

# *Impact of implementing "Safe Community" in a Japanese community*

From a case of Kameoka City

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## 1. Purpose and Methods

- Purpose;  
To figure out impact of implementation of “Safe Community” in a Japanese community
- Methods;  
Participant Observation and Interview of relevant parties

## 2. Movement of Safe Community in Japan

- Communities are seeking for effective methods of safety promotion, while there are already various programs and have attained relatively high level of safety.
- In March 2008, Kameoka became the first member of the International SC network in Japan.



Interest in SC has been improving in Japan

## 2. Background of SC movement in Japan

⇒ Challenges in Local Communities

### Decentralization of Authority from Central Gov't to Local Gov't

1. More responsibility in policy making
  - including safety promotion, health promotion
2. More effective finance management
  - fiscal distress in many communities
3. More responsibility for community development
  - need of collaboration with various bodies at local/community levels

## 3. Challenges of Kameoka City

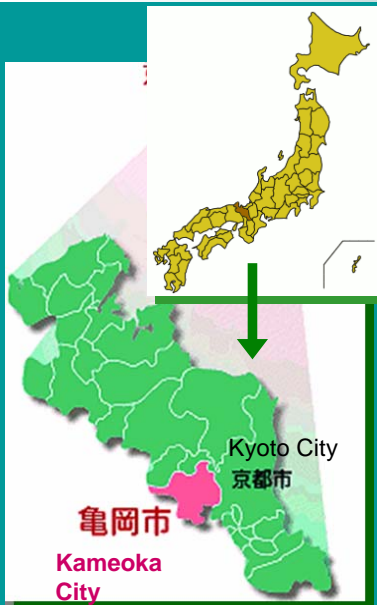
- Kyoto Pref. decided to take a model of SC to pursue their political agendas.
  - Proposed SC to municipalities with 3 possible benefits

1. Improve safety
2. Reduce expenses in medical & Public Health
3. Re-establish relation among community members



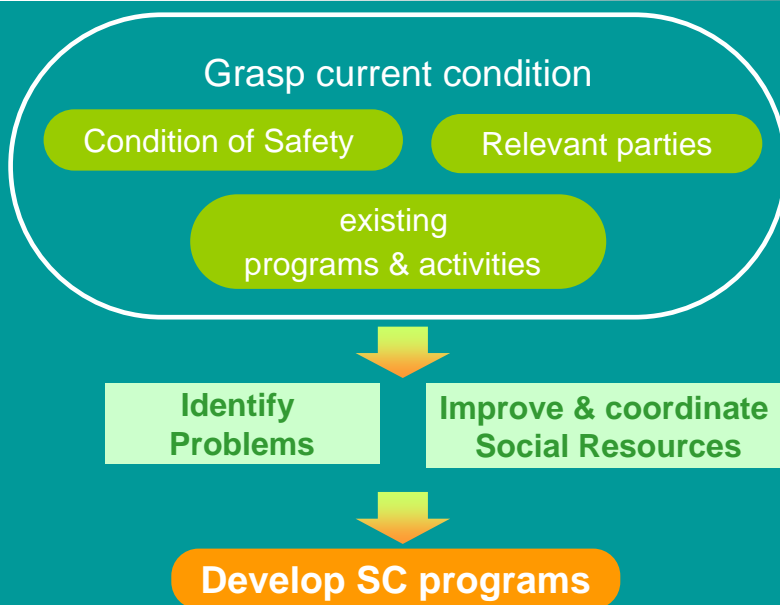
Kameoka decided to adopt the concept of SC with support from Kyoto Pref. in 2006

## (1) Overview of Kameoka City



- Kameoka City is located in Kyoto Prefecture.
  - Next to a capital city, Kyoto City
- Population is approximate 100,000
  - Aging rapidly
    - Over 65 yrs : 16.1%
- Good accessibility to Osaka and Kyoto
  - Heavy traffic
- Abundant in Nature
  - Used to be suffered by natural disasters

