



New Vitality Independent  
Living **Association of Taipei**

## Independent Living Movement in Taiwan

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# About myself



1. Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan
2. Family of 5 including 2 younger sisters
3. Age 7: Refused to go to school. Age 8: Entered regular primary school. Age 11: Consulted a doctor in Japan, but unsuccessful. Age 18: Entered College of Law, National Taipei University. Age 22: Graduated from university. Age 23: Participated in Duskin Leadership Training. Age 27: Established 1<sup>st</sup> independent living center in Taiwan.
4. 24-hour caregiving for my mother – independent – change society

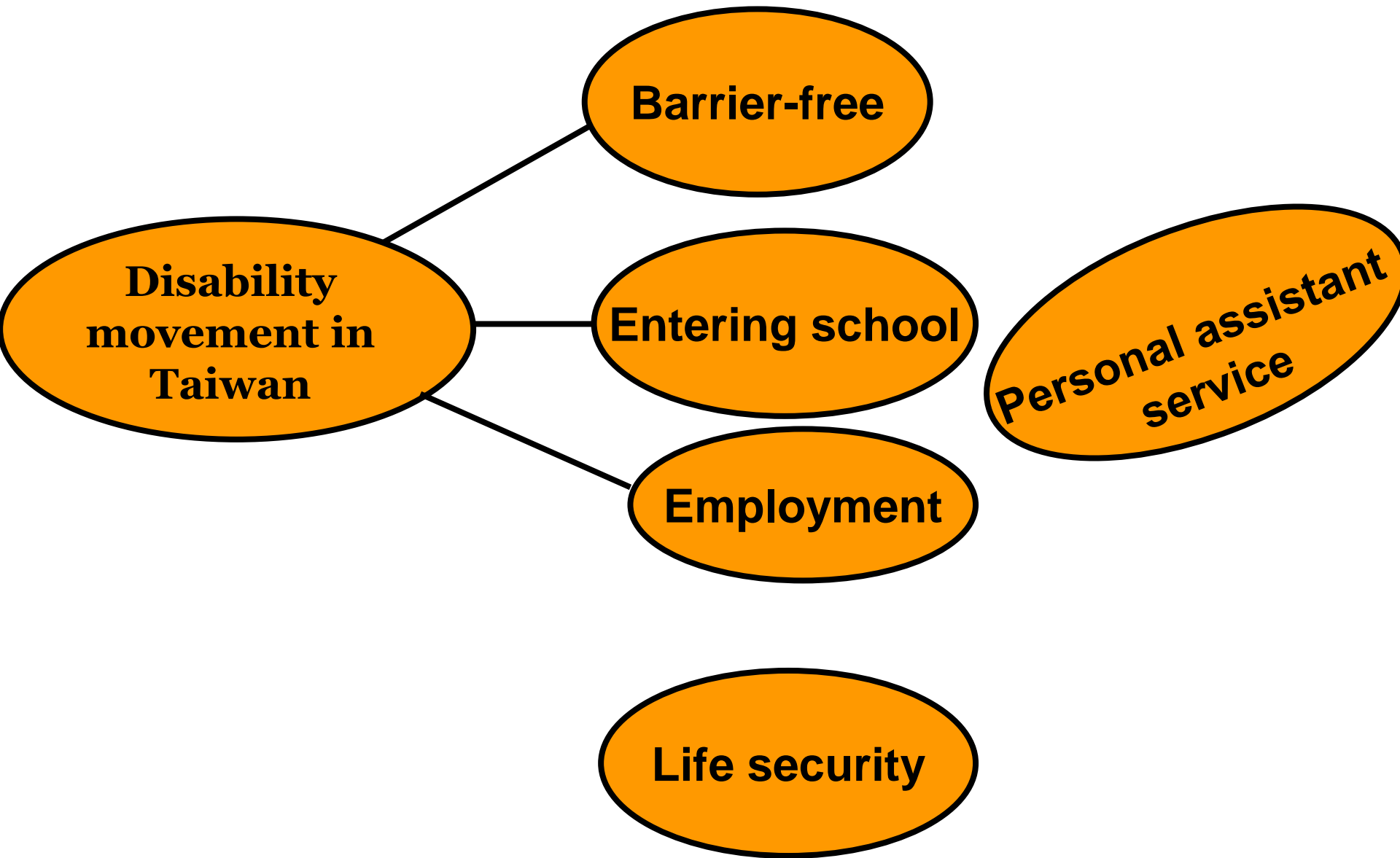


# Taiwan

1. Area : 36,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Population : 23 million persons
2. Persons with disabilities : 4.95%. Approx. 1.16 million persons.
3. About 95% live in community. Few people live in facilities.
4. Withdrew from UN in 1971.
5. Welfare Law for the Disabled was enacted in 1980 (Currently: People with Disabilities Rights Protection Act)
6. 2014: CRPD became a domestic law.

2011: The system of independent living was established.





