

Yokohama Rehabilitation Center

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Every time I went to a care center, here in Japan I see only very nice things. The place is full of light, the rooms are clean, and the place smells good, not like a hospital. The doctors and educators are polite, and the place is very well equipped. There are rooms that look like kitchens, bathrooms, toilets, spacious play rooms; they all are having special accessories (like shelves with big knobs, in order to be easier to handle), until now this is something normal to expect from a rehabilitation center, but also, I would like to pay a special attention to the research department (the 4th floor of the building). New machines are designed there, to enhance the development and exercise of different skills of people with special needs. Also, especially interesting for me was to see the ski devices that were used at the winter the Paralympics in Nagano four years ago. It is a grate thing to offer everybody the possibility of practicing sports at a high performance level. I was very glad to find out that. It is very important that Japanese educational system is paying so much attention to the research part. Unfortunately others countries with very few exceptions are not doing that. Also, another important thing was special equipment for stairs climbing(when there was no elevator, 5th floor).

When I came to Japan, I couldn't understand in

the beginning, what is the meaning of those yellow paths on the pedestrian's road. Only after a while I realized that they were designed for special needs people. A things like this is a result of some research, some scholar thought that this kind of roads could help blind people a lot, and it was implemented. It is astonishing.