## (2) Approach for Safety Promotion



## A. Grasp Current condition

### Condition of Safety

Existing Data

Household survey

Suicide

Traffic  
Accidents

Minor injuries at  
homes & working  
places

Affection to community  
satisfaction  
socialization  
→ effect on feeling of  
safety

Programs & activities

Relevant parties

more possible  
resources were found

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## B. Develop programs

### What Kameoka City does ;

- **Develop Social Resources**
  - Establish relationship among actors
- **Collect and Provide information**
  - Share problems, knowledge & goals
- **Set up a platform for collaboration**
  - cf. - Police and Courier company
  - Health Sectors and Police

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## B. Develop programs

### >> Workshop at a pilot neighborhood

- To develop safe community programs based on the current situation of the city
  - To provide opportunities for residents to get more involved in safety promotion activities
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- Set up a series of workshop at a pilot area
    - Shino-Cho (population; 18,000)
    - 2hr × 4 times with 60-70 residents

1<sup>st</sup> meeting:

### Identify and share problems in their neighborhood

- Children and elderly's safety
- Traffic Safety



2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

### Set up goals

- Improve safety based on communication among residents



3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

### Develop strategies

- Find social resources
- Develop Action plan to reach their goals

## Result of the Workshop

- Residents learned ;
  - to identify what make unsafe condition
  - to share goals of the community
    - ⇒ Safety is the fundamental issue for most residents
  - to make the good use of various existing resources & methods for safety promotion
    - ⇒ they don't have to start new programs

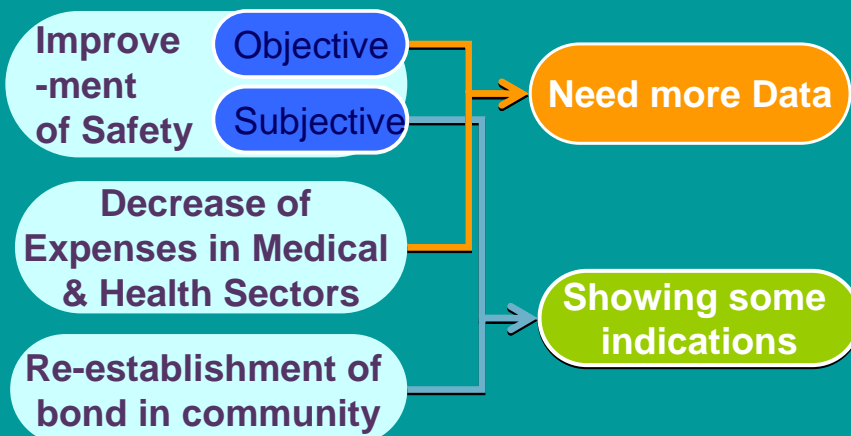


**Action Plan for Safety Promotion**

## 4. Discussion;

### Effects of Safe Community programs

**3 benefits proposed by Kyoto Pref.**



## 4. Discussion;

### Effects of Safe Community programs

#### Other effects observed in Kameoka

- **Awareness of Safety among residents**
- **Collaboration among safety related bodies**
  - ✓ Bridges among related actors
- **Mechanism of Comprehensive understanding of situation and evaluation of programs**
  - ✓ Scientific analysis
  - ✓ Multilateral measurement

### Change in Collaboration between Actors

	Kyoto Pref.	Kameoka City	Police Fire Dept.	Health Sectors	Residents
Kyoto Pref.					
Kameoka City					
Police Fire Dept.					
Health Sectors					
Residents					

**Internal collaboration**  
**External collaboration**



## 5. Conclusion; Impacts on Community



## "Safety" and "Designation"

### ■ "Safety"

is most common concern for anyone in any kind of situation.

→ can be set up as a common goal

### ■ "Designation"

-Working for designation helps various actors to become united to attain their common goals at community level

Thank you ....

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