



TG19 held a meeting on 21st June 1998 in a venue at Long Island, New York.

Past meetings were reviewed and their outcome was used to lead into the main topic of discussion at the meeting which was future work with special reference to universal design concept.

A revised framework for the Group has been put together which Coordinator Satoshi Kose sees as providing some structure for future meetings and contributions, hopefully leading to consensus or guidance documents.

He has circulated the following to Group Members.

Structure/scope

1. Introduction: a compact, introductory overview
 - o Demographic trends
 - o Expected political and judicial development
 - o Current state of accessibility in the built environment. Should include statements on three issues: (a) proportion of accessible housing and public buildings, (b) accessibility in public transport systems and (c) accessible open urban spaces. Housing in the main issue; the purpose of (b) and (c) is to enable housing to be taken in context.
2. Areas of development of accessible housing
 - o Political goals and aims
 - o Legislation (Falls broadly into two categories - equal opportunity/personal rights/affirmative action and building codes/regulations/consumer protection/product control)
 - o Education (of students and professionals in the fields of architecture, planning, engineering, occupational therapy, industrial design, building trades)
 - o Information to user groups/organisations (explaining the object, scope and goals of designing for the aged/universal design, thus outlining the level of accessibility that can be reasonably expected in general planning/design)
3. Housing design issues
 - o Design theories
 - o Design criteria
 - o Built results (examples of acceptable, cost-effective house designs)
 - o Architectural details (this could include level entry, level access to balcony/private outdoor space, bathroom/toilet, kitchen fittings etc.)

What he wishes to ascertain from TG19 members is whether there is clear agreement as to the end result (consensus or guidance documents) and whether the scope as suggested above has omitted any important aspects.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for November / December 1998 in Yokohama, Japan

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