Redemptorist Technological College for People with Disabilities, Pattaya, Chonburi (PRTC)	PRTC, Pattaya, Chonburi	
Fri, 15 Mar. 2024	Full day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Study in Pattaya Lunch (self-arrangement) 	Pattaya, Chonburi	
Sat, 16 Mar. 2024	09:00 – 09:30 am. 09:30 – 12:00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out from Hotel in Pattaya Travel from Pattaya to Suvarnabhumi Airport (Return to Mongolia) Flight OM702 15.15 – 22.25 pm. 	Pattaya, Chonburi - Bangkok	

6. The destinations of visits

Self-advocate group for individuals with intellectual disabilities (Dao Ruang Group, first advocates group of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families)

Dao Ruang Group, means the marigold flower, is Thailand's first self-help group of persons with intellectual disability. It was founded in 2009 with the support of APCD and the Association for Parents of Persons with Intellectual Disability of Thailand. APCD's key lesson learned on developing self-help groups is to promote close collaboration among three main partners in each area: persons with intellectual disability, their family members, and their supporters such as teachers, friends, or professionals.

Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)

APCD is a regional center for those with disabilities and development. APCD was established in Bangkok, Thailand as a legacy of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002, with collaboration of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the Royal Thai Government, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan. APCD promotes empowerment, barrier-free to individuals with disabilities towards inclusive society for all. APCD, under the royal patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, advocates for disability-inclusive business in the food industry and aims to develop the inclusive business skills of persons with disabilities in society, as well as provide sustainable on-the-job training for them. APCD takes pride in the intent of the youth with diverse disabilities making delicious baked goods and chocolate for our customers.

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

ESCAP is a platform for intergovernmental cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. It has 53 member States and 9 associate members who work together to find solutions for sustainable development. ESCAP is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. The ESCAP secretariat produces knowledge, provides technical assistance and capacity-building services to support national development goals, regional agreements and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. ESCAP also helps partners at the national level. ESCAP's national offer is based on and connected with the implementation of global and regional intergovernmental frameworks, agreements, and other instruments.

Central Special Education Center (CSEC)

Central Special Education Center (CSEC) is a City Central Special Education Center. The Center is the pioneering institution in the community that offered special education services to children with special needs. The CSEC is established on September 23, 1996 to be a demonstration center in rehabilitating for children with disability in education and preparing children for preschool throughout the duties of providing advice, guidance, information as well as research and disability diagnosis. And to develop the potential of people with disabilities to be able to help themselves and live together with other people in society.

Foundation for Children with Disability (FCD)

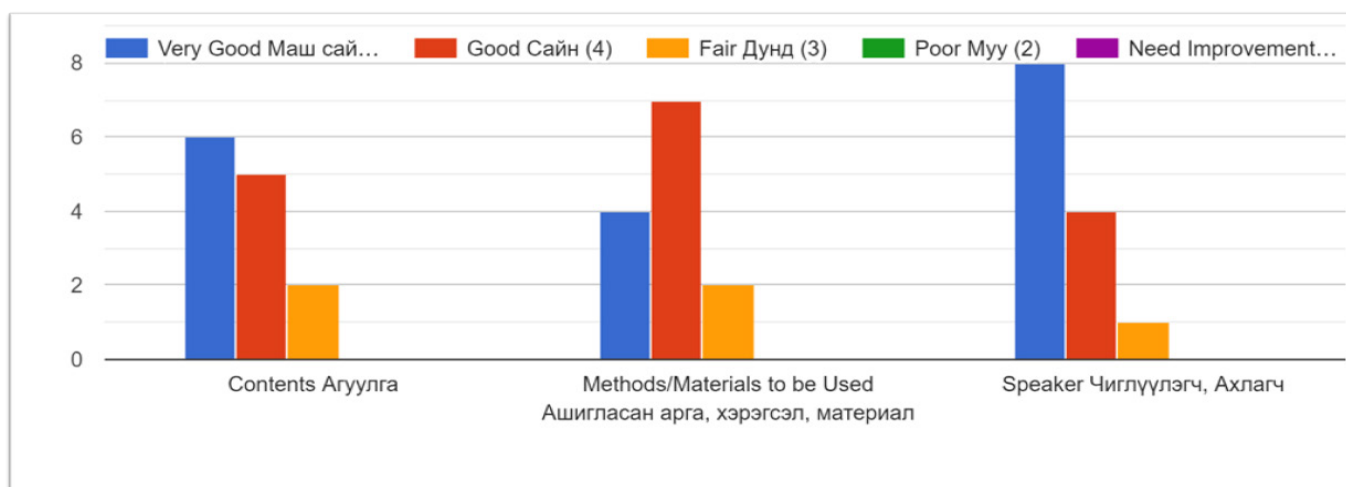
The Foundation for Children with Disabilities (FCD) is a non-profit NGO that aims to help children with disabilities achieve their full potential. Since 1982, FCD has been providing rehabilitation services to children with various disabilities, enabling them to live independently and happily in society via the empowerment of their children. FCD also advocates for the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities and works with communities and stakeholders to address disability as a social challenge.

