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1.Kameoka ; Visiting from China for Kameoka Safe Community

The delegation from China: Prof. Liu Genyuan (Vice President, China Occupational Safety and Health Association) and eight delegates from organizations related to Safe Community, visited to Kameoka City Hall for studying Safe Community on 18 May 2010.

As China has been conducting a development of Safe Community for several years as a national project, a lot of community was designated as a member of International Safe Community.

We welcomed them and set up a program for meeting, and Mr.Hitomi, Mr. Izuta from Kameoka City Government, Mr. Isam Yamauchi and Dr.Yoko Shiraishi and me from Japanese Society of Safety Promotion participated in the meeting and give lectures.



The delegation from China

At the meeting, I gave them a lecture about the background of starting safety promotion and the program to support Kameoka in Kyoto. Next Mr. Toru Hitomi and Mr. Kuninori Inouchi gave lecture about Kameoka Community Safety Promotion Program.

After the lecture, we had a discussion about promoting Safe Community. They were very interested in the system of Japanese local government including Self-Government Association and public involvement and volunteer activities, their question focus in these points. There are big difference between china and Japan. According their talk, there is not any organization like a Self-Government Association in China. They studied the structure of promoting Safe Community that Self Government Association takes a leading part of it.

As they did not have enough time to visit on site, the program made up only the meeting and a lunch time. But we could discuss and share our experience via the short program. Moreover I think we could contribute to develop international Safe Community Movement.

2.Attending The 19th International Conference on Safe Community

There is a report of the conference from Naoko Fukai in Yokohama, Sakae,

I joined the conference from March 24th to 26th in Suwon, South Korea, to support the project of Yokohama, Sakae.

It was my first experience to join SC international Conference. Seeing and hearing the activity all over the world with the same goal of Safe Community was very interesting and helpful. .



Delegation from Sakae with Prof. Leif Svanstrom

Safe community starting, around the core of Professor Leif Svanstrom has passed 21 years since the first conference in Stockholm Sweden. Lots of communities were designated since in the world and the concept of Safe Community spread all over the world. We had a comment from Professor Svanstrom that now

is a time to reconfirm the original idea of Safe Community, as well as paying attention to reducing the total number of injuries.

Various communities joined it from different countries. Each

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country needs to approach Safe Community in a different way which is up to each different situation. The collaboration of international organization like WHO is also more necessary than ever. Now is a new and important time for Safe Community.

The remarks which impressed me in the conference, were 'sustainability of Safe Community on a global scale' and 'Think globally and act locally'. Even a safe community is on the trend of globalization. It was stressed how important it is for people from different countries to exchange ideas with the mutual recognition of both common and difference points each other.

Safe community started from Stockholm manifest 'All human being has right to health and safety. Each community has a common principle that A "Safe Community" can be a: Municipality; a County; a City or a District of a City working with safety promotion, injury-, violence-, and suicide-, prevention of the consequences (human injuries) related to Natural Disaster on an evaluation basis. Each country, however, has their own, various ways to approach and collect data. Among them, Japanese way of its approach is emphasized on a safety of local communities, I realized.

I will make use of the experience in this conference for my future activity. Thank you very much.

3. Towada Safe Community Promoting Division

To promote and expand the movement more, Towada City Government established "Safe Community Promoting Division" inside their organization on 1st April.

With this, all work for Safe Community was placed under the authority of this new division.

Chief of new division is Ms. Yoko Niyama, who has been worked for developing Towada Safe Community since starting the movement.

They are working for making the movement more active without stopping.



Member of New Division

4. Minowa Community Safety Promotion Movement

Minowa community safety promotion movement is getting more active. Minowa Safe Community Promoting Association was established on 20th Jan, they just are organizing the structure of promoting the movement.

Web page about Safe Community was upped in web site of Minowa City Government, their activities were opened in the public. Please visit on the site.

[URL:http://www.town.minowa.nagano.jp/](http://www.town.minowa.nagano.jp/) (Japanese only)

There is a program from their web page.

Minowa has been conducting a exercise called "Exercise Play" at all kindergarten since 2004, in order to bring up children who are sound in mind and body. When they investigated the situation children got injury, it became clear that some children fall without protecting by hands on 2003. Therefore children get injury on their face. As such case tended to increase, government started to improve their sport ability and prevent injury caused by fall so on.

This program show a good result, the rate of incidence is going down year by year. The rate on 2008(3%) became a half of the rate on 2002(6%). Beside, various activities for traffic safety, suicide prevention so on have been carried out. In the budget of 2010, Developing Safe Community is placed on most important project, and they will work for doing it.



Exercise Play