

Japan's view for the cooperation of PASC members in the ISO/IEC activities

1. Current Cooperation

(1) Accessible Design New Work Item Proposals

Japan has tried to share the interest for standardization of accessible design with PASC members since the last PASC meeting in South Africa. Japan had submitted 5 NWIPs together with China and Korea. One of them is under the voting period, and other 4 NWIPs were successfully approved and they became working items in ISO/TC 159/SC4 and SC5. Japan estimates that sharing interest among PASC members lead to this success. Thus, Japan would like to express its profound gratitude to all PASC members.

Submitted committee	Title	Status
ISO/TC122	Guidelines for all people including elderly persons and persons with disabilities – Packaging and receptacles	In the voting
ISO/TC159/SC4	Guidelines for all people, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities - marking tactile dots on consumer products	Approved
ISO/TC159/SC5	Guidelines for all people, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities - Auditory signals on consumer products-	Approved
ISO/TC159/SC5	Guidelines for all people including elderly persons and persons with disabilities - Auditory signals on consumer products- Sound pressure levels of signals for the elderly and in noisy conditions	Approved
ISO/TC159/SC5	Guidelines for all people including elderly persons and persons with disabilities - Visual signs and displays- Specification of age-related relative luminance and its use in assessment of light-	Approved

(2) Closer cooperation among PASC members in ISO/IEC technical work
Japan coordinated a pre-meeting among PASC members at the occasion of IEC/TC111 plenary meeting held in Tokyo in February. Around 30 experts from our region got together at the pre-meeting and exchanged views and opinions on major issues in the agenda of the TC111 plenary meeting and relevant WGs. All participants of the pre-meeting recognized importance and added value of such occasion and showed their expectation of continuation of such cooperative activity led by Japan.

2 . Future cooperation

(1) Sharing the interest for NWIP

As mentioned above, Japan believes it was a great success sharing the interest with PASC members in specific fields, and it will contribute the promotion of international standardization from PASC area. Regarding the accessible design standardization, because it was the theme in anticipation of an aging society, it was worth while to share the interest among PASC members. Therefore, Japan considers it appropriate for PASC to continue this exercise. The theses for such an exercise may be, for example, environment-related issues, welfare and aging society issues, safety issues, at the initiative of a PASC member.

(2)ISO/IEC technical meetings in PASC area

Regarding ISO/IEC meetings, the pilot project by PASC members in technical work is on going at IEC TC 111 and ISO TC 223. As mentioned above, this effort will bring some benefit to delegates from PASC members. In this light, Japan considers our efforts to increase ISO/IEC technical meetings in the Pacific region may bring some benefit to PASC members. Pre-meetings may be promoted where appropriate.