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1. Astugi City Safe Community Logo

When I met Mr.kuramochi (Astugi City) at Astugi City on last February, he told me “We have made a logo for expanding Safe Community” and gave me a paper copied Astugi Safe Community Logo with words.

Recently, I got an information of which the poster the log was printed are put up at convenience stores within the city.

The poster is as you see in a right photo, the log looks like that people is hug close by kindness as well as mother. I think it is a wonderful design, as it gives us a sense of safety, the bonds among people. I don't know exactly how the log was designed, but I think it is just the logo for Safe Community. How do you think about it?

Atsugi City Citizens is carrying out various activities for becoming a member of Safe Community as this news has been introducing.

You can see these activities on their web site, please visit to the web site.

(URL: <http://www2.city.atsugi.kanagawa.jp/bouhan/safecom/index.html>)

Developing Safe Community that citizen can live with a smile like as the log has been conducting.



Atsugi Safe Community Logo

2. Kameoka: Expanding participation in Safe Community; Hozu Town Safe Map



On 3rd August, Activities for making safe and secure map was carried out in Hozu-Town, Kmaoeka City. Hozu-Twon issued “large family town” on December 2007, and various activities for Safe Community that are taken up in Hozu-Town Master Plan “KI ZU NA Plan” have been conducting with an aim every one can live safety and secure by defending rich nature environment. Kizuna means a bond between a person and a person.

Activity for making the map was carried out in collaboration with Ritsumeikan University, in order to check the dangerous place and find new attractive resource in town. Such activities are expanding into all over Kameoka City.

On that day, about one hundred residents and children in the town participated in the activity, participants eager to look into their area to find dangerous place and new attractive resource. The signposts for giving information of a history and a folk story and a custom in this area are set up in various places. They made sure the signposts and the places, old residents told young residents the history and the source of that. This activity was a good chance for passing down from generation to generation by oral tradition, not only checking dangerous places.

The map they made will convert the digital map by Ritsumeikan University, and then be upped on their web-site to hold the common information among all residents.



Making Map

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Introduction: Japanese Program for Safety Promotion

Activities for disaster prevention in Kameoka, Kyoto

Disaster prevention information mailing system

It is very important to have accurate information about disasters when we are suffered from natural disasters such as earth quacks and typhoons. Therefore, Kameoka City provides its residents with information about disasters by e-mail.

Once residents register their email addresses of their mobiles or personal computers to the system, they receive information about warning on weather, earthquakes, and evacuation instructions.

In other hand, Kyoto Prefectural Government forecast to occur flood and landslide disaster based on past disaster record, in cooperation with the Metrological Agency. Kyoto Prefectural Government measures the amount of the rainfall in each about 100 km² and the water level in each river. When these disasters would be forecasted, an evacuation advisory is issued. The mailing system also is used as one way to inform the evacuation advisory to residents.

Patrol for disaster prevention

Patrols for disaster prevention have been annually conducted in collaboration with Kyoto Prefecture, Kameoka City Police, Kameoka fire department, and Volunteer Fire Corps. They check areas such as around rivers, cliffs, and routes and sights for evacuation. When they find places where are not safe, they discuss about emergency countermeasure and make plans for research and budgetary request.

By conducting this patrol program together, authorities concerned with disaster prevention can share information and establishes relationship.



Patrol for natural disaster prevention

Disaster drill

In order to raise awareness of importance of disaster prevention among residents and provide concerned organizations with opportunities of trainings, Kameoka City conduct emergency drills with residents at several places every year.

The drill consists of 3 steps;

Step1; Drill of conveying information in each neighborhood community

Step2; Neighborhood self-government associations and Volunteer Fire Corps in each neighborhood community gather at evacuated sights, then conduct drills including first extinction, rescue, procuring of drinkable water.

Step3; At city level, an integrated exercise is conducted by residents including school children, concerned organizations, private companies and self-defense force. The exercise covers about



40 different activities.

Taking emergency measures for prevention of flood by reinforcing a bank of river



Rescue Drill



Taking refuge through an evacuation route