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

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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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Site visit Kameoke City in Kyoto Prefecture, Japan



In Japan many communities are now planning for work with the Safe Communities concept. In February, Dr. Bo Henricson from the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, visited Kyoto Prefecture for consultations, lectures and a site visit in Kameoke City.

There planning for injury prevention is centered around the city centre where a new railway station are being built. The idea was first to just work with the traffic, but a lot of other activities have followed.



One thing dr. Henricson noted was a very high degree of support from the highest levels at the prefecture and many officers from the local government were very positive about the idea.

Dr. Henricson also visited Ritsumeikan University and was shown interesting developments in the rehabilitation area.



Dr. Henricson was impressed by the working spirit and interest, and he is looking forward for the appointment of Kameoke City as a member of the network.

National Workshop for the Development of Safe Communities in China



The National Center for Chronic and Non-communicable disease Control and Prevention (Director, Dr. Wu Fan), Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention organized the first National Workshop for the Development of Safe Communities in China, which was held 6th – 7th March at Sanya in Hainan Province, China. The objectives of the workshop were to introduce Safe Community programs to China and to build capacity of health professionals on injury prevention and safety promotion within a community in China.

More than 100 delegates from Provincial and City branches of Chinese CDC attended the Workshop. Delegates from the WHO in China (Dr. Cris Tunon), UNICEF in China (Dr. Koen Vanormelingen) and UNICEF Asia Pacific Region (Dr. Huan Linnan), Asian Regional Safe Community Network (Professor Joon Pil Cho), Youth Park Community of Jinan, China (Mr. Dong Chuanshi) and China Occupational Safety and Health Association, COSHA (Deputy Director Ou Yangmei) were invited for Keynote Speeches.

At the plenary session on 6th March, Mr. Dong Chuanshi (Political leader of the Working Committee of Youth Park Community, in Huaiyin District, Jinan, China) introduced what they have done within their community in Jinan since 2002, to become a member of the International Safe Communities (Youth Park Community has been designated as a Safe Community on 1st March, 2006, 9th in Asia and 97th in the World).

Deputy Director Ou Yangmei talked about the initiatives of COSHA on community safety promotion and introduced safe community programs in the demonstration communities in China. Dr. Duan Leilei (Senior Researcher of Chinese CDC) had a speech about current activities of Chinese CDC in general as well as future perspectives and roles of Chinese CDC on community safety promotion in China.

Professor Wang Sheng Yong (Professor and Director for Injury Prevention and Control, Jinan University, Guangdong Province, China) had a speech on the burden of injuries in China.

Professor Joon Pil Cho introduced Safe Community Movement in Asia and the Roles of Health Professionals on Community Safety Promotion.

Dr. Cris Tunon and Dr. Huan Linnan talked about burden of child injuries in the world and how we can integrate scientific researches with child injury prevention.

There were four small group discussions on 7th March. After presentations of each group leader, Professor Wang Sheng Yong summarized the group discussions and concluded the workshop with future perspectives on safe community movement in China.

Dr. Wu Fan, Director of the National Center for Chronic and Non-communicable disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention asked all the delegates from Provincial branches of Chinese CDC for active collaborative participation in injury prevention and safety promotion within a community in China.

(Reported by Professor Joon Pil Cho)

Sharing information - Safe Communities Network, Taiwan

Coordinating Meeting of Southern Region Supporting Center of TCSPC



After the designation of Alishan Safe Community, Alishan SC started to establish Southern Region Supporting Center of TCSPC. This center will be responsible for south Taiwan and aboriginal community to start and set up safe community programs. The second meeting held on 20th Feb. 2006. The aim of the centre is promoting and establishing more safe communities in the region.

Ceremony of Central Region Supporting Center of TCSPC

In 25 Feb., Central Region Supporting Center of TCSPC had a ceremony to Present their work to the public in Dong-Shi Town, Taichung County. Members of the designated Safe Communities Alishan, Dongshr, Neihu and Fongbin presented their experiences. The ceremony was attended by members from other communities which are in the process of starting with safe community model.

