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Welcome to the seventeenth issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2006, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network, International Safe Community Support Team and the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

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Tsuen Wan Designated as Safe Community No. 101



This shows Lto R : Dr Ng Tat-lun, Chair of the OS&HCouncil of Hong Kong (Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre), Mr Chau How-chen, Chairman of Tsuen Wan District Council, Mr Henk Harberts, Representative of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Mr Tang Kam-hung, Chairman of Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee.

The designation of Tsuen Wan Community as a 'safe community' demonstration site happened on June 27 during the WorkCongress 7 Conference Dinner. A gala event held at the Hong Kong Conference Centre, situated on the harbour of Hong Kong. The event featured a range of celebratory performances and messages from a range of stakeholders including the Yuen Yuen Institute who sponsor the safety and health promotion activity in Tsuen Wan community. Organised and supported by our allies, the Occupational Safety and Health Council of Hong Kong both the WorkCongress 7 Conference and Safety Promotion activity in Hong Kong are flourishing under the team from the 'Safe Community' Affiliate Support Centre.



Toasting the newest member of the Safe Community family....

During the trip to Hong Kong I also took in opportunities to visit and discuss activity progress in the Sai Kung Safe and Healthy Community – supported by the Haven of Hope Christian Community, in Macao SAR China the 'safe community' proposal is supported by Dept of Labour, Macao and the Tung Chung Safe Community initiative on Lantau Island HK. The last site featured a morning briefing by the stakeholder group and held at the local primary school....

Tsuen Wan becomes the 101 Safe Community to be designated through the global program - family members present at the designation welcomed the newest member of this global safety promotion movement...

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Prague Mothers Association Has Appealed to Drivers before School Holidays



According to road traffic accident statistics, risk to be killed or seriously injured is higher by almost 200% during July and August. This is why the Prague Mothers Association appealed during their press conference, which was held in Prague, Czech Republic on the 27th June 2006, to drivers and parents to pay more attention towards young road users – passengers, cyclists and pedestrians

Wearing cycle helmets, using child restraint devices and respecting the Highway Code, especially the speed limits in urban areas were the key messages during the press conference of Prague Mothers.

Besides, the Prague Mothers Association announced its community project “Safe Route to School” based on monitoring and improving road traffic environment near elementary schools in Prague.

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Call for expression of interest

10th World Conference Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion to be organised in the year 2010

The International Organising Committee (IOC) of the series of bi-annual World Conferences on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion is inviting submissions of expressions of interest to host the 10th World Conference in 2010. The IOC is in particular encouraging centers in regions of the world that have not recently been involved in organizing the Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference, to respond to this call.

Expressions of interest should provide brief information on:

1. The lead organisation that offers to take the main responsibility (one page summary on mission, structure of organisation, links with the government, and human and financial resources);
2. The national network on injury and violence prevention (one page summary of relevant institutions);
3. International networks in which the lead organisation is active; and
4. Rational describing why the lead organisation wants to host the conference in 2010.

After receipt of the responses to this call (deadline: September 1, 2006), the IOC will invite a maximum of three candidates to prepare a full bid document to be submitted before February 28, 2007.

Guidelines for preparing such a document are available at the IOC-secretariat. Final selection and designation of the host institution and country will take place in October 2007.

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Taichung Safety and Health Promotion Association

Background and Accomplishment

TSHPA was founded in 2003 and consisted of the medical community, the police, government officials, NGO's representatives, community residents and leaders of organizations etc. TSHPA committed to providing all age groups with a "Safe and Healthy Community" to live, learn, play and work in the central region of Taiwan. The Association has also actively partnered with public and private sectors to form various safety and health promotion committees that aim at fostering multiple and organized projects related to injury prevention, safety and health promotion. Moreover, the Association makes use of the resources of WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion to build and share our experience and knowledge with communities worldwide, which made our projects to be achieved at the global level. For sustaining the promotion of community safety and health in the central region of Taiwan, TSHPA has engaged more communities in developing and implementing injury prevention and safety promotion programs with training grass-rooted practitioners, integrating social resources, linking up organizations and assisting the development of communities.



