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PREFACE

The actual life situation of persons with disabilities who are struggling against poverty is still unknown. This is because in many countries only a few statistical surveys concerning the livelihood of persons with disabilities have been carried out. For any kind of policy to be effective, it needs a practical theory constructed on facts. However, the real problem for making disability policies is that there is rarely no data to make any theory. Therefore, in order to create and evaluate the effectiveness of assistant measures more livelihood survey needs to be carried out. Especially, data collection of household income and expenditure of persons with disabilities has to be done in order to analyze the micro economic mechanism of poverty and creating an anti-poverty theory to improve the situation.

China is one of the few countries who have carried out a comprehensive national survey on persons with disabilities. Hence, study of the actual operation and the analysis of the outcome will contribute significantly in making future disability policies not only in China, but also in other area of Asia. In this joint research, livelihood analysis of the case of China using data from the national survey will be made following the items used in the IDE field survey at the Philippines. The joint study will show examples and demonstrates the potential of statistical analysis in making disability policies. We wish to deepen our study further cooperating with the China Research Center for Disability and Development, Peking University (CRCDD) and the China Disabled Person's Federation (CDPF) to contribute more in making efficient disability policies in Asia by governments and relevant developing agencies.

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