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1. 1st meeting of Kyoto Society for Safe Community

The first meeting of Kyoto Society for Safe Community (KSSC) was held at Ritsumeikan University on 17th July. About twenty researchers and experts attended the meeting.

This KSSC studies the way to solve some problems of injury prevention and gives communities advices for safety promotion, moreover spreads activities for Safe Community into Kyoto.

In the first meeting, three researchers gave participants each subject. After presentation, the participants discussed about each subject. Researchers and subjects are following.

1. Prof. Yutaka HONDA (Ritsumeikan University) ; Activities and Problem of elderly safety in Kameoka City
2. Dr. Shohei YOKOTA (Nantan public health center) ; The injury surveillance in Kameoka City
3. Prof. Yoshiyuki WATANAVE (Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine) ; Meanings of the injury surveillance for Kameoka City Safe Community

The meeting of KSSC will be held and discuss about variety subjects once a month.



2. Atsugi City; Site-Visit to Kyoto

Atsugi City made site-visit to Kameoka City, Ristumeikan University, and Kyoto Prefecture on 15-16th July, in order to study a safety promotion at Kameoka City.

In Kameoka City, they visited to city center and Shino-cho neighborhood self-government association office. Then they studied activities for safety promotion that has been conducting at community level and a support of government.

Moreover they established friendly relation with people in Kameoka as a photograph.

At Ritsumeikan University, they visited Prof. Tomoki NAKAYA and Dr. Yoko SHIRAISHI for the study of Safe Community questionnaire that surveyed in Kameoka city. They discussed about items for a questionnaire and a method for analysis of the result so on. They would like to try to do a questionnaire for understanding a current situation of safe community.



Shino-cho neighborhood
Self-government association

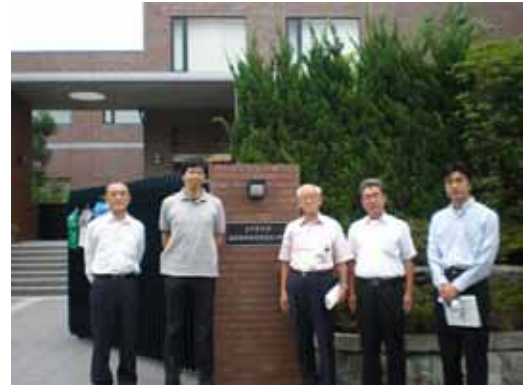
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At the end of site-visit, they visit me for hearing about activities at an international conference, and establishing a relation with international network. I advised them that the most important thing to do that is to learn English. On other word, it is willing to do that.

We hope that they will put this result of site-visit into their practice, and build up a wonderful community.



Ritsumeikan University Research Center for Disaster Mitigation of Urban Cultural Heritage

3. 5th meeting of Kameoka Safe Community council was held

5th meeting of Kameoka Safe Community Council was held at Galleria Kameoka on 25th July.

Following subjects were discussed in the meeting.

1. An interim report of Safe Community questionnaire survey in Kameoka on February 2007
2. An interim report of Kameoka Injury Surveillance
3. Spreading activities for safety promotion into all over Kameoka City
4. Mental health survey for suicide prevention.
5. Nantan Safety Kids Program

The member of council was discussed about new activities in this year. Then they decided to conduct new activities below.

- Five communities at east Katsura river area in Kameoka City will start activities for safety promotion. And Kameoka city support them and promote to spread activities into all over city.
- Council will survey a mental health of small and medium enterprises for suicide prevention in cooperation with Kyoto Bunkyo University and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry on October. Because a working group of occupational safety reported to council that mental health at workplace is most important problem and it needs to understand a current situation of mental health especially at small and medium enterprises
- Moreover council will survey a background of the middle-aged and elderly suicide in cooperation with Kyoto Prefectural Public Mental Health Center. The result of survey will be used for analyzing factors of suicide and considering suicide prevention.



New activities for safety promotion are starting rapidly in Kameoka City. We can make sure that a designation as Safe community is not goal, but a motivation of citizen to take part in activities for safety promotion. I hope that it will become more active, please cheer Kameoka City.