**Disability  
movement in  
Taiwan**

**Barrier-free**

**Entering school**

**Employment**

**Personal assistant  
service**

**Life security**





**Established  
in 2007**

**Characteristics:**

- 1. Organization of persons with disabilities. Over 51% of the steering committee members are persons with disabilities**
- 2. Cross-disability**
- 3. Provide services to become independent in community**



**Service**

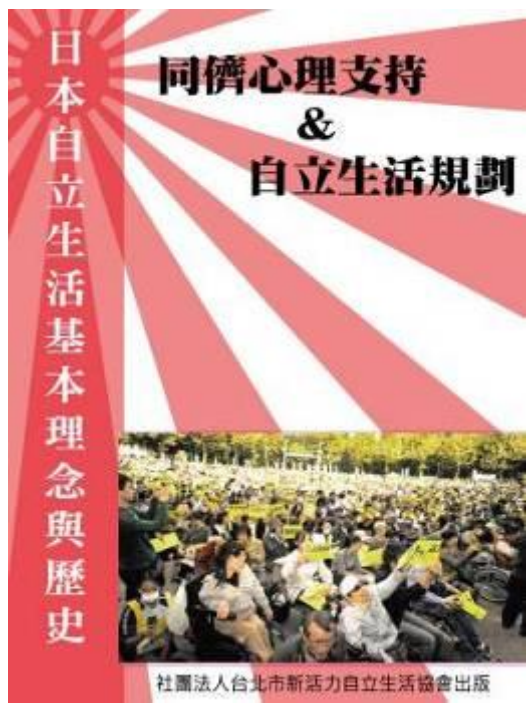
**Social  
movement**

**Contents of work:**

- 1. Advocacy/policy proposal**
- 2. Independent living program**
- 3. Peer support**
- 4. Personal assistance service**
- 5. Community education**
- 6. International cooperation**

**Currently focused on: (1) Implementation of CRPD (2) Fostering a new generation of leaders (3) Collaboration among centers in various locations**





- Publications: books, videos



Newspapers and special topics



**2005**  
**Gathering**  
**peers**

**2007**  
**The first**  
**independent**  
**living center in**  
**Taiwan was**  
**established**

**2009**  
**Model project**

**2011**  
**System of**  
**independent**  
**living was**  
**formed**

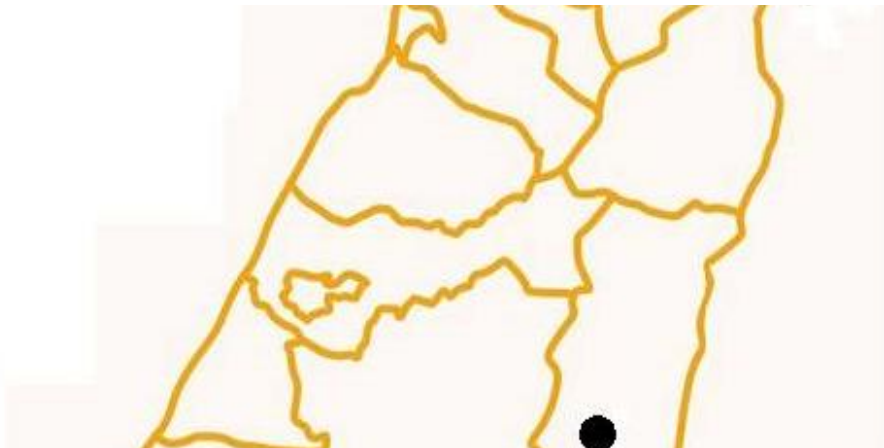
**2012-present**  
**Setting up of**  
**independent**  
**living**  
**centers at**  
**various**  
**locations**

**Activities to disseminate empowerment activity,  
advocacy and the idea of independent living**

**Services**



New Vitality Independent Living Association on Taipei (2007)



Independent Living Association oh Hualian (2016)



New World Independent Living Association of Chiayi (2014)



Meng Cheng Independent Living Association on Tainan (2014)



Xiangyang Independent Living association of Kaohsiung (2012)



1. Currently there are 5 independent living centers in Taiwan – Taipei, Hualian, Kaohsiung, Tainan and Chiayi.

2. Taiwan Federation of Independent Living Centers for Persons with Disabilities was set up on April 1, 2018.



# Problems

**We should be united to extend our influence on the government or society. However, ....**



1. Persons with disabilities of the associations are faced with many challenging circumstances: they carry out the movement while overcoming the issues of barrier-full environment or living costs. They only look at things they cannot do.
2. There is a big difference in the environment of respective locations and also among persons with disabilities or peers and fellows.
3. The communication and planning capabilities of respective organizations are poor.





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活動名稱	日期	主辦	人數	地點	主旨	成效	資金
第一屆會員大會	3-18	夢城	>2	赤柱	活動力	理事團選	圓滿成功 協會支出
愛心巡遊	4-22	夢城	10	皇皇	自動式KTV	放鬆心情 心情變好	會員自費
輕旅行	8-5	夢城	11	東涌	探訪	High	協會支出
輕旅行	8-19	夢城	11	香港	佛海	公車體驗	High 協會支出
輕旅行	9-30	夢城	10	東涌	探訪	High	自費
輕旅行	11-18	夢城	10	高維	探訪	High	協會支出
圓遊會	12-2	祇行	6	輝	捷運	High	自費
聖誕聯歡	12-23	夢城	14	文學館	交流	微事收入	協會



# Influence on members of organizations

1. We could confirm our respective roles in the organization.
2. We now take a work role and responsibility more actively than before.
3. We now participate in organizations' activities and draw up plans together more actively than before.
4. Communication among inner members has become better than before.
5. We are now able to introduce the center to outsiders better than before.
6. We came to believe in ourselves more.
7. By sharing good and difficult things and various experiences, the relationship among organizations became stronger and better.

# I participated in 2017 and 2018 WS; influences on myself

1. Value teamwork with persons with different types of disabilities.
2. Convey the work contents in detail to other people.
3. Confirm views and feelings of peers and fellows no matter how busy I am.
4. Learned that it's important to explain difficult things in simple way.
5. Create a business plan or action plan better than before.
6. Practice introducing independent living with people from different fields.

- Thank you very much!

