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1. Safe Community Movement from the point of view of a material environment.

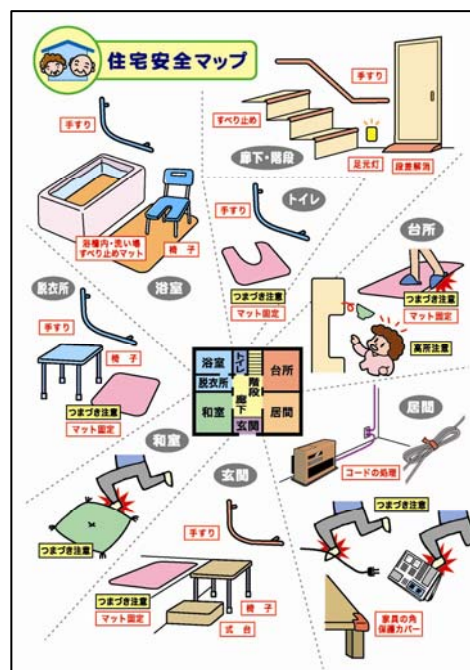
The open seminar on Safe Community was held by Architectural Institute of Japan on 24th July 2010. The theme was “Developing community in future from the point of view of Safe Community“. Research Committee on Architectural Planning and Design and Committee on Normalization Living environment organized the seminar to discuss about the participation of an architecture field into Safe Community.

Dr Yoshihide Sorimachi (Director Aomori Prefecture Kmitosan Public Health Center), Ms. Kikumi Sada (Towada Safe Community Promoting Organization) , Ms. Megumi Inasaka (Sakae ward Yokohama), Prof. Kazuki Ohara (Yokohama National University Graduate School) were invited the seminar to present their activities as a panelist.

At the seminar, Dr. Sorimachi showed the back ground Towada started Safe Community Movement and the activities. Ms. Sada showed the activities for the elderly injury prevention inside their home. And Ms. Inasaka told about the activities to become a member of international Safe Community in Sakae Yokohama.

After their presentation, the participation of architecture into Safe Community was explained by Prof. Ohara. He proposed to analyze the process of Safe Community movement using Halprin’s RSVP cycle which is known as a method to develop community with participation of citizen, and suggested that the knowledge of architecture field is useful to evaluate the process of all movement and each practical activities on safe community movement.

Recently researchers of architecture planning field are focusing to Safe Community Movement under situation it is very important to keep safety and secure on living environment. So it is expected that the participation of architecture researchers and city planning researcher into Safe Community Movement will be promoted more, taking a chance of the seminar.



Map for safety inside house

2. Komoro Safe Community Promoting Association was established

Komoro Safe Community Promoting Association was established on 17th August 2010. This organization make sure of continuous and cross-sectional activities, it will cover Indicator 1 for becoming a member of International Safe Community. Indicator 1 is “An infrastructure based on partnership and collaborations, governed by a cross-sectional group that is responsible for safety promotion in their community.

This association is also organized by a cross-sectional organization, such as residents, local government, police station, medical and welfare organization, education board so on. It is leading their community to develop Safe Community.

The way to promote Safe Community Movement was discussed at the first meeting. Every member of the association confirmed that they will work together for developing community that

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every one can live safe and secure. Community Safety Promotion on Komoro has just started

3. The 8th meeting of Kameoka Safe Community Promoting Association.

The 8th meeting of Kameoka Safe Community Promoting Association was held on 16th July 2010 at Galleria Kameoka.

The subjects below were discussed at the meeting.

1. Activities in the pilot area on 2010
2. The state of accident and crime
3. The result of analyzing injury surveillance which was carried out on 2007.

There are the states of crime and traffic accident in Kmeoka before and after safe Community movement in the table-1. Every number is decreasing about 20% for 3 years after starting activities on 2006. This trend was also seen in all Kyoto Prefecture. However, focusing the number of crime on the street, the rate of reduction is better especially than all Kyoto Prefecture's one. It is thought the result of activities such as Neighborhood watch, the patrol by 10,000 residents.

Table-1 the state of crime and traffic accidents in Kmaeoka and All Kyoto Prefecture

Subjects	Kmaeoka			All Kyoto Prefecture		
	'06	'09	'09/'06	'06	'09	'09/'06
Number of all crime	1,396	1,122	0.80	54,932	44,538	0.81
Number of crime of the street	713	513	0.72	30,182	23,922	0.79
Number of traffic accidents	725	577	0.80	18,346	15,009	0.82
Number of injury and killed person	578	467	0.81	22,374	18,565	0.83

4. Toshima Safe Community Poster Session.

An interesting activity was found on web-site of Thoshima, It is the activity called "Toshima Safe Community Poster session", Posters were showed on the web site. According the explanation, the purpose of it is that all employees will hold common information and the task, which the local characteristics were reflected, will be made clear. This activity is carried out in while Toshima municipality, all division that is responsible for safety promotion make each poster summed up their task and work.

The poster is formed by the current state and the task and the measure to improve. It is shown simple and clearly using a graph and illustrations, some division indicate the goal. For example on division of crime prevention, the poster title is "Aiming for safe and secure and happy shopping and amusement center", they are aiming for reducing the number of crime at there. Their indicator for the target on their task is the number of crime and tout so on. The measure to improve is to raise awareness of keeping normative behavior by the work in collaboration with municipality and police station, shop manager, volunteer. And trough these measure, they are aiming for reducing the number of crime so on.

In my experience, the most difficult thing on promoting activity for Safe Community was to build consensus of all division in municipality. Other division insisted that the collaboration with resident has been conducting as same as Safe Community. Although there are big difference between Safe Community and their activity, they did not try to understand the concept of Safe Community. Some people agreed soon the concept of Safe Community on a personal level but not agreed on an organization level. Therefore it is very difficult to promote Safe Community without Mayor's strong leadership in Japan.

This poster session is very unique and effective idea to build consensus of Safe Community inside municipality. By making a poster that is summed up their task and current situation and measure to improve the problem and watching all posters at the same time, it will be impossible to find some common tasks for safety among each division. And then new collaboration will be formed.