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### 1. Kameoka: S-Map & Safety Patrol of 10,000 people

Shino-Town which is a pilot area for promoting Safe Community in Kamoka, distributed an activity logotype of S-Map and Safety Patrol of 10,000 people to all residents, in order to raise the awareness of residents accident prevention effectively.

Project "S-Map" means to make original safe map by residents with Ritsumeikan University through fieldwork, to prevent accidents and crimes in their area. In last June, safe maps in each area was made and put on web-site to show all residents the dangerous place of accidents and crimes easily. Local sightseeing resources also are plotted in the map. Residents can see the dangerous place and the attractive place by the map whenever they need.

The other hand, Shino-Town has been conducting a program called "Safety Patrol of 10,000 people" in order to strengthen their system for the prevention of crime. This program is the activities to attempt to raise more their level of safety in their area, through all residents are aware of a patrol for the prevention of crime and accidents. In order to spread into the whole their area, they designed logotype as you can see in right fig, and distributed it the whole home.

Shino-Town gives publicity of safe town to residents and other town though the logotype. Moreover, to put the plan of developing Safe community into practice, the logotype is used as a campaign item, as you can see in right photograph. Web-site : <http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~shinocho/>



S-Map



Logotype



### 2. Safe Community was showed in Ibaraki City Osaka Prefecture

As JssP (Japanese Society of Safety Promotion) was asked to show Safe Community from Ibaraki City Government, I gave a presentation of concept of Safe Community to citizen at Annual Conference of Ibaraki City Developing Comfortable and Safe City Association on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

This association was established for developing comfortable and safe city through raising social solidarity and citizens' responsibility, which is carrying out many activities such as the prevention of accidents and crimes, the protection of the environment, beautifying the town, so on.

And a lot of related organization, such as self-government association, education, the prevention of crimes, medical care and welfare, commerce and industry, agriculture, take part in this association. Government also is carrying out various projects for developing comfortable and safe city in closely cooperation with this association. I am sure this association can become the organization for promoting Safe Community right now.

About three hundred people participated in the conference; I felt their strong interest in Safe Community. I gave a presentation about a concept of Safe Community, a necessity, an effect, how to promote, and examples of activities in Kameoka, with injury data in Ibaraki. Although it was for one hour, every audience listened attentively to my speech.



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In a question and answer period, I was asked very difficult question about protection of privacy on intervention in a matter inside house, such as elderly fall prevention and child abuse so on.

How much volunteers can intervene in a domestic matter is a very difficult matter. To solve it, I think that it is necessary to cooperate with government that has a power. And most important thing is relationship of mutual trust among people in the community.

### **3. Atsugi: Meeting of task force**

Atsugi Safe Community Promoting Association holds some meetings of task force on each field, traffic accident prevention, violence and suicide prevention, elderly safety. And task force are discussing eagerly about programs for injury prevention in the meeting.

At first, traffic safety meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, delegations of Police Station and related organization participated in the meeting. In the meeting, the state of occurrence of traffic accidents was showed by the chief of traffic accidents division in police station, and discussed about a role of the meeting and the program for traffic accidents prevention.



In case of other filed, the 1<sup>st</sup> task force meeting of violence and suicide prevention also was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, the 1<sup>st</sup> task force meeting of elderly injury prevention was followed on 24<sup>th</sup> June, and other task force meeting is followed in turn. The present state of injury and the problem on each field was discussed and have started to make program and plan for injury prevention.

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

#### **Volunteer Fire Corps**

Fire service in Japan consists of three levels; Fire Headquarters, Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire Corps. And there are also volunteer bodies for fire and disaster prevention companies to support the fire services in neighborhood communities.

Volunteer Fire Corps belong to the public fire services system, while most of the member has their own work. They work for safety in their communities as volunteers.

The fire and disaster prevention groups are organized with residents in each neighborhood community. They support fire departments and Volunteer Fire Corps. Their main works are fire prevention, disaster prevention, collecting information about disaster and primary extinction, support of stopgap aid and so on.



Drill for fire prevention by community residents

In Japan, there is a fire and disaster prevention groups in each neighborhood community. Based on the principle “we protect our safety by ourselves”, they work for safety promotion in collaboration with the fire department and Volunteer Fire Corps.

### **Towada City was designated the 159<sup>th</sup> Safe Community on 28<sup>th</sup> August.**

Congratulation!

Please give Towada City your blessing!

It is the birth of second Safe Community in Japan.

I will inform you of the particulars in next news.

