The objective of Pan-Asia Linked Databases on Assistive Technology (PALDAT) is to develop a web portal which links up the Assistive Technology (AT) databases of each participating countries & territories in the Asia Pacific region and to provide a platform for sharing information on AT products.

### The Problem

There is no formal database on Assistive Technology (AT) in Singapore and it would be difficult to know what are available in the local market. The available databases in Asia are Australia, China, Japan. More AT products are designed, made by and for Asians in the recent years, however, these products are not easily found by English language search engines.

### Participating Countries

Australia, China, EASTIN, Japan, Singapore

### The Current Databases in Asia

**Australia:**
http://at-aust.org/

**China:**
http://shfuju.com/

**Japan:**
http://www.techno-aids.or.jp/

### The Benefit & Impact

PALDAT shall serve all stakeholders of AT, including the users of AT, the healthcare, schools and social work professionals working with users of AT, AT product manufacturers and sellers, policy makers and AT researchers across Asia.

To lower the cost of acquiring AT products by providing more complete information and easier access to these products. To provide a platform for sharing of knowledge on AT products among all stakeholders in Asia.

### The Future

PALDAT target to include Taiwan, Thailand into this project.

**The Search Process**

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Persons with disabilities are able to make informed decisions and access to information on AT product and related programmes and events via PALDAT.

The estimated number of people who will benefit from PALDAT would be easily in the range of hundreds of thousands per year.

**Development of EASTIN based search**

**Integration with Australia AT databases**

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