

Impact of Safe Community Initiatives in a Japanese community

From a Case of Kameoka City

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Overview of SC Movement in Japan

- There is no SC designated community in Japan yet.
- However, there are currently some communities which are working on SP based on the concept of SC.
- Kameoka City in Kyoto prefecture is one of communities which are working on SP.

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Kameoka City at glance

- Kameoka City is located just outside of Kyoto City.
 - Suburb area with abundant Nature
- Population ; 100,000
 - Aging rapidly
- Good accessibility to Osaka and Kyoto
 - Heavy traffic

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Overview of SC programs

- Kameoka has conducted the following programs to understand current condition of Safety.
 - ⇒ Data gathering from several sources
 - ⇒ Focus group meetings
 - ⇒ **Questionnaire survey**
 - ⇒ Workshop of residents at a pilot area

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Purposes of Questionnaires

- To get information of injuries which cannot be found in statistics.
- To see subjective aspects of Safety
- To get community informed with SC and SP
 - ⇒ improve awareness of SC among residents

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Outline of the Survey

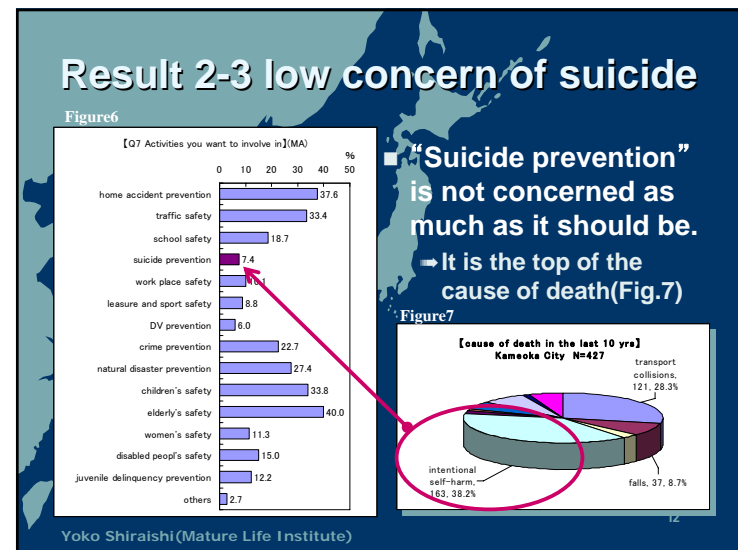
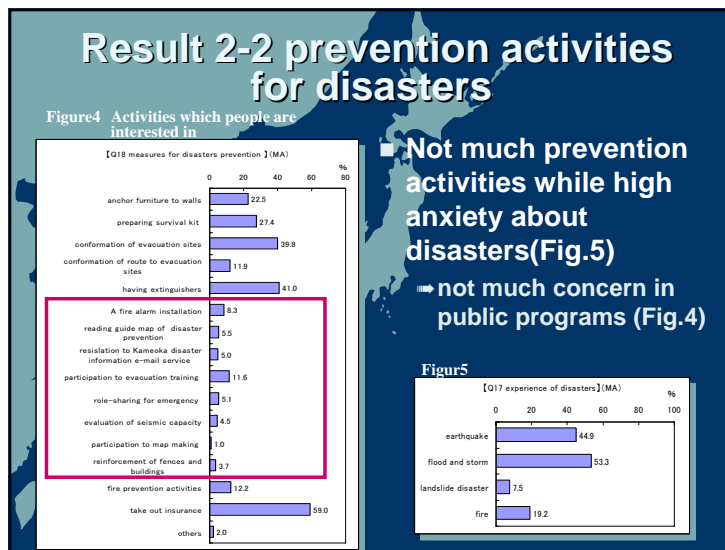
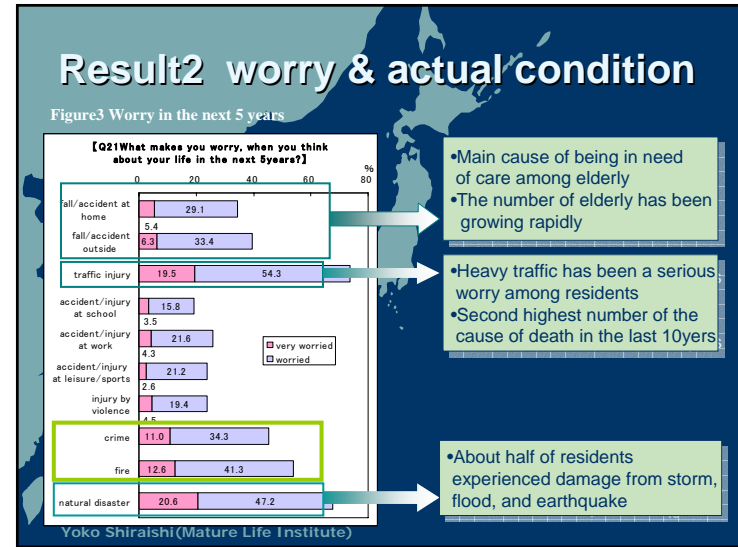
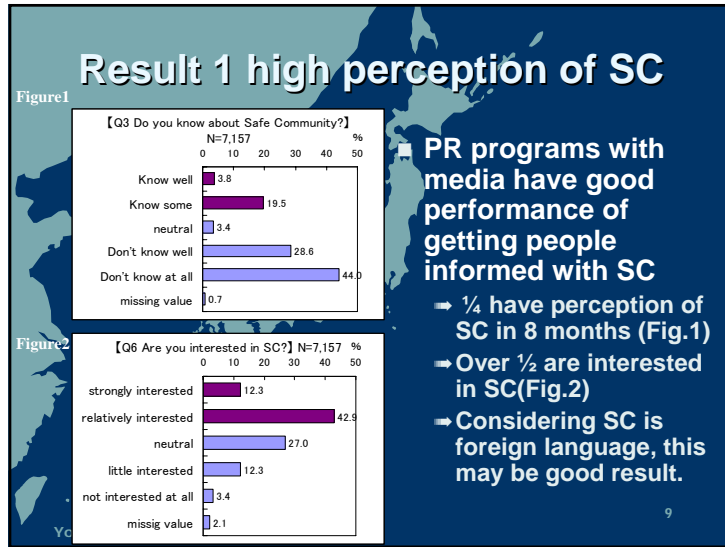
- Target ;
 - ⇒ all households (29,671) in the city
 - ⇒ their family members aged over 18 yrs old
- Methods;
 - ⇒ delivered to each households by volunteers, then collected by mail
- Time line; distributed on Feb. 1-5, collection dead line on Feb. 26
- Collection rate: 24.2%
(7,157 households)

