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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to the thirty-sixth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre- a WHO CC Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

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Safe Community Travelling Seminar in Taiwan

Ali Shan, Dungshr, Fongbin, and Neihu communities

27 – 31 October 2003.



The Safe Community travelling seminar took place in Taiwan from 27th to 31st October 2003 by visiting four communities in Taiwan, working with the concept of safe community for promoting the Safety in their communities.



The travelling seminar started from Taipei to Alishan on 27th October, we have visited different villages in the mountain area of Alishan, we have observed a great involvement of the local population in Alishan area for Safety promotion within their community.



Traffic signs painted on the walls



Mr. David Lin presenting the Safe Community in Taiwan



Project leader presenting the combination of health and Safety promotion



The travelling seminar participants and Safe Community group.



On 29th October the delegates visited the Dungshr community in the middle of Taiwan and observed different type of safety promotion activities in the Dungshr Community, mainly related to the agriculture, home, school and road Safety.



visiting the Dungshr Farmer's bank and hospital



Dungshr Farmer's activity center: Dungshr Safe Community Briefing



visiting the Farm Safety model in Dungshr



Elderly Care Center - Elderly Safety



On 30th October we have visited the Fongbin the community on the east coast of Taiwan, a very attractive area for foreign tourists. The project leader and the leader of the volunteer groups presented different safety promotion activities carried out in their community.

The Fongbin as a tourist area has a remarkable number of injuries related to tourists, those whom interested in water activities, rafting and watching whales- and dolphins.



A briefing of Fengbin community



dissemination on water safety



Voluntary workers, presenting their safety promotion activities



Safe Community group in Fongbin



On 31st October the delegations visited the Neihu Community. The travelling seminar started by visiting the district administration office.

We have visited different sites to experience different levels and types of safety promotion work related to Violence/crime prevention, safety for elderly, construction Safety, warehouse safety and Traffic Safety. The fire safety museum in Neihu is playing a great role in educating the children and adults on fire prevention and teaching them the basis of CPR programs.



Neihu district office – Briefing of Neihu community



This house will be build up as model of Safety house



Fire Safety Museum



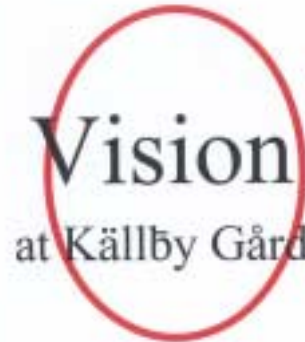
In Grand Green Land, demo. of violence and crime prevention activities

These four communities (Dungshr, Neihu, Alishan and Fongbin) in Taiwan has developed an interesting models for safety promotion activities in different levels in their community, they are aiming for designation of these communities as a WHO Safe Community within 2005.

Designation of International Safe School



Källby Gård School. Götene, Sweden



We want to decrease accidents and injuries

Peaceful Resources Center, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce that the **first** ever Designation as an International Safe School (ISS) through WHO Safe Communities will be bestowed upon Källby Gård Skola in Götene, Sweden. The Designation Ceremony took place on 24 November 2003, Monday at Källby Gård School, Götene kommune in Sweden. The event hosted by Anders Ader, Director of School Safety for Götene Municipality and former Rector of Källby Gård, and Eva Cardell, current Rector of Källby Gård. Max Vosskuhler, Executive Director of Peaceful Resources Center and Co-Chair of the International Safe Schools Committee.



We do it together...



On a whiteboard we do markplaces where accidents and injuries have happened.
We want to have a safety and exciting school and playground



We want to feel our school safe and secure
We want to be in

Källby Gård serves as the first example to schools worldwide of the comprehensive approach to safety ISS designation epitomizes. ISS designation does not mean a school has eliminated all injury and violence. Rather designation means that a school approaches safety promotion as an integrated system, an “ecosystem” of sorts, that relies upon ongoing local data collection, analysis, and evaluation as the school implements science-based programs and practices to effect systematic change. Specific issues, activities, and programs are determined, designed, and carried out by students, staff, and members of the surrounding community in response to their particular context.

Children want own small territories, challengers, spaces for creations and they want to test limits...



We have to create environments where children get different experiences .



As more schools participate in and seek designation as International Safe Schools, research data suggests that in the short term (1-2 years after introduction) schools will experience a 25 percent decrease in injuries, visits to the school nurse or health office for reasons other than injury will decline by 12 percent, and academic achievement will rise by 25%. Further, in the longer term (3-5 years after introduction) problems such as substance abuse and addiction, truancy, gang activity, and teen pregnancy will decrease by 50% or more, graffiti will decline by 75-80%, and youth crime will fall 25-50%. In addition to a significant increase in individual and community harmony and happiness, these outcomes will result in a substantial cost savings to both schools and communities.

The International Safe Schools Committee was convened by the Safe Communities Movement of the World Health Organization (WHO) in May 2001. Under the leadership of Peaceful Resources Center in collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Center on Community Safety Promotion at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, the Committee consists of 65 experts in intentional and unintentional injury prevention worldwide who have developed the International Safe Schools Designation Program to recognize schools' progress along a safety continuum.

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