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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you another new Safe Community

We have reports from China, Canada & Sweden.

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion web-site: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_newsletters_en.htm

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor

Two communities from Vietnam joined the SC network!

Thanh Binh community and Truong Lac community in Vietnam joined the International Safe Community Network in last October.

Truong Lac community is located in Can Tho province which is the centre of Mekong Delta with rich resources of rivers and canals. Truong Lac Ward has 12 hamlets with a population of 18 388 living in 3 800 households. While Thanh Binh community, one of 21 communes in Hai Duong City, is located on the west of the city, Hai Duong Province. The Community has 18 population areas with 30694 residents and 9796 households. The main injuries are traffic accidents, falling, occupational accidents, social conflicts and drowning.

In this June the on-site evaluation was conducted by certifying center in Korea. In these two communities good structure of collaboration has been set up and well operated with supports from upper levels of Communist Party, People Council, People Committee; an international organization such as UNISEF; and relevant organizations. In October on behalf of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion and the Certifying Center in Korea, Dr Koustuv Dalal from Sweden and Professor Shumei Wang from China presided the designation ceremony. Officials from Ministry of Health of Vietnam, representatives from UNICEF, officials from provincial government departments, community leaders and a lot of local residents as well were presented at the ceremony.

Reporter: Shumei Wang, China.



Hagerstown, Maryland, USA: ISC # 205

On Thursday September 23, 2010, Hagerstown, Maryland was designated as America's 12th and the world's 205th International Safe Community. Hagerstown is also the first community in Maryland to be designated.

Out of a range of programmes designed ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens, a very significant one is Hagerstown's Children's Safe Village which has served as a model for many safety villages internationally. At Hagerstown's Children's Village second-grade students learn safety skills related to fire, traffic, water and pedestrian environment.

Other safety programs that have been launched locally over the years include SAFE (Smoke Alarms for Everybody), where city firefighters give away smoke alarms to residents. Michael Weller, the public education officer for the Hagerstown Fire Department, was instrumental in leading the community Hagerstown through the process.

Hagerstown was mentored through the designation process by Safe Communities America. Safe Communities Canada, as a Certifying Centre for the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion oversaw the designation ceremony and was delighted to declare that Hagerstown is now a member of a world-wide network of International Safe Communities co which have gone through the same rigorous process of demonstrating that they have taken meaningful steps to ensure the safety and well-being of each of their citizens.



Michael Weller, public education officer, Hagerstown Fire Department,



Hagerstown Mayor Robert Bruchey, left, City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, right, and John Dalzell, center, of Safe Communities Canada Certifying Center, sign the ISC Agreement .

Reporter: Ron Waldie , Canada

USC Is Recognized as an International Safe Community

On Wednesday, September 15, 2010, USC became the first university to be formally designated an International Safe Community by Safe Communities Canada, the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. USC joins a network of more than 200 communities around the world (only 11 in the United States) that have met the organization's standards to promote safety and health initiatives. Kid Watch volunteers, community school children, USC students, and upwards of 200 supporters participated in the prestigious ceremony.

The Trojan Marching Band commenced the event by trumpeting the USC Fight Song. Todd Dickey, Senior Vice President of Administration made introductory remarks and welcomed representatives from Safe Communities Canada namely Paul Kells, Barry King, and Ron Waldie as well as Donna Stein-Harris, the National Safety Council representative. Donna Stein-Harris and Paul Kells lauded USC's remarkable efforts and achievement in maintaining a vibrant and healthy community. Ms. Stein-Harris and Mr. Kells presented the university with Safe Community plaques commemorating the occasion and USC's membership in the International Safe Communities. President Max Nikias thanked the dignitaries of the honor bestowed upon the university and reaffirmed its commitment to Safe Communities.

The ceremony concluded with Paul Kells and President Max Nikias signing the Safe Communities Agreement which induces USC to "implement an ongoing programme of injury control. [The] initiative will cover the whole community including people in all age groups, all environments and all situations."

Buoyed by this success and international renown, USC will strive to further advance health and safety for all its community members.



Mr. Paul Kells and USC President C. L. Max Nikias sign the Safe Communities Agreement.

Reporter: Alfred M. Bouziane

SC Promotion Committee of LuJiaZui Community, Shanghai, China

In order to further promote safe community project and to prepare for national safe community inspection the Enlarged Meeting of SC Promotion Committee was held in August 4, 2010. Members of the committee, invited experts, members of working group et al attended the meeting.

In the meeting the vice director of LuJiaZui Community, Mr. Qiwei Wang announced the official establishment of SC Promotion Committee. Members are from different sectors including Party Work Committee, Community Office, Transportation Sector, Fire Fighting Sector, Labor Union, Women's Union, Health Care Center, Police Station, Trade and Business Sector, Civil Administration, City Planning, Real Estate Sector, Judiciary and members from kindergarten, primary, middle and high schools as well. Under the promotion committee 12 working groups were established. Another vice director, Ms Yizhong Xia, reported in detail about the SC project in LuJiaZui.

Professor Shumei Wang, on behalf of the Expert Group pointed out that LuJiaZui Community has done a lot and achieved a lot for the last couple of years in safe community. Evidence-based injury prevention got very good demonstration here. She encouraged LuJiaZui Community to set higher standard based on what they have achieved.

