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Ken's Diary

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities promotes, protects and ensures the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and promotes respect for their inherent dignity.

A Barrier Free World  
Starts with Equality for All

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## Foreword

Since 31 August 2008, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) has entered into force for the People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by persons with disabilities (such as long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments), and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

Through the characters and stories portrayed in this cartoon booklet, we aim to introduce to members of the public the spirit and core values of the Convention in a lively and interesting manner. We encourage members of all sectors to promote and effectuate the essence of the Convention together with the Hong Kong Government. Our vision is to create a barrier-free society that enables all persons with disabilities to pursue their life and dreams on an equal basis with others.

If you would like to know more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, please visit the Labour and Welfare Bureau website at [www.lwb.gov.hk](http://www.lwb.gov.hk).

A barrier free world starts with equality for all!

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## Chapter 1 – Growing Up

Look, you always smile on camera since the day you were born!

“Try your best to learn to control the wheelchair!”

“I will do it!”

Under the physiotherapist’s guidance, Ken learns to control the wheelchair. He grows up and is in good health.

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I can...

have the right to life!

Article 10 – Every human being has the inherent right to life. We shall take all necessary measures to ensure its effective enjoyment by persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others.

I can ...

grow up strong and healthy!

Article 25 – Persons with disabilities have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health without discrimination on the basis of disability, and access to health services that are gender-sensitive, including health-related rehabilitation.

I can...

get appropriate habilitation training!

Article 26 – We shall take effective and appropriate measures to enable persons with disabilities to attain and maintain maximum independence, full physical, mental, social and vocational ability, and full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life.

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## Chapter 2 – School Life

Does anyone know the answer?

This website is amusing. I have not seen it before.

My friend e-mailed it to me. Let's watch it together!

Goodbye teacher!

Ken actively participates in school activities and gets on very well with his schoolmates.

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I can...

study hard and develop my potential!

Article 24 – Persons with disabilities have the right to education without discrimination and on the basis of equal opportunity. Through an inclusive education system at all levels and life long learning, persons with disabilities may develop their personality, talents and creativity, as well as their mental and physical abilities, to their fullest potential.

I can...

have the freedom to develop my own interests!

Article 30 – Persons with disabilities have the right to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life, as well as recreational, leisure and sporting activities.

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### Chapter 3 – Friendship

What would you like to eat tonight?

Let me see...

Let's have Sushi!

“Great”

With the help of technology, Ken communicates with his friends conveniently via the Internet.

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I can...

have the freedom to express and voice my opinions!

Article 21 – We shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can exercise the right of expression and opinion, including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas on an equal basis with others and through various forms of communication of their choice.

I can...

openly communicate with friends!

Article 9 – To enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life, persons with disabilities shall have access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including access to new information and communications technologies and systems, such as the Internet.



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## Chapter 4 – Career

Career Post

Wishing you every success!

Thanks!

I am confident that I can perform well in the job!

Welcome to the team. You can join our training programme with other colleagues together!

Ken starts to build up his career to his full potential.

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I can...

advance in my career!

Article 27 – Persons with disabilities have the right to work on an equal basis with others. This includes the right to the opportunity to gain a living by work freely chosen or accepted in a labour market and work environment that is open, inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities. It also safeguards persons with disabilities to have effective access to general technical and vocational guidance programmes, placement services and vocational and continuing training.

I can...

devote myself and obtain training opportunities at work!

Article 26 – We shall organize, strengthen and extend comprehensive habilitation and rehabilitation services and programmes, particularly in the areas of health, employment, education and social services, to enable persons with disabilities to attain and maintain maximum independence, full physical, mental, social and vocational ability, and full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life.

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## Chapter 5 – Travelling

“The air is so refreshing!”

For more enriching experiences, Ken travels to Japan along with families and friends.

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I can...

travel around by myself!

Article 20 – We shall take effective measures to ensure personal mobility with the greatest possible independence for persons with disabilities through facilitating their accessibility to quality mobility aids, devices, assistive technologies and forms of live assistance and intermediaries in the manner and at the time of their choice, and at affordable cost.

I can...

travel abroad!

Article 30 – The right of persons with disabilities to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life as well as recreational, leisure and sporting activities is recognized.

Appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to services from those involved in the organization of recreational, tourism, leisure and sporting activities.

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Chapter 6 – Love

Oops!

Are you ok?

Thanks!

Still remember the day we met...

After the successful courtship, Ken begins a new life with his lovely wife.

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I can...

have a loving family!

Article 23 – We shall eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities in all matters relating to marriage, family, parenthood and relationships, on an equal basis with others.

The right of all persons with disabilities who are of marriageable age to marry and to found a family on the basis of free and full consent of the intending spouses is recognized. It also enables them to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children and to have access to age-appropriate information, reproductive and family planning education.

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## Chapter 7 – Living

Let's move in there, ok?

Application for Public Housing

“Good Morning!”

Ken and his wife move into their new home and get along with their neighbours.

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I can...

live in a cosy house!

Article 28 – Persons with disabilities have the right to attain an adequate standard of living for themselves and their families, including adequate food, clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions. They also have the right to social protection, including access to public housing programmes.

I can...

live in harmony with my neighbours!

Article 19 – The equal right of all persons with disabilities to live in the community with choices equal to others is recognized. Effective and appropriate measures shall be taken to facilitate full enjoyment by persons with disabilities of this right and their full inclusion and participation in the community, by ensuring that community services and facilities are available to them on an equal basis with others and are responsive to their needs.



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## Chapter 8 – Civic Responsibility

Oh, you are here to vote?

I just want to state my opinions, too!

Ken fulfils his civic duties by voting for his preferred councillor.

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I can...

vote and fulfil my civic responsibilities!

Article 29 - Persons with disabilities shall have political rights and the opportunity to enjoy them on an equal basis with others. They have the right to effectively and fully participate in political and public life on an equal basis with others, directly or through freely chosen representatives, including the right and opportunity to vote and be elected. Voting procedures, facilities and materials should be appropriate, accessible and easy to understand and use.

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