

## Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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This year on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016, Disabled persons' Association of Bhutan (DPAB) in collaboration with Ministry of Education, Bhutan Foundation and Tendruk Central observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) at Tendruk Central School in Samtse Dzongkhag (southern Bhutan) in support of the theme of IDPD 2016 and to create awareness of inclusion and empowering persons with disabilities to develop and be fully included in their local communities.

The theme for this year was “**Achieving 17 Goals for the Future we want**” which notes the recent adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The programme began at 9.00 am with the arrival of the chief guest, followed by flag hosting, cultural programs, games and art exhibitions. Around 600 people including officials from Ministry of Education, Health, Indian Embassy, parents, district officials, arm force, families, teachers and children came together to observe the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The chairman of DPAB Dr. Sanga Dorji delivered a short speech on the importance of including persons with disabilities in the community and about empowering them.

The school also awarded certificates to the outgoing special students to Draktsho Vocational training centre.

Apart from special students, many parents, teachers and delegates were involved in games and cultural programmes which made the day more inclusive and a successful one.

The Programme concluded at 1.00 pm with the vote of thanks by one of the SEN teachers. Refreshment and Lunch was also served during the programme.

Pictorial report:



**Fig 1:** Passing the ball



**Fig 2:** Speech by the chairman



**Fig 3:** Guest participating in drawing competition





**Fig 4:**  
Awarding certificates



**Fig 5:**  
Awarding prizes