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THE CITY 1.9 million
DISABLED PEOPLE in Thailand
 in 2007, or 2.9 per cent of the
 65.5 million population, as reported
 by the National Statistical Office



A company representative demonstrates how a bed designed for those physically handicapped works.

SHOWCASE

A BETTER LIFE

The disabled will be able to find a range of hi-tech aids to make life better

By Wannapa Phetdee

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Governments should develop technology that can help disabled people, says Cheng Hock, president of the World Blind Union's Asia-Pacific Region.

Technology can provide people with disabilities the chance to enjoy more convenient and productive lives.

Monthian Buntan, president of the Thailand Association of the Blind, also wants people with disabilities to have more access to information on the Internet as 90 per cent of web-sites in Thailand are not avail-

able for disabled people.

At the current International Convention for Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology (i-CREATE 2008), a whole range of hi-tech equipment is provided for the disabled, he said.

Creative equipments

The technology includes various kinds of wheelchairs and beds that suite people with different disabilities, plus communication aids, digital talking book recorders and players, cochlear implants, hi-tech prostheses and keyboards for the blind.

Creative equipment and software for the disabled designed by students are also on show at the convention. Researchers and physicians will be sharing their expertise and experience on how to rehabilitate the disabled and take care of the elderly.



Cheng Hock

The convention ends tomorrow at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel and is organised by Thailand's National Electronics and Computer Technology Centre and Singapore Therapeutic. It is supported by the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau.