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### 1. Yokohama City; A grass-roots movement for safety promotion

Yokohama City Government has been holding training course based on Safety Promotion since 2007. Now member of the training courses are developing a grass-movement for injury prevention.

I would like to introduce an activity at an event for a child safety in Yokohama City on August 2008. It was a puppet show for teaching children the ways to prevent accidents, when they meet with a fire. The show was given by a mother and her kids as volunteers. The mother used to be a member of training course. The activity has started after taking the training course, because she hoped to put knowledge of injury prevention to practical use. A lot of parent and child were eagerly attending the puppet show.

Moreover she and a fire-fighter of Izumi District fire station developed training for escaping from smoke with a curtain as seen photograph. It's a good idea!

In Kangawa Prefecture, Atsugi city has been conducting activities for safety promotion, in order to become the member of Safe Community.



A puppet show



Curtain as smoke

Although Yokohama City has started activities for safe community, it was a grass-movement. However activities by member of training course are steady spreading into people in Yokohama.

## 2 Towada City; Prof. Nam-Soo Park was invited to Towada City for site-visit

Towada City invited Prof.Nam-Soo Park, (Center for Prevention and Community Safety Promotion School of Medicine, Ajou University, WHO Affiliate Safe Community Support) to Towada on 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008; in order to get advices from all sorts of angle on their activities for Safe Community.

On 28<sup>th</sup>, Prof. Nam-Soo Park visited on site they are working for Safe community, such as City Center, Health Center and so on.



Site-Visit on Health Ceter

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As the meeting of working group for sport and tourism safety was held at City Center. She joined the meeting and discussed about tourist accidents prevention.

Next, they showed her to Health Center that a course of fall prevention was held. Public nacres were very pleased with her valuable advices.

After that, they showed her to site that a story told with picture for suicide prevention and a campaign for the spread of Safe community were took place by volunteer group. Her encourage would be a good spur to their success.

On 29<sup>th</sup>, Prof. Nam-Soo Park gave a speech entitled "Key Issues on Safe Community" at Fujiya Grand Hotel in Towada City. Participants learned thought about the concept of injury prevention and issues on



Campaign by volunteer group

Safe Community with activities in Swan and Sonpa Korea  $\,$ 

A lot of people concerned and member of volunteer attended her speech eagerly. Her last message was that your active participation and powerful support will certainly make Safe Towada, and Safe Japan in future. I'm sure that they do that.

A strong point of Towada is that volunteer group takes a leading part of the project for safety promotion in cooperation with City Government. Participation and support of them are surely leading movements for safety promotion. The people of Towada City expect that such movment will spread into whole city and become the member of international safe community.

### **Introduction: Japanese Program for Safety Promtoin**

## Program for child safety in Kameoka City, Kyoto Mailing service "School Safety Mailing System"

To support Safe Child activities at community level, a mailing service called 'School safety

mailing system' started in May 2005. Once people register their email address, they can get information about crime and suspicious individuals not only from police but also from resident reporters.

Since May 2005, with about 30,000 registrations, this mailing system has been providing information about crimes and suspicious individuals. The information from the mailing system has been used for safety education at various occasions.

More over, Kyoto Prefecture police provides various information about 'safe children' on their website. The information is plotted by number on a map as seen fig. Dots plotted on the map reflect a list of information about time, place and kind of crimes.



Map for safe child