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

Welcome to the first 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.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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The Safe Communities Designation 2006 - Well done Cape Town!!!



Broadlands Park and Nomzamo, which means to 'rise up', are two impoverished communities huddled around the Strand Beach and the warm blue waters of the Indian Ocean, just 50 km from the City of Cape Town, also called the Mother City. These communities have been active in various women-led, youth and home safety promotion initiatives for several years, and have applied for designation as a safe community demonstration site at the 15th International Safe Communities Conference to be held in Cape Town in April 2006.

We invite you to come along and enjoy the hospitality of these vibrant communities, warm up to the experiences of their people, immerse yourselves in their realities, laugh, dance and ululate to their spirit of Ubuntu and resilience. Visit their humble abodes, the 'town square', walk through the neighbourhoods, pop in at the nearby Migrant Labour Museum, and catch a glimpse of the history and impact of the migrant labour system in South Africa, whet your appetite with a traditional dish and local home brewed beer, but most of all, just feel at home. The Designation Ceremony is planned for the 10th April, we look forward to seeing you there.

For further information please visit the 15th International Safe Communities Conference website at www.uct-cmc.co.za/conferences/2006/safecom/info.php

Taiwan Safe Community Awarding Ceremony and Site Visit at Alishan Safe Community

On December 16-17, "Taiwan Safe Community Awarding Ceremony" was held at Alishan Safe Community. The event also included a site visit of safety measures that have been implemented in Alishan Safe Community since the safe community program launched. Bureau of Health Promotion, Department of Health, Taiwan. Chia-Yi Christian Hospital and Alishan Safe Community jointly organized this event for acknowledging the endeavor of four Safe Communities in Taiwan.

A total of 130 participants attended this two-day event. They were representatives from four Safe Communities and officials from 25 local bureaus of public health, Department of Health. In order to raise up the level of promotion work and bring the Safe Community Program into National Plan in the future, seven administrative officials from the central government were also invited to take part in the event. They were officials from Department of Health, Executive Yuan, National Police Agency, Ministry of the Interior, Council of Indigenous Peoples of Executive Yuan and Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission.



During the awarding ceremony, Department of Health, Executive Yuan commended four Safe Communities – Alishan, Dungshu, Fongbin, Neihu and four local bureaus of public health – Chia-Yi county, Taichung county, Hualien county, Taipei city for their fruitful achievements and encouraged them to sustain the programs as well as to support more communities to develop Safe Community Program.

A 15-minute long film compiled by the media office of Chia-Yi Christian Hospital was shown during the ceremony. The film aimed to illustrate WHO Safe Community six indicators with authentic Taiwan local experiences, and was expounded by Dr. Lu Pai, known as he Mother of Safe Community in Taiwan. Through her explanation, the participants have deeper impression of sustainability and continuity of Safe Community programs.

Rapporteur: Ivy Lu

Emergency Service Infrastructure for development of Safe Communities in Pakistan



Dr. Rizwan Naseer – Director General, Emergency Service, Punjab (Rescue 1122) and National Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness, W.H.O. & Health Ministry of Pakistan

The capacity to deal with emergencies like road traffic accidents, building collapse, explosions, fires and disasters has been poor and was putting the lives and properties of citizens at risk. This was evident from the fact that there are over 95% chances that in case of any emergency, the victims will not get an ambulance in time for transportation, let alone any timely emergency care by trained professionals. Provision of timely help during emergencies, accidents and disasters is a basic human right and can significantly reduce the morbidity and mortality. This issue becomes even more important when injuries are the leading cause of death amongst the young, able breadwinners and results in significant socio-economic impact on the society. Keeping in view the dismal state of pre-hospital emergency management, the Government of Punjab decided not to reinforce failures but to establish a model Emergency Service infrastructure for response and prevention of emergencies.

This Emergency Service, Rescue 1122 initially started from the heart of Pakistan (Lahore) as a pilot project for establishing an efficient, effective and sustainable infrastructure for emergency prevention, management and development of safe communities. The Service has been established in a record period of six months without compromising the quality after successfully achieving several challenges which included acquisition of land at strategic locations and construction of emergency stations and stockpiles; Human Resource development of Emergency rescue paramedics through rigorous training process after curriculum development in Urdu and recruitment of the right staff; Standardization, Procurement & indigenous Fabrication of Ambulances & Rescue Vehicles of International Standards; Establishment of effective Emergency command & control room and wireless communication network and monitoring system for quality assurance .