Pattaya Redemptorist Technological College for People with Disabilities (PRTC)

The PRTC is a free of charged educational institution for disabled young adults. It was established in 1984 and has produced over 3000 graduates. The college offers four courses: Computer Business in English, Information Technology, Electronic Systems, and Elementary Education. Each course lasts three years and includes compulsory subjects. The college also provides accommodation, meals, and health care for the students. The students are expected to study hard, pass their exams, and become productive members of society. The college also promotes sports and has produced several Paralympic gold medalists. The college guarantees employment for all graduates, fulfilling the vision of its founder, Father Ray Brennan, to help them 'earn their own rice'.

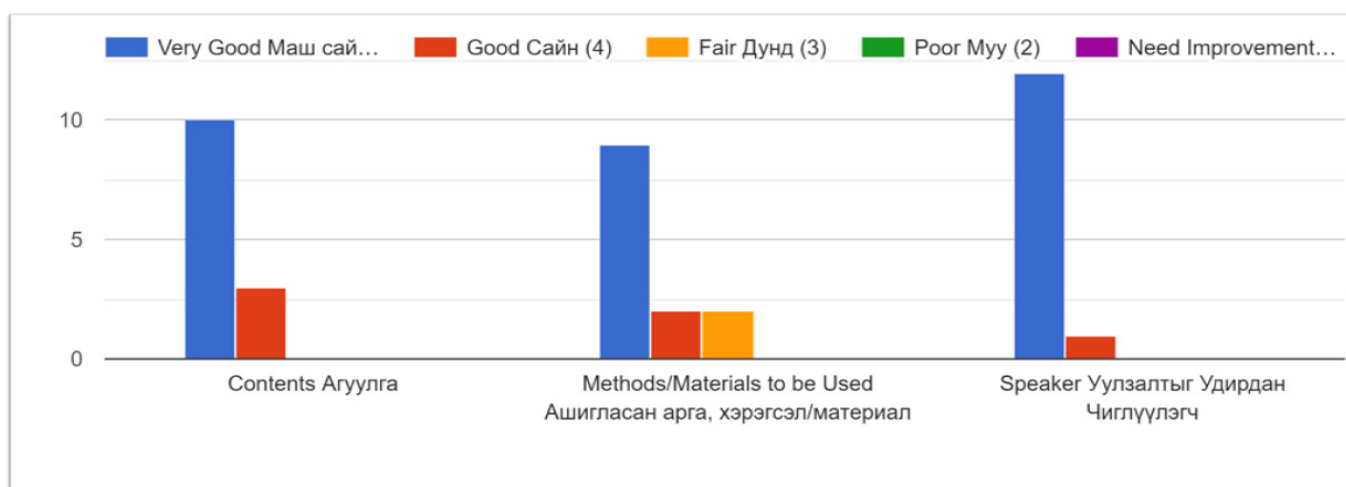
7. Evaluation Results

1. Self-advocate group for individuals with intellectual disabilities (Dao Ruang Group, the first advocate group of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families)



