

Baños Del Tungurahua

THE MOST ACCESSIBLE TOURIST SITE OF ECUADOR

Now that to use the expression "belongs to all" that has come into fashion I believe that it perfectly matches the reality of the tourist city of Baños which is located in the center of the country between the Andean and the Amazonian World offering eco-touristic activities of Adventure, Rest and Entertainment for all ages, for all tastes, for all socioeconomic conditions and in general for all human groups among which disabled persons are included.

Since approximately 15 years back, Baños through its public and private institutions and upon the initiative and pressure of a group of disabled Baños citizens of Baños, the present council of the canton, have been channeling resources and efforts in order to provide these vulnerable groups, in some cases tearing down architectonic obstacles, creating and constructing ramps and other elements favorable to the normal flow of disabled persons. The fact is that besides these achievements, the Government of Rafael Correa, through the CONADIS is sponsoring all over the country, specifically in 200 municipalities, diverse projects for the elimination of barriers and for the implementation of Basic Rehabilitation Units. The planning and tourist departments of the municipality of this corner of the Tungurahua province re-

quire that the buildings used to serve tourists have easy access to same and in the case of the hotels that they have at least one room on the main floor with all the facilities for said persons. Baños de Agua Santa is now a highly acceptable place for those who need wheelchairs to get around. The municipal volcanic water spas, the sidewalks of the city, the hotels, restaurants, banks, cafeterias and even private homes now have ramps and functional spaces for special tourism, a segment of visitors to which they wish to give special attention, for these people who come from different parts of Ecuador and of the World to have option to this region of cascades,

volcanic landscapes, pure air and friendly people.

Now in 2008, through the initiative of Council Morales, the First Special International Tourism Seminar took place for the purpose of increasing the flow of special tourists coming to visit Ecuador and Baños in particular and in order to make the entities governing tourism and urban planning, on a local and nation wide level aware of the imperious need to offer the said facilities to this important fraction which represents a large number of well to do tour

We can thus say that "Baños del Tungurahua belongs to all"