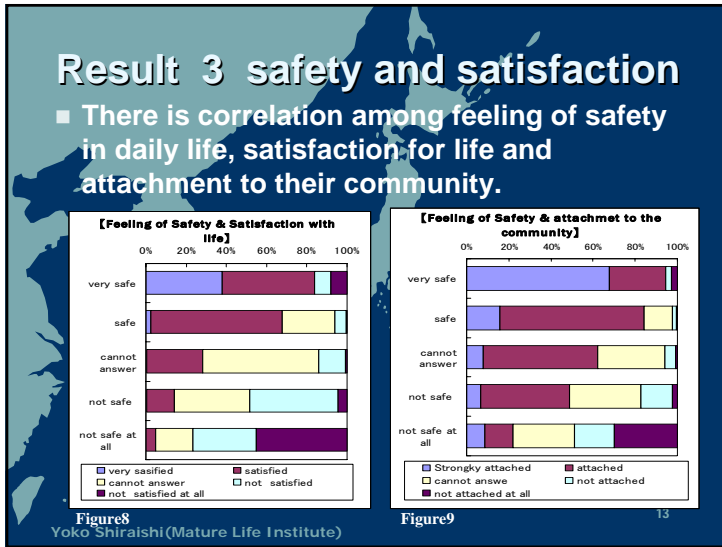
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Questionnaire sheets

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Households <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Awareness of SC ⇒ Involvement in SC related activities ⇒ Safety in daily life ⇒ Experience of injury, crime, and natural disasters and so on ⇒ Factors which endanger life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Health condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental & Physical ⇒ Experience of injuries and accidents ⇒ Communication and net work when support is needed
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- ### Findings
- PR programs with media has improved awareness of SC
 - Most worries come from the actual situation. But
 - not always being interested in prevention work at community level
 - much less concern about suicide prevention
 - There is correlation among feeling of safety, satisfaction and attachment to the community.
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Consideration for the future

To improve safety in Kameoka, recommendation can be ;

- Continual PR to establish SC culture
- Increase of interest and involvement of prevention activities for “Natural disaster” including “Fire” at community level as well as individual level. (cf. workshop)
- Higher priority on suicide prevention programs

Improvement of safety contributes to improvement of satisfaction of life and attachment to communities

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