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RESEARCH ON THE FACTORS AFFECTING PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IN TOURISTIC ACTIVITIES

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EXTENSIVE SUMMARY

As with all healthy individuals, disabled individuals also have freedom of travel. As with all other individuals, disabled people are free to travel and participate in tourist activities without hindrances, but they face a number of barriers.

The purpose of this research is to put forward the expectations and the obstacles that the disabled people can participate in tourism activities. For this purpose, the studies on this subject in the literature will be analyzed and the factors affecting the participation of the disabled individuals in tourism activities will be revealed.

The method of the study is based on the qualitative research. In this context, data is acquired from subsidiary sources. Scanning and document analysis is used to obtain the data. In the process of preparing data repository, the studies on disabled individuals' eagerness to participate in the tourism activities, their expectations and the obstacles they face and the contents of these studies were used. In the extent of the study, data was acquired by scanning the local and foreign studies. The data of the study was analyzed via content analysis.

In the extent of literature research, which is carried out to determine the disabled individuals' eagerness to participate in the tourism activities, their expectations and the obstacles they face, fifteen local and foreign studies were examined. These studies were especially preferred because they were recent studies. On the other hand, only fifteen studies were evaluated because of time constraint. This situation shows the constraint of this study.

The data which was obtained as a result of the studies examined was analyzed and evaluated via content analysis. As a result of the evaluations, the reasons affecting the disabled individuals are evaluated under five main titles as personal, originating from tourism enterprises, and local administrations, social, and other.