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The hidden danger of sanitary rooms for our children`s hands

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Nowadays, our common educational practice is to start early in infancy teaching our kids in how, why and for what kind of hygienic purposes to use the sanitary equipment in home or public facilities. So far, we adults might also have teach them about the potential danger of hot running water taps or the potential harms of some detergents and washing powders. We should also have demonstrated our profound interest in such safety and prevention issues. But do we seniors also be aware of such engine protective failures like in our two unique case reports??

Case 1: A 7 ½ year-old boy was playing in the laundry when grasping suddenly in the rotating (unprotected) tumbler chamber (fig. 1). The EMS personnel extricated his severely mangled, tortured and twisted right upper limb (fig. 2). On arrival, x-rays revealed a dislocated spiral fracture of his humeral shaft besides a dislocated fracture of his forearm (distal 1/3), constituting a bi-level bone injury with an extensive soft tissue swelling (fig. 3). Both fractures necessitating reduction and intramedullary nailing besides intensive physiotherapy. After 3 months rehabilitation was finished and the patient got back an unrestricted range of motion.



Fig. 1: Tumbler. Cause of accident in case 1.



Fig. 2: Severely mangled, tortured and twisted right upper limb of patient 1.



Fig. 3: X-ray of the bi-level bony injuries.

Case 2: Wanting to dry his hands after visiting toilet in a small mountain restaurant a 7 ¾ year-old boy get injured while exploring the unprotected fan rotor inside the hand dryer. Unprotected, because of the actually broken safety mesh on the bottom, but with a still intact light switcher ready for start-up (fig. 4). Thus, the sharp rotor caused a partial destruction of the distal interphalangeal joint, a messing destruction of the deep flexor tendon besides a substantial soft tissue defect of his right middle finger`s distal phalanx (fig. 5). The injury needed 2 reconstructive hand surgery procedures and splinting and rehabilitation for about 2 months.

Fig. 4: Typical hand dryer in a public sanitary room (bottom side view).



Fig. 5: Middle finger injury of patient 2.

Which lessons do we have to learn out of these very special and unique accidents? Maybe first, that children always and easily identify every, even smallest gap in our common safety and protection efforts. Maybe second, that we must spend our greatest fantasy in safety engineering technology to be always prepared for any futuristic and new idea of the steadily exploring paediatric hand. Of course, they don`t do happen very often, but when they do they undoubtedly put serious threat on our children.



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REQUEST FOR TRAINING OF EMERGENCY STAFF

The October, 2005 earthquake in Pakistan has claimed around 80,000 lives and left almost 500,00 people homeless. This disaster in particular exposed the limited capacity to even deal with emergencies like road traffic accidents, buildings collapse, explosions, fires, let alone disasters. This unsatisfactory situation is putting the lives and properties of citizens at risk. Therefore, the Government has established a model Emergency Service infrastructure in Lahore. The service has already been a great success by rescuing over 17,000 emergency victims since October, 2004 by providing effective and efficient response, rescue, emergency medical treatment and safe transportation to hospitals. The project has successfully undergone third party evaluation prior to expansion of these Emergency Services to other cities. The evaluation reveals the project/Service “a well-conceived and excellently implement project in terms of training, quality care, response time and professionalism.”

Now an Emergency Services Academy has been established in Lahore for the expansion of this Emergency Service to other cities and to ensure a continuous well-trained human resource development in this long neglected area. The Trainers have been recruited for the Academy.

As this kind of emergency staff training on modern lines will be taking place for the first time in Pakistan, Therefore, we are looking for volunteer trainers who can train our trainers for the Academy and also help in designing the courses in the following fields:

- 1. Hazard & vulnerability assessment**
- 2. Community training for Safe Community**

Any technical assistance/ cooperation in this regard will help in saving many precious lives and establishment of Safe Communities in Pakistan. The interested trainers will be provided air fare and board & lodging in the historic city of Lahore. It is perfectly safe to travel to Lahore, Pakistan. Interested trainers, having experience in the above fields may please send their CVs to punjabrescue@yahoo.com.

Since we are in the process of rapid expansion of the Emergency Services to other cities, technical assistance is required on urgent basis so that the training of the emergency staff does not get compromised.

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