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

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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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2nd Conference on Safe Community Development and Safe Community Achievements Exhibition in Taiwan



On 16th and 17th October the 2nd Conference on Safe Community Development in Taiwan held in Taipei. The conference and exhibitions demonstrated the progress of safe community work in four communities (Alishan, Dungshyr, Fengbin and Neihu).



On 16th October the conference were opened by a welcoming message from Dr. Ying-Wei Wang, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Health Promotion. And Dr. Lu Pai the chairman of the Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association.





Mr. Paul Keels, President of Safe Community Foundation in Canada and Mr. Yousif Rahim, Coordinator of Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre were the main guests and speakers at the conference.



Mr. Fu-Lai Ong, Chair of Neihu Health and Safety Promotion Association



Dr. Tzung-Shiun Li, Associate Professor, Department of Administrative Management, Central Police University



Ms. Zong-Ping Wang (a headmaster of an elementary school in Neihu) → Injury Analysis and School Safety Promotion in Neihu



Mr. Wu-Xiong Wu, Chair of Taichung Safety and Health Promotion Association



Mr. Mei-Xi Li, (assistant of Fengbin Safe Community Program) → Occupational Safety Promotion Program for Elderly People in Fengbin



Ms. Xia-Mei Chen, (Chief of Volunteer Group of Fengbin Safe Community) → Water Safety Promotion Program



Mr. Charles Huang, (Associate Project Leader of Dungshr Safe Community Program) → Injury Surveillance and Implementation in Dungshr



Mr. Bo-Lu Xu, (a police officer of Dungshr Police Station and the leader of Road Safety group of Dungshr Safe Community Program) → Community Safety Hotspot Initiative



Mr. Chin-Yao Lien, (assistant of Fengbin Safe Community Program) → Injury Surveillance System in Fengbin



Mr. Xin-Guo Zhuang, (the headmaster and the leader of School Safety Group of Alishan Safe Community Program) → Children and School Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in mountain areas



Ms. Hui-Mei Wang, (the leader of Injury Surveillance Group of Alishan Safe Community Program) → Injury Surveillance System and descriptive analysis in



Mr. David Lin (Associate project leader of Alishan Safe Community Program) → Alishan Safe Community Program Achievement, Video Show

Call for Research Collaboration

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE CONCEPT OF SAFE COMMUNITY PREVAILING IN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY IN THE LIGHT OF PARTICIPATORY ERGONOMICS

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TENURE OF THE STUDY THREE MONTHS

PROBLEM TO BE INVESTIGATED

In developing countries the concept of safety as well as existence of safe community is hardly given the priority that they deserve. But with the steadily increasing population and advent of new technology, the awareness about the importance of a safe community is gradually gaining the momentum. Till date no detailed study has been made on the idea of safe community.

On the other hand in the developed countries the people are highly conscious about safety and the existing safe community. Moreover in most of the developed nations a full proof documentation of a safe community exists.

But even now no single concrete model is developed by which a common exchange of ideas between developed and developing countries on the concept of safety can be made- but this is highly essential for developing countries to become more safe and hazard proof.

AIM OF THE STUDY

In this research an attempt will be made to model a conceptual bridge between developed and developing countries on the prevailing difference in the basic concept of safety and safe community by means of participatory ergonomics.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

To proceed the study, initially definite communities will be selected from the developed and developing countries. A questionnaire on the safe community will be developed and distributed among the participants of both the countries. On receiving the response of the questionnaire, the study will be formulated based on the following matters accordingly:

Identification of the high-risk groups

Documentation of the frequency and causes of accidents and injuries.

And finally,

The development of an injury prevention model that has a long-term focus, sustainability and cover all ages, genders and situations.

OUTCOME OF THE STUDY

By this study we can derive a clear view of the people of the developed countries on the Concept of Safety, which will be incorporated to design an Integrated Safety Concept Model for the people of developing countries and thus an actual safe community in the developing countries will be formed.

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Active injury prevention and safety promotion in the I.R. of IRAN

During 26 Sep. to 1st Oct. a training course on Traffic safety promotion with focus on Helmet use among motorcyclists and site visits to four community safety programmes were performed in the I.R. of IRAN.

Injury Prevention Dept., CDC- Iran and Deputy for Health, Ministry of Health and Medical Education were hosting and collaborating the event. This was the third part of Iran-Sweden Collaboration in the field of Safety Promotion and Injury prevention during past three years.



Before welcoming meeting: Sunday 27 Sep. 2004, CDC- Tehran
From left to right: Dr. Hans-Yngve Berg, Prof. Lucie Laflamme, Dr. Marie Hasselberg, Dr. Robert Ekman



From left to right: Dr. Alireza Delavari (Deputy for non-communicable disease, CDC), Prof. Lucie Laflamme, Dr. Marie Hasselberg, Dr. Robert Ekman, Dr. Alireza Moghisi (Director of Injury Prevention Department, CDC), Tehran, Park Jamshidiyeh, Friday 1st Oct. 2004 (After a meeting with Prof. Akbari)

The first collaboration was performed in February 2002 when Professor Svanstrom has been invited to Iran for one week study visit. The second one was performed in June 2003 with a training course on injury surveillance and classification in Mashhad. The first site visit of Kashmar as the first candidate for safe community has also been done in that period. Dr. Lars-Gunnar Horte, Dr. Lars Berg, Dr. Reza Mohammadi and Ms. Moa Sundstrom from Sweden have participated in that event.

The third collaboration was happened last week. The Swedish group consist of Prof. Lucie Laflamme, Dr. Robert Ekman, Dr. Marie Hasselberg, Dr. Reza Mohammadi from Karolinska Institutet and Dr. Hans-Yngve Berg from Road Traffic Administration, Sweden attended the programme during the week.



← Prof. Akbari, Vice minister, Deputy for Health, Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Iran, Opening session

Dr. Gouya, Head of CDC-Iran, Opening session, →



Four local safe comm. Programmes were reviewed by Dr. Robert Ekman; Ardebil in the north west of Iran, Arsanjan in the south west, Kashmar and Bardscan in the east of Iran. The most evident injury problems are traffic accidents and burns among children.



*Site visit, Kashmar & KhalilAbad,
Thursday, 30th Sep. 2004*

Our intention is to present more information from this collaboration between Karolinska Institutet, Dept. of Public Health Sciences, Division of social medicine and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, CDC- Iran, Injury Prevention Dept. in coming issues of this newsletter.
By Dr. Robert Ekman



The WHO Helmet Initiative website has been launched:

<http://www.whohelmets.org>

The World Health Organization Helmet Initiative promotes the use of helmets as a strategy for preventing head injuries caused by bicycle or motorcycle crash or fall.

This site was developed in partnership with the World Health Organization, the FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society, and SafetyLit.

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