

Many Activities on Human Rights of People with Disability were carried out at the Beginning of 2012

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New Year, new beginning! Disabled persons in China organized a series of spectacular anti-discrimination advocacy activities with the help and guidance of Yirenping, creating significant reactions from the public. More than ten domestic media sources reported on their activities, and hundreds more replicated these reports on the Internet.

Disabled Person in Zhengzhou Requests for Information Disclosure in 54 Government Departments, "to Publically Make Available Details about Employment Guarantee Fund for the Disabled"

On January 5, Wang Ping (alias), an individual with disabilities in Henan Province, submitted requests for Information Disclosure via registered letter to 54 government departments, including the Henan Provincial Finance Department, the Henan Federation of Disabled Persons etc. Wang demands the disclosure of the financial details concerning the disability employment premium fund in Henan Province of the past 11 years.



Wang Ping showed his 54 letters to journalist

Relevant News Reports:

Henan Legal Daily: "How much is the Employment Guarantee Fund for the Disabled? Where was it used?" http://newspaper.dahe.cn/jrab/html/2012-01/16/content_653876.htm?div=-1

Three disabled people's open letter to Ministry of Railway for accessible facility forced the Ministry to reply

The Ministry of Railways vowed on Monday night to improve service for disabled people in response to the complaints of three disabled men who said they met with a number of difficulties using trains.

The three men, Zhang Yufei, Fu Zhidong and Tang Song, wrote an open letter to the ministry on January 8, the first day of the Spring Transport. In the letter, they said that railway workers had refused help they requested on Oct 25 at the Fuyang Railway Station in Anhui province.

Yang Zhanqing, head of the Zhengzhou branch of the Yirenping, an anti-discrimination NGO, told China Daily on Tuesday that railway stations that have poor service for disabled people should be punished according to regulations.

"The rights of the disabled should not be neglected even though the number of disabled passengers is not large," Yang said.

Relevant News Reports:

Jinghua Times:

http://news.ifeng.com/mainland/special/2012chunyun/content-3/detail_2012_01/09/11834831_0.shtml

Legal Daily:

<http://finance.ifeng.com/roll/20120110/5425037.shtml>

Jianghuai Morning News:

<http://roll.sohu.com/20120109/n331581204.shtml>

NEW Beijing News:

http://news.ifeng.com/mainland/special/2012chunyun/content-3/detail_2012_01/10/11857745_0.shtml

Zhong An Online:

<http://ah.anhuinews.com/qmt/system/2012/01/09/004696624.shtml>

China Daily: Ministry of Railway replies to disabled men's woes

<http://ecns.cn/2012/01-11/5899.shtml>

716 Disabled People Signed Proposal to Urge Reforms in Blind Medical Massage Certification Exam

On January 11, Li Jinsheng, a man who is blind in both eyes, went to Beijing from Henan to the Blind Massage Guidance Center (Guidance Center) in China Disabled Persons Federation (CDPF). He wanted to hand in an open letter co-signed by the 716 disabled people and one banner said "we're helpless because of barriers, and we need reforms in Massage Exam for the Blind"

Director Zhang of the Guidance Center attended them and received the open letter and the banner. Director Zhang told Li Jinsheng, "Medical massage exam for the blind will be reformed as soon as possible. We'll try our best to protect the rights of the blind to take barrier-free examination."



Li Jinsheng hold the open letter and rushed to the CDPF

Relevant News Reports:

Dahe News: Completely Blind Exam Takers Have Hopes to Get Electronic Papers and Audio Assistance

http://newspaper.dahe.cn/dhb/html/2011-12/03/content_630271.htm?div=-1

Henan Legal Daily: Henan Blind People Li Jinsheng Went to CDPF to Hand in an Open Letter Signed by 716 Disabled People and one Banner to Urge Reforms in Blind Medical Massage Certification Exam

<http://www.ha.chinanews.com/lanmu/news/1843/2012-01-13/news-1843-147963.shtml>

Yirenping Center published “Report on a Survey of the Circumstance of the Employment of Disabled Persons in the Civil Service”

On January 12, Yirenping Center published “Report on a Survey of the Circumstance of the Employment of Disabled Persons in the Civil Service”(hereinafter referred to as the Report). Of the 30 cities that formally accepted our application for Information Disclosure, we found the proportion of disabled persons working in the civil service is much lower than the 1.5% legal requirement. The highest ratio is 0.39%, and the lowest is 0.02%.

The survey and the petition were reported by about 5 newspapers. Moreover, the articles were disseminated on more than 100 portals.