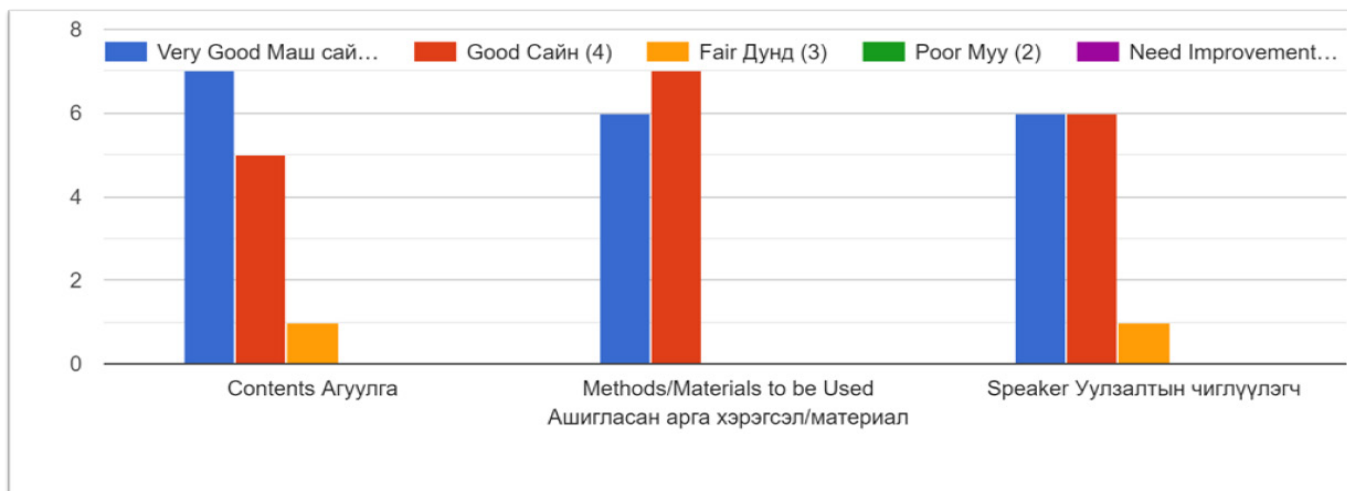
A Feedback: Mothers and young people with disabilities managed to earn a living through their demanding employment. They hold significant influence within their self-empowerment society.

2. Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)



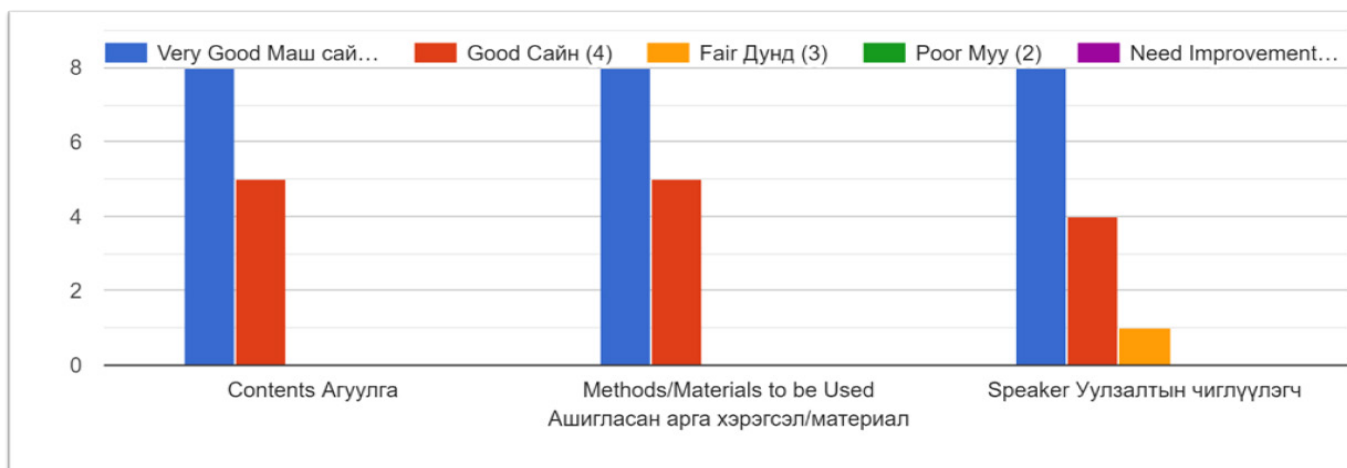
A Feedback: Very good.

3. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)



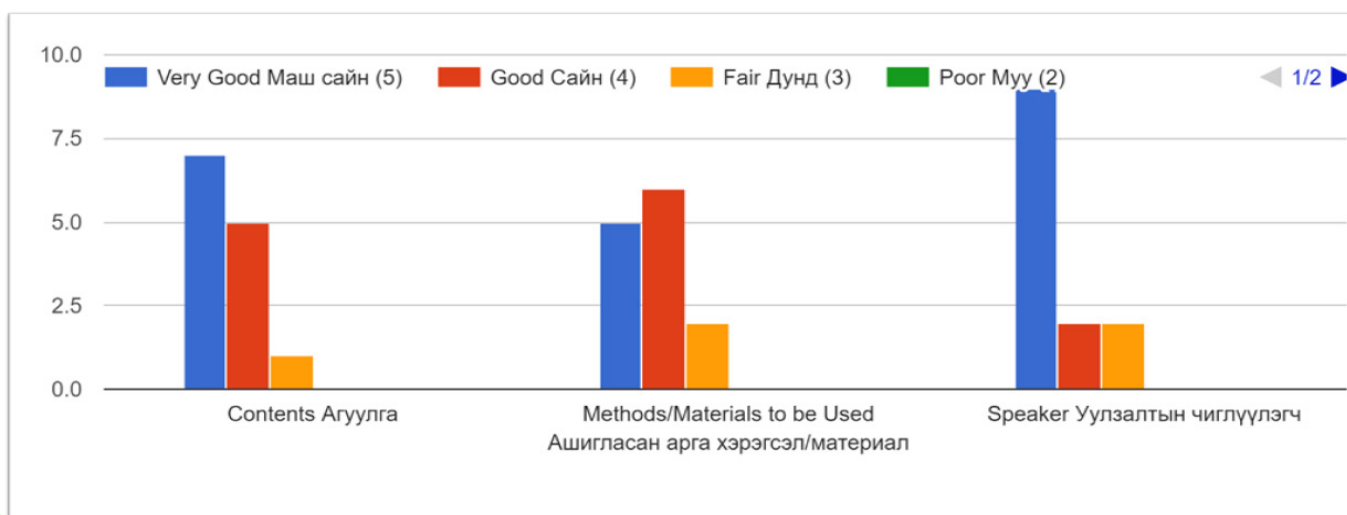
A Feedback: During this opportunity, we provided an update on our significant undertakings and informed our ESCAP colleagues.

4. Foundation of Children with Disabilities (FCD)



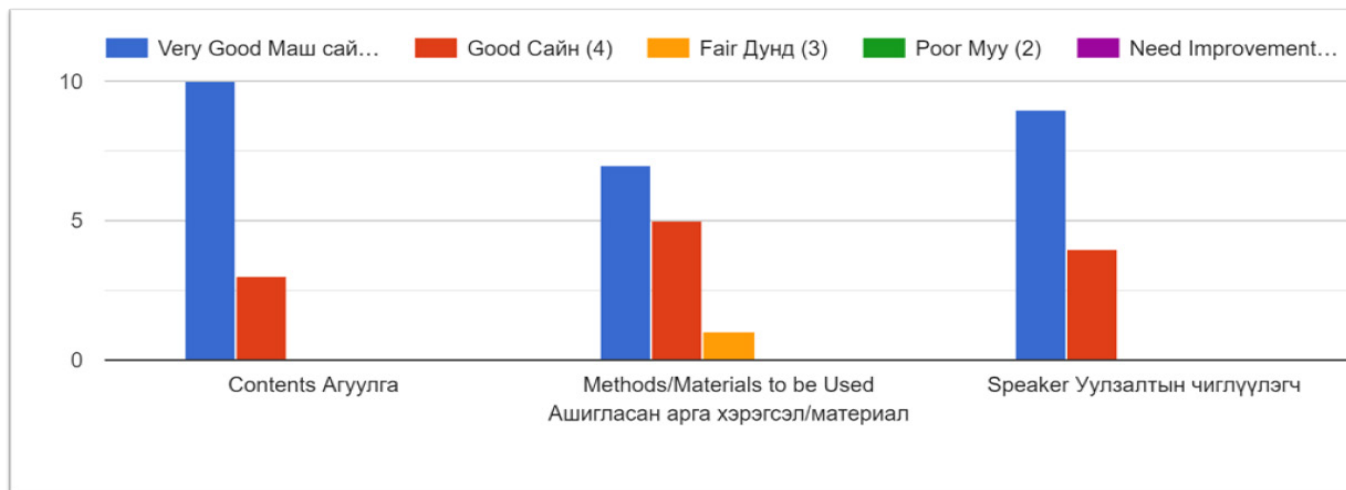
A Feedback: Parents are the primary contributors to this foundation, while instructors and leaders collaborate. Taking music instruction was a delight. I intend to spend one month as a volunteer teacher in Thailand and advocate for Mongolian parents of children and adolescents with disabilities.