The initiation of TSHPA has worked hard on implementing the concept of Safe Community in Dungshr Township. Hence, Dungshr Township was successfully designated as the 92nd International Safe Community in 2005, elected as a model of National Health Community by Bureau of Health Promotion in 2003 and 2005 respectively, and appointed as a Well-accomplished Voluntary Group by Taichung County Public Health Bureau in 2005. Furthermore, for the achievement of sustainable development in safer and healthier communities, the Association is recently honored the 2006 Taiwan Sustainable NGO Award by National Council for Sustainable Development Network. Above accomplishments were not attained without the cooperation of zealous members and volunteers of TSHPA. Their effort can serve as a model for voluntary service and encourage more people to devote themselves to community service.



The Association will not only keep Dungshr Township fostering the safety and health promotion work, but also play a role in guiding and supporting the establishment of safe and healthy life in neighborhood communities, such as Shihgang Township, Wufong Township, Dali City, Waipu Township, Fongyuan City, Heping Township of Taichung County, and Beton District and South District of Taichung City since 2004.

In the future, TSHPA will sustain the partnerships with national and international Safe Community Network to develop community safety and health programs and share our idea of Sustainable Development with worldwide communities.

TSHPA has the following goals

- To train community practitioners to develop the skills and strategies for creating a safe and healthy community;
- To cultivate community practitioners to sustain the development of community;
- To publish safety and health information for achieving the concept of "Health for All";
- To link up national safety and health promotion resources for working together to develop communities;
- To assist more communities to be appointed as members of the International Safe Community Network.

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European Child Safety Alliance launches Child Safety Good Practice Guide at 1st European Conference



The need for knowledge of what works is a reality among those working to reduce the burden of unintentional injuries amongst Europe's children. Good use of evidence is central to achieving this and knowing 'what works' is at the heart of developing good policy and programmes. The European Child Safety Alliance, a programme of Eurosafe, recently launched a new resource developed to assist policy and programme developers with the identification, selection and implementation of good practices to prevent unintentional injuries in children.

The Child Safety Good Practice Guide builds on previous work by the European Child Safety Alliance and child safety researchers from around the globe and is a step in supporting countries in Europe to move toward evidence-based good practice. The purpose of the guide is to enable Member States to examine strategy options for unintentional child injury, move away from what has 'always been done' and move toward good investments – strategies that are known to work or have the greatest probability of success. These are highlighted in "at-a-glance" tables, which provide referenced evidence statements and strategy transfer and implementation points. Arranged by injury category and the 3 E's (engineering, enforcement and education) the tables allow readers to quickly identify evidence-based good practice and best investments for having a real impact on childhood injury. As such the guide also serves a tool to raise awareness and communicate those strategies/interventions that have an evidence-base. It also provides practical advice on how to use good practice in strategic and action planning for unintentional injury prevention and safety promotion and stresses the importance of taking the time to address transferability issues prior to final selection of strategies. Further, where available examples of 'real world' success in at least one setting in Europe are provided as learning tools for those considering uptake, transfer and implementation of select strategies/interventions.

Access to the guide is available on the Alliance's website (www.childsafetyeurope.org) where individual "at-a-glance" tables and case studies can be accessed or the entire document download in PDF format. In addition, limited hard copies are available from the Alliance for €15 plus shipping and handling.

New Centre for Road Accident Prevention in the Czech Republic



On 1st July 2006 new amendments of the Highway Code have come to force in the Czech Republic. Aside changes in traffic regulations and introduction of a brand new penalty point system new Highway Code has brought changes in responsibilities for road accident prevention. New responsibility for road accident prevention has been given to the Ministry of Interior and to the National Police Force.

Following this fact Ministry of Interior has decided to establish a Centre for Road Accident Prevention in facilities of its Museum of the Czech Police Force in Prague. The main tasks of this Centre are as follows.