Relevant News Reports:

Legal Daily: Every Organ of State Should Employ Disabled People by Law

<http://edu.ynet.com/3.1/1201/17/6710947.html>

Beijing Times (Jinghua): According to the Investigation Report by an NGO : State organs don't Employ Enough Disabled People by Law

<http://news.sohu.com/20120113/n332041899.shtml>

Beijing Youth Daily: Report reveals government organs have far less disabled employees than statutory requirement <http://news.sina.com.cn/c/2012-01-20/000023829862.shtml>

Beijing Disabled Persons Experience the Reserved Tickets Purchase

December 16, the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Civil Affairs, the CDPF, the General Political Department of PLA have jointly issued the Notice, requesting passenger trains to set aside a certain number of disabled passengers special ticket amount since January 1 this year.

On January 13, the disabled, Chong Li (pseudonym) successfully bought reserved tickets at Beijing West Railway Station. But he feels pity that he cannot reserve tickets through Internet or telephone. In addition, only disabled people in deformity grade one or grade two can buy the disabled tickets.

The Beijing Railway Bureau responded that the disabled tickets policy is behind the opening of Online Ticketing System. So the disabled tickets are not available online or telephone booking at present. As for deformity grade limit, the Beijing Railway Bureau said the reserved tickets can only give priority to the one who needs most because of the large population of the disabled in China.

Relevant News Reports:

Beijing Youth Daily: Disabled people bought reserved tickets at Beijing West Railway Station

<http://bjyouth.ynet.com/3.1/1201/14/6700469.html>

Zhu Lanying, a Chinese disabled woman, sues Chengdu Airlines

Zhu Lanying, 26, a Chinese paraplegic woman, has sued Chengdu Airlines, a local China airline because she was not allowed to get into a plane of the company. She was about to board a Chengdu Airlines flight at Kunming Airport in Yunnan Province on October 8, when she was told by staff that the flight could not accept wheelchair travellers, so they pushed her away for the boarding gate, hurting her head and her arms.

Zhu's case was put forward in a report published by Yirenping Shenzhen office, detailing other barriers that disabled people suffer when they try to take domestic flights. According to the report, most of the airlines in China restrict the travel of disabled passengers.

On January 16th, Zhu's case was tried by Guandu court.

Relevant News Reports:

Southern Metropolis Daily: Disabled woman sues Chengdu Airlines. The case was tried today
http://nf.nfdaily.cn/nfdsb/content/2012-01/17/content_36570275.htm

“Disabled right fighter” comes out once more to put the Dongguan Bus Company in the dock for preferential price in public transport

On January 18th, a man with level-2 limb and speech disability, Zhu Mingjian, put the Zhuhai Bus Company in the dock with the purpose of safeguarding the right of enjoying discount for nonlocal disabled people to take buses in Zhuhai.

To support Zhu Mingjian, Li Qing, another Guangzhou disabled young man, wrote a petition letter and posted it online. He received close to 150 signatures from disabled people and sent it to Zhuhai Municipal Government and Guangdong Provincial Government on January 17th.



Zhu Mingjian and Li Qing Sent the Petition Letter to Government.

Relevant News Report:

Zhengzhou Evening News: “Heyuan disabled people sues Zhuhai Bus Company, the case was tried yesterday in Xiangzhou Court,”
http://search.zhnews.net/zjwb/text.php?ud_key=2660&ud_date=

People with Hearing Disabilities Got Reply from The ministry of Industries and Information Technology

On September 22, 2011, deaf university student AnDong (pseudonym) submitted a proposal letter to the Ministry of Industries and Information Technology recommending the Ministry to encourage telecommunication companies to provide financial concessions for people with hearing disabilities. People with hearing disabilities often rely on governmental subsidies to survive, and the existing high telecommunications fees pose a large financial burden for them. Recently, the Ministry replied the problem should be solved by policy of fiscal subsidies.

Relevant News Report:

Legal Web: The ministry of Industries and Information Technology responded to the disabled people's request of providing financial concessions for people with hearing disabilities
http://www.legaldaily.com.cn/executive/content/2012-01/19/content_3312687.htm?node=32120
Beijing Times (Jinghua): The ministry of Industries and Information Technology : It's possible that the disabled people can get financial subsidies of their telecommunications fees.
<http://politics.people.com.cn/GB/1026/16918574.html>
Legal Evening News:
<http://www.fawan.com/Article/bs/ss/2012/01/20/154856143606.html>

Henan Business News:

http://newspaper.dahe.cn/hnsb/html/2012-01/21/content_656275.htm?div=-1

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