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1.The mass meeting of citizen on developing safety as the 150th anniversary of opening Yokohama Port

The mass meeting of citizen on developing safety was held with the support of Japanese Society of Safety Promotion (JssP) at Yokohama Port Opening Memorial Hall in Yokohama on 1st November 2009. A great number of people and companies, groups of the citizens' movement participated in the meeting and discussed about the safety.

The mass meeting was held as an opportunity for thinking about child safety and community safety, society safety, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of opening Yokohama Port.

As about five hundred people participated in the meeting, some people stood to attend. The deep interest of citizen in safety was showed.

The panel discussion titled "Attraction of Safe Community which link dream and dream, people and people" was held in the morning, and then three sectional meeting "Community", "Children", "Society" were held in afternoon. People who are working for community safety reported their activities, and discussed for developing safety.

All participants recognized an importance of activities for safety on community level.



2.Kameoka Shino Safe Community Promoting Committee meeting

Kmaeoka Shino self-government association held the meeting of Shino Safe Community Promoting Committee on 29th September 2009.

This committee was organized to promote activities for community safety. In this meeting, result of the community house-hold survey about data on awareness and behavior in injury and safety that Kameoka City Government did it to evaluate their community safety program was reported.

The satisfaction of daily life, community movement for safety, community safety has been improved in comparison of this time to the last time (Feb.2007). Especially awareness of participation in community movement has made a big progress. It is thought that this is an effect of community safety program. By going on their work for community safety, community safety movement is expanding steady into citizens. Public relation and education for safety promotion will be kept up, in order to expand this movement into all over city.

Besides that, the current situation of injury and accidents in Kameoka was reported. In the report, marked reduction in the number of injury is not seen yet. The result of community safety movement can not be seen yet clearly on the aspect of the number of injuries. But it is important of citizens to get hold if a current situation of injury and accident so on. Everyone has understood it is necessary to continue the movement, and confirmed that they will work more actively for community safety in collaboration with universities and institutes.



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3.Towada community Safety program. -3-

This time, I would like to introduce a community diagnosis in Towada based on injury surveillance.

One basic thing on going community safety program is community diagnosis based on data.

The community diagnosis makes a priority of community problem and high risk group clear, and makes an effective program possible.

Towada City use follow data, in order to get hold of a situation of injury in community. Most injury data are in a statistical yearbook each organization publishes in Japan.

1. Mortality Data	2. Morbidity Data	3. Data on Awareness and Behavior in injury and safety
-Vital statistics -Police data -Data from rescue service	-Injury report from school for injury insurance -Data of rescue service -Fall prevention survey for elderly -Community house-hold survey	-Child safety survey for parents -Fall Prevention survey for elderly. -Community house-hold survey

Vital statistics gives us data of cause of death, Police data gives data about traffic accident and suicide and crime. Besides theses statistics, Towada has carried out Fall prevention survey for elderly and Community house-hold survey as original survey to get hold of morbidity data and data on awareness and behavior in injury safety. Community house-hold survey is effective to analyze the trend and cause of injury, because places and situations so on when getting injury were gotten by the survey, not only the number of injury. I think we should make good use of statistics which other organization published as much as possible. And then when data is not enough to analyze injury mechanisms or, make programs for injury prevention, it will be better to survey for getting more detailed data.

Towada City organized the main injury mechanisms in each age group in Towada by these data.

- 0-6 years old; suffocation
- 7-19 years old; suicide
- 20-44years old; suicide, traffic accident, drawing
- 45-64 years old; suicide, traffic accident, suffocation
- Over 65; suffocation, suicide, drawing, fall

These mechanisms seem the common of Japan at a glance. But comparing these data with the average of Japan or other city, it will let us know there is some deference. For example, the main cause of death on 0-6 and 7-19 age groups in Kameoka include a drawing and a traffic accident, but there are not seem to be in Towada. This might be a characteristic of area, or these kinds of injury happened not to occur in the term. I don't know exactly, but this is the point to check.

Moreover they have analyzed injury by crossing age and place. By such analyzing, it will be possible to select a high risk age group and environment, and set a priority.

Priority setting for community safety promotion in Towada is as flowing.

1. Still high suicide rate; Suicide prevention.
2. High mortality of suffocation; dental treatment and oral training for elderly
3. High mortality of pedestrian injury among elderly; reflector use program.
4. High mortality of fall among elderly; fall prevention programs including home environmental improvement.
5. High mortality of bicycle injury among school children and low helmet wearing rate; helmet wearing program.

(Reference; Towada City Presentation)