- On roughly 200 square meters to show history of road accident prevention of various actors since 1918 up to date with special attention given to activities of the police and gendarme,
- to create database of publications and materials related to road accident prevention which would be for disposal to everyone who is interested,
- to create a national centre for child traffic education and to offer to schools museum facilities including a traffic park for instructing pupils of elementary schools,
- to organise exhibition, seminars and workshops related to road accident prevention.

The Centre is financed from the budget of the Ministry of Interior and it is expected that some money from the private sector would be used in the future. On preparation of the Centre were not involved the Ministry of Interior and National Police Force only, but e.g. the Transport Research Centre (CDV), Prague's Municipal Authority and WHO LO CZ are involved in activities of the Centre as well.



For more details contact Ms Marcela Machutova, Director of the National Police Museum on museum@mvcr.cz; or Mr Jaroslav Horin on j.horin@seznam.cz.

Online competition on earthquake disaster safety



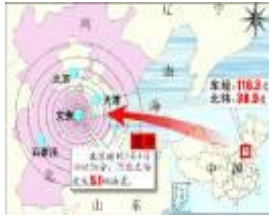
Young people taking part in online competition



earthquake competition webpage

China is a country where earthquakes frequently occur. In order to publicize knowledge on earthquake, and to improve the public awareness of earthquake disaster prevention, an internet competition was held in China recently. The competition was organized by China Earthquake Administration, Ministry of Science and Technology, and co-organized by China Earthquake Network Center (CENC). Participants of the competition are mainly pupils from middle and primary schools and young people in China. In Youth Park Community, young residents are taking actively part in the competition by surfing the internet.

Based on the basic knowledge on earthquake, the quizzes in the competition are mainly about some practical problems related to earthquake disaster. To select the answer correctly, participants need to visit the website www.dizhen.ac.cn, learn and have a command of earthquake knowledge and practical skills, eg. how to manage to escape and rescue oneself and to help each other in case of an earthquake? By this internet competition, community residents can easily master some



On July 4, an earthquake measuring 5.1 degrees struck Wen'an county in Hebei province at midday. The earthquake could also be felt in the city of Jinan, 300 kilometers from the epicenter. But in Youth Park Community of Jinan city, this caused no fear among the local residents. They come to understand that earthquake maybe is not far away from us, so disaster safety knowledge and skills are necessary and helpful.



Susy is an European child, enjoying playing, learning every day more from her/his physical experience with the world around her/him

www.susysafe.org

SUSysafeproject

is a European project aims to collect and to analyze the data about foreign bodies that caused choking injuries in the children aged 14 or below.

Susysafe database provides us:

- the risk profile for each foreign body;
- the evaluation of socio-economic disparities among EU citizens;
- the increasing of official clinical discharge data.

Our research is based on your help. Choking cases will be anonymously reported from Physicians, ENT experts, Pneumologists, General Practitioners (that registered on susysafe project's site and received the Susysafe kit), using a standardized WEB form. Data collection is a delicate process but the registration and data submission are very easy and consume very little time.

Could you help us? Do you know people who can help us?

We are looking forward receiving your/other people registration and collecting your/other people data.

For more information you could visit our site: www.susysafe.org or send us an email to info@susysafe.org

The bodies involved in this project:



Announcement:



With the support from partners of International and Taiwanese Safe Community Network, an electronic monthly newsletter "Taiwanese Safe Community Network Bulletin (TSCONB)" will be issued on 1st August 2006. The bilingual Bulletin (Mandarin and English) will include information about community-based injury prevention and safety promotion programs and activities from all levels, the progress of community development in Taiwan, training courses, seminars or conferences related to injury prevention and safety promotion, etc. Under the support from editorial group, the bulletin will be a tool to share information and knowledge with communities, which are working on or interested in developing community safety programs, about latest International Safe Community Movement around the world. The Bulletin will also serve as a platform for Taiwanese communities to link up resources and become an organized and strong network to support each other.

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