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

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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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SEMINAR: Korean national seminar on Safe Communities, Seoul, Korea

Travelling Seminar in Taiwan – in order to designate 4 new Safe Communities-No 91-94.

Taiwan has through the intense work of Bureau of Health Promotion and Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association been able to stimulate four communities to develop programs the recent years. This has been done in close collaboration with European Safe Community Network and WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.

The first three were focus for a mini-travelling seminar (16-19 October 2005) with participation from a big delegation from Vietnam – 14 delegates. The seminar covered areas situated all over the Taiwan Island from Fong Bin over Dungshr and Alishan to Neihu.

Neihu designated as Safe Community No. 94

The agreement with WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion was signed by Mr Kun-Hung Wu, Director of Neihu District Office, Taipei City and Mr David F. L. Ong, Chief Director of Neihu Safety and Health Promotion Association.



The signing of the agreement; Mr Kun-Hung Wu, Director of Neihu District Office, Taipei City, Dr Leif Svanstrom, WHO CC, Mr David F. L. Ong, Chief Director of Neihu Safety and Health Promotion Association.



The Ceremony was frequented by the Taiwanese press



Two champions in health and safety promotion in Taiwan- Deputy Director General Shiow-Ing Wu, Bureau of Health Promotion, Dept of Health & Dr Lu Pai, Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association



Neihu Safe Comm are working a lot with Warehouse safety- here escape ways for customers



Bicycle safety – where bicycles are exhibited you can also find the helmets

More information on Neihu district Safe Community Program: www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/Neihu_taiwan.htm

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Alishan designated as Safe Community No. 93



The agreement with WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion was signed by Mr Kuei-Nan Huang, Vice Governor of Chia-Yi County Government and Mr Hsin-Yi Zhuang, Chief of Shan-Mei Village, Alishan Township.



The Signing Ceremony



The Designation Ceremony at the Chia-Ti County level



Safe Community flag, 42 metres high



Safe storage of dangerous farm equipment



Water Safety



The Seniors at the Designation



The Junior at the Designation

More information on Alishan Safe Community Programme: www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/Alishan_taiwan.htm

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Dungshr designated as Safe Community No. 92

The agreement with WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion was signed by Governor of Taichung County Huang, Mr Chung-Sheng – Honorary Chair of Dungshr Center for Safety Promotion and Mr Wu, Wu-Xiong, Chair of Dungshr Township Farmers Association.



The designation ceremony and handing over the Safe Community plaque. In the background the Safe Community Flag.



Young girls from the Dungshr community at the designation ceremony



Dungshr - a community well known for fruit plantations – especially pears.



The very common three-wheeled tractor – common in the area but dangerous.



Farmers training safety in the class-room of Dungshr Safe Community programs

More information on Dungshr Safe Community Program: www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/dungshr_taiwan.htm

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Fong Bin designated as Safe Community No. 91.

The agreement with WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion was signed by Mayor of Fong Bin Mr Yong-Jing Liu and Dr James C. Chen, Medical Vice-Superintendent of the Mennonite Christian Hospital.



(From right to left) Mayor of Fong Bin Mr Yong-Jing Liu, Dr Leif Svanström, WHO CC and Dr James C. Chen, Medical Vice- Superintendent of the Mennonite Christian Hospital signing the agreement of future cooperation



The whole group around the Safe Community designation plaque. Dr Sebastian van As, South Africa to the left and professor Lu Pai, Bureau of Health Promotion and Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association, in the middle



Home safety for elderly program



Fong Bin – a community by the Pacific Ocean coast of Taiwan



Two representatives (Elders) of the indigenous people in the community

More information on the Fong Bin Safe Community Programme:
www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/fongbin_taiwan.htm

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Raanana designated as Safe Community No. 88



Raanana, Israel was designated as the first Safe Community in Israel and the 88th in the world, at a festive ceremony held in Raanana on September 27th, 2005.

Representing the WHO CC, Professor Joon Pil Cho, from the Department of Emergency Medicine at Ajou University Hospital in South Korea, presented the award to the Mayor of Raanana, Mr. Nahum Hofree and the Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Safe Community Project, Dr. Tzipi Dolfin.

Thanking Professor Cho for the award, Mayor Hofree noted: “In your visit to Raanana, you have been exposed to the wide range of organizations in Israel who are working tirelessly for the safety of the community. These organizations – such as “Green Light” that promotes safe driving or “Yad Sarah” that offers solutions and rehabilitation equipment to improve quality of life – are unique in the world.

I ask you to be ambassadors for us as you travel the world, spreading the message that we in Israel are working and promoting safety in the community.”

Following the presentation of the plaque and the signing ceremony, words of congratulations were read out from Mr. Danny Naveh, Israel’s Minister of Health who was unable to attend the event, and Mr. Leif Svanstrom, Chair of the Safe Community Program at the Karolinska Institute and WHO Collaborating Center.

Partners in the Safe Community project included the Center for Trauma & Emergency Medicine Research, Gertner Institute, Tel Hashomer and the School of Public Health, Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem who instigated and evaluated the research which was conducted at the Sapir Medical Center in Kfar Saba.

The ceremony also included the designation of the Shaked Elementary School in Raanana as the first Safe School in Israel. Mr. Max Vosskuhler, Co-chair of the International Safe Schools program presented the award to the principal, Mrs. Carmela Goldwasser.

Earlier in the day, many health and safety professionals from the Municipality and other related organizations attended a conference on the subject of “Raanana as a Safe Community”.

For more information on Raanana Safe Community program:

<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/raanana.htm>

Korean National Seminar with International Participation

On the 14th of October more than 150 persons gathered in Seoul, South Korea to discuss Partnership Building in Safe Communities. The participants mainly came from the Health Promotion or Safety Promotion area. There were representatives from Seoul City that recently has started to develop local Safe Community trial projects. Dr Kim presented his experiences from Suwon Safe City – designated as no. 62 in the World. In the audience were also participants from Jeju island – already developing a programme and some newcomers.

Photos:



Dr Joon Pil Cho – chairing the Conference. He is Head of the Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre in Ajou University in Suwon, South Korea.



Presentations from Seoul and Suwon cities



The international presentors presented plaques for their performances; Dr Max Vosskuhler, Dr Leif Svanström & Dr Sebastian van As.

International lecturers were Dr Sebastian van As focussing on the urgent needs for partnership building for creating a safer situation for children, Dr Max Vosskuhler focussing on the development of Safe Schools as an important component of Safe Cities. Dr Leif Svanström from the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion presented international experiences.

Rapporteur: Leif Svanström

15th International Safe Community Conference

09-11 April 2006

Cape Town, South Africa

New Deadline for Abstract submission: 30 November 2005



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