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## The Israel-Japan Disability Studies International Seminar 🔑

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The Institute of Developing Economies(IDE-JETRO) conducted a research project on "'Disability and Development' in the Middle East" from 2019-2021 to report and discuss the situation of persons with disabilities in countries and regions throughout the Middle East, including Iran, Lebanon, Turkey, Israel, and Palestine. The discussed issues are the activities of organizations concerned, and national policies. While the research group achieved significant results, the final report book did not include much on disability studies in Israel, though the Israeli expert participated . We will disseminate valuable research results that are not well known in Japan in the form of an international seminar. The theme of this seminar is "Considering the 'Localization' of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)," which was ratified in 2006 and issued in 2008. The issue of harmonization with existing legislation in each country was discussed from the outset, as well as the need to increase awareness of the Convention itself. On the other hand, in disability studies in Israel, the influence of the Haredi, or ultra-Orthodox Jewish community within Judaism has been attracting attentions. The study by Israeli expert presents findings gained through surveys of members of the conservative society, which is a major barrier in the acceptance of the various concepts of the CRPD, and the issues that need to be considered around localization. Although the study is an Israeli case study, it offers significant suggestions for many developing countries where development is still a

We will have another presentation by Japanese researcher, which will discuss the similar issue regarding the localization of rights of language related to Sign Language. The comparison between the two resesarches would be very interesting. This seminar will introduce the study and discuss similar issues in Japan and how to approach and solve them from the standpoint of social science.

## Table (Tentative)

13:30-13:40 Welcome Speech Mayumi MURAYAMA (Executive Vice President, IDE-JETRO)

Opening Remarks Efrat MACHIKAWA (Embassy of Israel in Japan)

13:40-13:50 **Introduction Soya MORI** (Senior Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO)

13:50-14:40 1st talk Zvika ORR (Senior Lecturer, Jerusalem College of Technology)

"Introducing the concept of disability rights in local communities: An Israeli case study"

14:40-14:50 **Short break** 

2 nd talk Atsubumi SUGIMOTO (Professor, Tokyo International University) 14:50-15:40

> "Japanese Laws and rights of Language-Necessary conditions and issues to introduce the international concept of rights of language into Japanese law" (TBA)

15:40-16:00

Closing remarks Akihiko MATSUI (Professor, University of Tokyo)

Moderator: Soya MORI

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