The Service has already been a great success by saving over 13,500 lives within the first year and is providing 7 minutes response time with 14 Ambulances and 6 Emergency Stations in a city with over 7 million population, which is an achievement even internationally.

The results of third party evaluation reveal this Emergency Service to be “a well conceived and excellently implemented project. It is an exemplary project in terms of training, quality care, response time and professionalism. Its beneficiaries are primarily bread winners; hence it has favourable socio-economic impact.”

The Service has not only established its credibility by rescuing the helpless victims of emergencies but also regularly collects all information regarding an emergency. This data is then analyzed and used for prevention of emergencies for development of Safe Communities. The analysis of this data reveals that most of its beneficiaries are male (74%) victims of Road Traffic Accidents (49%). They are primarily young able breadwinners of society aging between 21 to 50 years (70%) who suffered fractures (36%), multiple injuries (33%) and head injury (16%) due to motorcycle accidents (57%), rickshaw accidents (18%) and car accident (14%).

Hazard mapping for risk, vulnerability & capacity assessments and establishment of Rescue & Safety Volunteer Service is underway. Community training Programme has been initiated to train communities so that people can prevent, response and manage emergencies on their own as well as provide assistance in major disasters. It is our commitment to have a sustainable, efficient and effective Emergency Management & Prevention System established in Punjab (57% of the country) by the end of 2006, which would be replica ted to other parts of the country.

Planning for safe community was started in Xicheng District of Beijing, China



Ceremony for safe community construction in Xicheng District , Beijing , China,

On July 26 in 2005, Xicheng District of Beijing held the ceremony of starting the safe community plan formally. The government's representatives attend the ceremony , which including Beijing Politics and Law Committee , Xicheng District Government, Beijing Administration of Work Safety, Bureau of Municipal Government etc. Mr. Ji Mingbo, vice- president of China occupational Safety and Healthy Association (COSHA), attended the ceremony and held a speech.

Xicheng District is located on the west side of Tiananmen Square and the northwest of the central city. It is 5.5 km wide from west to east and 7.5 km long from north to south, covering an area of 31.66 km². The number of total population in Xicheng District attains 854,000, which includes 771,000 household-registered population and 682,000 resident population. Xicheng District is one of the central districts of Beijing. It is also an area where many state agencies conduct their businesses, as well as an important financial and commercial area and cultural and tourist area. Xicheng District is rich in historical and cultural tradition and still remains a vital and continuously developing area today.

For a long period, Xicheng District has always persisted on the sustainable development strategy and the science development view of the “make people the center” now of thought, gaining much experience in the community construction.

As early as June of 2004, Xicheng district had begun to prepare safe community construction plan. Through more than one year's earnest preparation, the areas of Financial Street, Zhanlan Street and west Changan Street were determined as the experimental units, which will start the construction firstly. After summarizing up the experience, we would extend the construction to all of Xicheng district. We would strive to obtain the approval of WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion within 2 to 3 years.

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Travelling Safari Seminar Registration

DATES: Thursday 6 April – Saturday 8 April 2006
From Durban to Cape Town

Booking deadline: 31 January 2006
NB. Only limited number of places available

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New report: Best Practices for Graduated Driver Licensing in Canada

Traffic Injury Research Foundation has released a new report, "Best Practices for Graduated Driver Licensing in Canada" authored by Daniel Mayhew, Herb Simpson, and Deanna Singhal.

The report, released on November 8, 2005 describes best practices for graduated driver licensing (GDL) programs for new drivers in Canada. It is intended to set standards for the development of new programs in Canada and for enhancing the effectiveness of those already in place.

Contained within the report are detailed descriptions of GDL programs in Canada, a comparison of these programs to GDL programs elsewhere, a description of the safety benefits of GDL – including the features that have been shown to contribute to GDL effectiveness, and a description of best practices for GDL programs.



For more information and downloading the full report please visit TIRF website www.trafficinjuryresearch.com

AFRICA SAFE COMMUNITIES SEMINAR

26-29TH MARCH, 2006
KAMPALA – UGANDA

<http://www.iccu.or.ug/seminar/details.php>

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Australian Injury Prevention Network
8th National Injury Prevention and Control Conference

27-29 September, 2006 University of New South Wales, Sydney

<http://www.aipn.com.au/conference.html>

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