5. Central Special Education Center (CSEC)



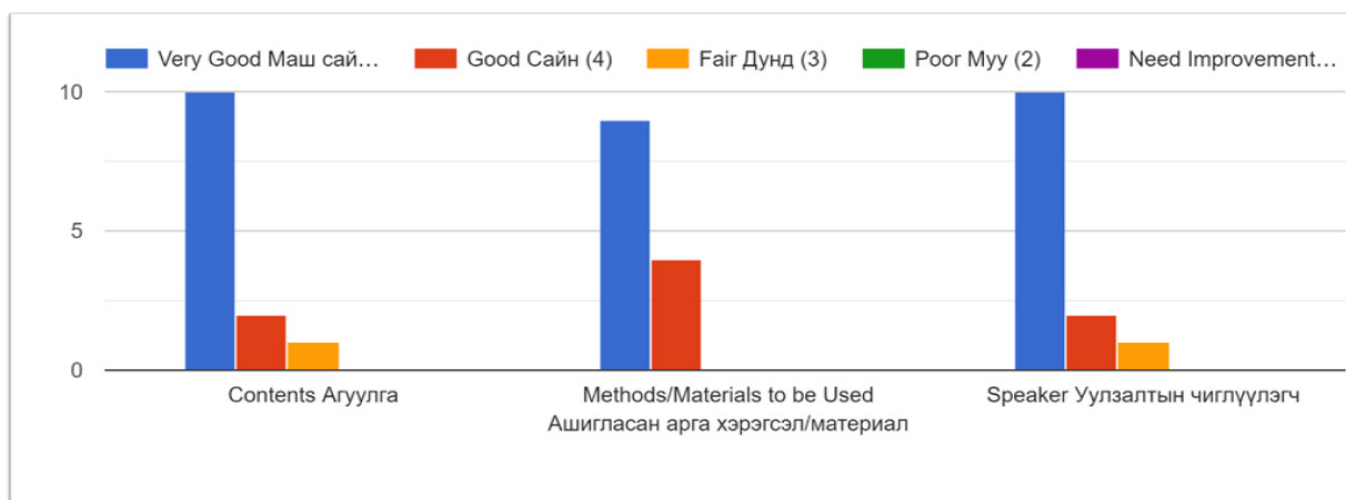
A Feedback: Its provision of services for lifelong learning and special needs education offers advantages. Every youngster studies one-on-one with the teacher at his own pace; there is no specific class. There is really excellent access to a whole comprehensive services.

6. Reflection Session by APCD



A Feedback: I'm quite excited to visit Thailand and meet such great people while also enjoying the accessibility of the environment. I plan to study in order to persuade others to train my child with disabilities in skills that will help him find work and generate incomes.

7. Pattaya Redemptorist Technological College for People with Disabilities



A Feedback: Students with disabilities have good access. College provides a nice and friendly working environment for studying. It is important that students do research on the profession they are interested in. It is amazing to be able to improve oneself through community service and income-generating activities. We wish to promote equal inclusion to build such a positive society throughout Mongolia. The aim is to support the family and live with a happy life.

8. Photos



On 10th March 2024, APCD facilitated APDC visited Dao Ruang Group which is the first self-advocate group of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families in Thailand. APDC learned hand-craft workshop together with Dao Ruang Group members.



On 11th March 2024, in the morning session, APDC visited APCD to learn and understanding more of APCD activities on how to promote empowerment, barrier-free and inclusion in Asia Pacific region and to strengthen networking for further collaboration.



On 11th March 2024 in afternoon session, APCD facilitated APDC to visit the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and had a discussion with the staffs of UNESCAP.



On 12th March 2024, APDC visited Foundation for Children with Disability (FCD) and learned the family-based support towards empowering their children with disabilities.



On 13th March 2024, APDC visited Central Special Education Center (CSEC), in Din Daeng, Bangkok and learned about the good practices from the Center.



APDC visited the Father Ray Foundation and the Pattaya Redemptorist Technological College for People with Disabilities, Pattaya, Chonburi. They learned about key activities in workability and employment of adults with disabilities. Then they continued self-study about accessibility check until the last day of the study trip.



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