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Yoko Shiraishi, Ph.D.  
Chair, Japan Institution for Safe Communities

Re: Official Announcement of Launching Safe Community Programs

Dear Dr. Yoko Shiraishi

In Izumiotsu City, citizens, groups and organizations have been working together for safety promotion to make our community where we all live in safe with “Izumiotsu Life Safety Ordinance” which was enacted in December, 1999.

To make our endeavors more effective and efficient, on behalf of all citizens, I hereby declare to launch Safe Community programs.

In the modern society, with weakened tie among people due to changes in life style and diversity of values, we are faced to the need of reconstructing our community. The challenges for safety in our daily lives have been complicated. Especially, the experience of the East Japan Great Earthquake made us realize the importance of the preparation for natural disasters such as Nankai Trough Quake which is expected to occur in near future.

In these situations, we believe that Safe Community programs which your center has been supporting will lead our city to the ideal community where community bond among residents get strengthened, injuries are effectively prevented and residents are mutually supported at any dictatorial situations.

Izumiotsu City appreciates your supports and guidance to our continuous efforts to make our community safer and become a member of the international Safe Community Network.

Haruhiko Ito  
Mayor, Izumiotsu, Osaka, Japan