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Equal opportunities to disabled stressed

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ISLAMABAD - Disabled persons are an important part of our society, which should not be ignored and such conferences should be conducted after short intervals to highlight their problems.

Prime Minister of Azad Jammu Kashmir Sardar Attique stated this while speaking on a three-day conference on special education, organised by Pakistan Disabled Foundation.

He said the numbers of disabled person is between 50,000 to 60,000 including those who become disabled due to the earthquake. We are taking different initiatives to provide all kind of support to them for making their life easier. He assured the chairman of PDF of his government support. "The literacy rate of Azad Jammu Kashmir is much better than any other part of the country. To bring more improvements in the educational system of AJK I invite UESCO and all other relevant NGO's to take initiatives in this regard," he added. The conference will discuss all the related problems, challenges and requirements to the special education by covering all the aspects and components, said Shahid Ahmed Memon the Chairman of Pakistan Disabled Foundation. In the conference, all the concerned groups, federal, provincial governments organizations and non-governments organisations have been invited to share their views, experiences and expertise.

He said PDF is struggling hard to provide social- economic status with equal opportunities for the disabled persons. PDF was engaged all the time by providing and arranging advocacy training, education, rehabilitation and socially integrated programmes.

Pakistan Disabled Foundation which is an organization of the people with disabilities of all categories, working actively in all walks of life to the maximum possible extent.

One of the main objectives of the PDF is to strive for the implementation of legislation and other methods for the attainment of the fundamental rights for the disabled in Pakistan.

The representative of International Aid Agency Norway was also present on the occasion.

He said until or unless all the school do not become inclusive and child friendly it is impossible to achieve the universal goal of education up to primary for all.

All the schools should be made more inclusive to provide a child friendly atmosphere to the students all over the world.