

Kameoka becomes 132nd member of SC Network

City of Kameoka in Kyoto prefecture, Japan was designated as the 132nd member of SC Network on March 1, 2008. This is the first designation in Japan and 40th in the Asian Region.

Accompanied with the designation of Kameoka City, an international conference on surveillance for safety promotion was arranged on March 1 and 2. Through the conference, over 300 participants learned various studies on surveillance for safety promotion from about 40 presentations made by participants from abroad as well as Japanese speakers. Because of the excellent quality of speeches, the conference was highly evaluated.

Volunteer work by citizens also contributed to the success of the conference and designation ceremony to the great extent.



Reporter: Yoko Shiraishi, Ritsumeikan University

The first training course for certifiers in Kyoto, Japan

The very first training course in the history of International Safe Community Network for safe community designation site visitors, peer reviewers was held from 3rd to 4th of March, 2008, in Kyoto, Japan which was sponsored by WHO Collaborating Center on Community Safety Promotion in Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, in collaboration with the Certifying Center for Safe Community in Asian Region in Ajou University School of Medicine, Suwon, Korea. Eleven delegates from Japan, Korea and China participated in the training course.



Group photo of all the participants

They were: Nam Soo Park (Korea), In Gook Kim (Korea), Shumei Wang (China), Lu Pai (Taiwan, China), Naoya Hatta (Japan), Yoko Shiraishi (Japan), Megumi Inasaka (Japan), Yoshiyuki Watanabe (Japan), Noriko Yamada (Japan), Toshiyuki Yunose (Japan) and Joon Pil Cho (Korea).

The trainer, Dr. Diana Stark Ekman from Karolinska Institute, gave detail introduction regarding to the development of safe community, roles as site visitor and peer reviewer, supporting and certifying functions, and the procedure for going through the application etc. By hard studying and active interaction with the trainer, all the participants successfully passed the course and got their certificates as trained site visitors and peer reviewers.

At the end of training course Professor Joon Pil Cho, Chair of the Certifying Center for Safe Community in Suwon, Korea, invited coordinators in Asian region in terms of certifying process for safe community designation. The coordinators are Yoko Shiraishi (Japan), Shumei Wang (China), Lu Pai (Taiwan, China), and Nam Soo Park (Korea).

Reporter: Shumei Wang

World Injury Conference, Mexico

The 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Merida, 15-18 March 2008 was a great success for its scientific contents. Nearly 1200 participants from 123 countries attended the conference. The organizers provided 200 scholarships to international participants. This type of world injury conference was first time being held in a Latin American country. The participants from the south sphere exhibited great interests.

Venue and date for the next (10th) World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion will be announced shortly.

Call for Abstract

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) and Christchurch City Council are proud to be hosting the 17th International Safe Communities Conference, which is being supported by the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. The Conference objectives are as follows:

- Celebrate and strengthen community safety as an integral part of national and international injury, health, crime and violence policies, research and programmes;
- Increase synergies and foster partnerships between those working at all levels of injury prevention, violence prevention, crime prevention and safety promotion, to enhance community safety;
- Improve the evidence base through exchanges of the most recent findings and practices in all fields of community safety, violence prevention, crime prevention and injury prevention.

Call for Abstracts

The 17th International Safe Communities Conference 2008 is now calling for abstracts. Papers are invited for poster, oral or workshop presentations. Authors should submit abstracts online www.safecom2008.org.nz as early as possible, but no later than 01 May 2008.

All abstracts submitted are subject to review by the Organising Committee and will, after acceptance, be assigned to a poster, oral or workshop presentation.

Topics / Themes

The main theme of the Conference is Working together to make a difference. Posters will be positioned in key locations during the Conference and there will be a dedicated session for delegates to speak directly to poster presenters alongside their poster. Parallel sessions will run concurrently with 8

strands, i.e. 8 presentations will run at the same time for delegates to select from.

Abstracts should fit within one of the four key sub-themes that are proposed (listed below).

1: Working together to reduce risk of injury and crime: making a difference to:

- * Child and adolescent safety
- * Indigenous peoples safety
- * Older person's safety
- * Suicide prevention
- * Road safety
- * Water, sport & recreational safety
- * Home safety
- * Fire safety

2: Working together for vibrant and safe communities/cities

- * Central, local government and community partners
- * Culturally diverse communities
- * Workplaces/industries making a difference to safe communities
- * Environmental design
- * Reducing crime and violence
- * Integrating research, policy and practice
- * Alcohol and other drug misuse
- * Rural and small communities

3: Working together to reduce the impact and consequences of crime and injuries

- * Rescue services making a difference
- * Treatment providers making a difference
- * The role of legislation
- * Strengthening the linkages between prevention & recovery from injury and crime
- * Advocacy
- * Improving the evidence base: What role for researchers, politicians, policy-makers & practitioners
- * Working in partnership to reduce crime
- * Schools contributing to a positive safety culture

4: Working together to build the networks to think globally, plan nationally, act locally

- * Delegates from each designated Safe Community will have the opportunity to showcase how they think globally, plan nationally and act locally. Sharing their challenges and successes, will allow for growth and direction in the systems, support and structures of the Safe Communities global network. Support from each Safe Community will be essential for these interactive sessions.

Conference Registration Details

Registrations are now live on the conference website www.safecom2008.org.nz or alternatively you can email: sheryl@conference.co.nz for a registration brochure to be sent to you.

This website is regularly being updated so be sure to keep checking it for updates.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding the conference or any of the details in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat, Megan O'Brien, megan@conference.co.nz

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2008

- **5th African Regional Safe Communities Conference:
Towards Enabling a Culture of Non-Violence and Peace
28-30 April, 2008, Maputo, Mozambique**

<http://www.5csva.org.mz/>
For information: Eduardo Munhequete emunhequete@yahoo.com
- **7th Nordic Safe Community Conference
27 - 28 May 2008, Melsomvik, Norway**
Brunstad Conference Centre <http://www.bcc.no/presentasjon/>
Between Tønsberg and Sandefjord (on the West side of Oslofjorden)
Registration deadline: 10 April, 2008
For information: Jan Harsem jan@harsem.no
www.skafor.org
<http://www.bcc.no/bestilling/tryggelokalsamfunn/>
- **2nd World Congress on Sports Injury Prevention
26-28th June, 2008, Tromso, Norway**
www.ostrc.no
- **Children and Injuries International Conference
31 August – 3 September 2008
Cape Town, South Africa**
For information: Sebastian.VanAs@uct.ac.za
http://isviporg.datasenter.no/files/brief_isvip_2008.pdf
www.uct-cmc.co.za/Conferences/2008/ISVIP/
- **2nd European Conference on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion
October 9-10, 2008
Paris, France**
<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/paris2008>
- **17th International Safe Communities Conference
Working together to make a difference
20th – 23 October 2008
Christchurch, New Zealand**
For further information visit: [Conference pamphlet](#)
<http://www.safecom2008.org.nz/>
email: contact@scfnz.org.nz or robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz
Abstracts: Submission deadline 1 May, 2008
[Call for Abstract and registration for Travelling Seminar 15-18 October](#)
- **2nd Asia Pacific Injury Prevention Conference
3-6 November 2008
Hanoi, Vietnam**
For information: apacph_injury2008@hsph.edu.vn
<http://apacph2008.org/>
www.meliahanoi.com

2009

- **1st Eastern Mediterranean Regional Conference
Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion
Development and Safety - Together
10-12 February 2009, Cairo, Egypt**
15 August 2008 Close of abstract submissions
For information: <http://www.emro.who.int/vip/ipsp>