Mr. Anqiao Wu, director of the community and head of SC Promotion Committee gave a summary speech. He emphasized that participants should fully understand the importance of SC movement, and the importance of mobilizing all sectors to work together for the same value and goal.



Reporter: LuJia Zui Safe Community Office

“Hand in Hand to Guarantee Safe Transport and World Expo” (Children’s Safe Walking Project Series) – Haitong Primary School Model

On the afternoon of July 5, 2010, “Hand in Hand to Guarantee Safe Transport and World Expo”-- A meeting was held in Haitong Primary School which was one of the series of Children’s Safe Walking Project with a view to popularizing the Safeguarding Mode initiated by Haitong Primary School. Officials from Shanghai Municipal Government, Pudong New Area and Huamu Sub-district attended the event. Attendants also included nearly 80 representatives from such units and organizations as fellows: Decathlon Sports Goods Company (Shanghai), Shanghai Huamu Real Estate Development & Management Co. Ltd, primary and secondary schools and kindergartens in Huamu Community.

In the activity, the organizer introduced to the attendants the practices Haitong Primary School has conducted in safeguarding the kids at school. After that, all the Safe Kids Project related units’ leaders and volunteers signed their undertakings to guarantee safe walking of school children, and initiated the project by activating the starting-ball. The representatives from nine units’ pledged the commitments to support the safeguarding school project, they are: Huamu sub-district office, Safe Kids Worldwide Network, Haitong Primary School, Huamu Safe Community Health Care Center, etc. The commitments they assured are: hand in hand to construct Huamu International Safe Community, to make efforts to ensure protection against children injuries, to guarantee children’s walking safety together, to progressively advance safe walking environment, actively participate in Safeguarding School Project, and to do all we can to create a safe and harmonious traffic environment for children in Huamu community.

According to the organizer, this promotion has its aim to actively mobilize the communities, schools, parents, volunteers and corporations to jointly participate in; to continuously improve peripheral road traffic environment and order around schools; to investigate and practice the safeguarding mode on children’s way to school and after school; to enhance students’ traffic safety awareness and capability; to escort Primary and Secondary students in this community for their safe walking, as well as to build a safe living environment. Taking Haitong Primary School as a pilot, the project team launched a series of effective safeguarding activities. They shot a feature program specialized on Haitong Safeguarding mode which was supposed to widely publicize the trilogy of Haitong mode: to advance the hardware facilities and external environment; to further improve the school regulations regarding the students in-and-out-of-school activities and safe travel rules; mobilize all resources in the community to spontaneously support the safeguarding school project.



Reporter: Ms. Chen Fang, China

Call for International Safe Hospitals Network

Hospitals can play a vital role for injury prevention and safety promotion. Hospitals should be actively involved in the Safe Community program. Therefore, WHO CC CSP has developed a new ‘Safe Community Hospital Network’ and calling for memberships. For membership and technical supports please contact : Prof. Leif Svanstrom (leif.svanstrom@ki.se) or Dr. Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se). Visit: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf

Götene municipality certifies their preschools and schools as safe and secure development schools.

Götene municipality, Sweden has since 2007 been working to make all preschools and schools safe and secure development. It is a political decision taken by children and youth committee that all preschools and schools must be certified.

It has developed criteria that were largely coincided with the criteria for safe school but expanded them slightly. The award is given to the school that systematically works to the business and the environment is perceived as safe, secure and stimulating.

Preschool / school is characterized by:

- The work environment is that part of the daily operations ; • Pupils have a strong influence over their working environment, parents are involved in the work environment and student safety representatives role is made clear;
- Procedures are developed and fixed so that risks eliminated; • There are plans to combat bullying and violence (Equal Treatment Plan) ; • Incidents and injuries are recorded, monitored and used for prevention ; • Work out patrols at least once per semester ; • An annual census of school, are made;
- Training is conducted to ensure skills and provide new knowledge ; • Efforts made to promote good health ; • Collaboration takes place between different sectors, organizations and government agencies.

The certification is valid for two years. School writes an action list of things they should improve during this period. After two years the school search for re-certification.

In order to certify schools are a team composed of a responsible principle, a representative of the public health-council, a representative from the Civil Protection and a representative from the technical as property owners.

Reporter: Eva Cardell, Sweden.



Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2011

** 20th International Safe Communities Conference

Celebrating two decades of International Safe Community Development - going back to where it all started

6-9 September 2011, Falun Municipality, Dalarna, Sweden

Conference web page: www.falun.se/safecom2011. Contact: safecom2011@falun.se

** The 1st Latin American Regional Safe Community Conference

"What can Safe communities do for Disaster Prevention and Risk Management"

6-8 April 2011, Peñaflor, Chile

Contact: Karen Galvis karengalvis@gmail.com.

Invitation: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/invitation_6-8_april_2011_penaflor_chile.pdf

2012

Regional Safe Community Conferences

- **6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities in 2012**
Friday, 11 - Sunday, 13, May, 2012, Tokyo, Japan

- **The 3rd European Safe Community Conference**

The future role of the Fire and Rescue Service in the sustainability of Safe Communities in Europe

4-5 June 2012, Falköping, Sweden

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