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Dear Colleagues,

We deeply mourn to the earth quake victims in New Zealand.

We are proud to introduce you new and re-designated Safe Communities .

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion website: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_newsletters_en.htm

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor

20th International Safe Community Conference September 6 – 9, 2011 in the municipality of Falun, Dalarna, Sweden.

Abstract Submission deadline is: April 15, 2011

Abstract submission: <http://falun.se/www/externa/safe2011.nsf/eForm?OpenForm&subform=eForm-Abstract>

Or, visit: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_conferences_en.htm

Redesignation of Tai Po Safe Community, Hong Kong

In 2005, Tai Po District was successfully designated as the third Safe Community in Hong Kong and the ninetieth in the world by the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion (WHO CCCSP). Through the concerted efforts of various collaborating parties and the implementation of a wide range of safety programmes for the public, continuous improvement has been achieved since its designation. Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC), the Safe Community Certifying Centre of WHO, delegated a team of experts to conduct an inspection visit to Tai Po on 6 August 2010. On 14 November 2010, Tai Po District successfully received its redesignation as a Safe Community, signifying its achievement of a steady progress through a wide range of safety and health promotion activities.

To celebrate the event, Signing Ceremony for the Redesignation Tai Po Safe Community was held on 14 November 2010 at Tai Po District Council. Representatives of collaborating parties, government departments and NGOs were invited to witness the significant moment alongside the signing guests including Dr Beatrice Cheng and Mr Man Chen-fai, Co-chairman of Tai Po Safe and Healthy City Steering and Working Committee, Professor Leif Svanstrom, Chair of the WHO CCCSP, Mr Lee Kai-ming, Chairman of OSHC, Dr Fung Hong, New Territories East Cluster Chief Executive, Mr Lee Kwok-bun, District Officer (Tai Po), and Mr Hon. Cheung Hok-ming, Chairman of Tai Po District Council. The Redesignation Ceremony was held after the Signing Ceremony, featuring the presentation of Safety Community Plaque, health checks, game booths and performances by local bodies. The parade of events had attracted the participation of over 1,000 Tai Po residents.

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Professor Leif Svanström (centre), Chair of the WHO CCCSP presented the Safe Community Plaque to Dr Beatrice Cheng (left), and Mr Man Chen-fai (right), Co-chairman of Tai Po Safe and Healthy City Steering and Working Committee



The officiating guests hit the gong to reiterate their commitment to the pursuit of community safety

Reporter: Christine Cheng, Hong Kong

Lycoming County's Designation

On Saturday August 21, 2010 in Williamsport Pennsylvania, the home of the Little League World Series, Lycoming County was designated as the world's 201st International Safe Community. Safe Communities Canada, as a Certifying Centre for the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, oversaw the review process, and formally designated Lycoming County as an International Safe Community on behalf of the Collaborating Centre.

The Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition which celebrated its 15th Anniversary last year, undertook to lead this designation initiative and it was, according to Tana de Wire its executive director, "a voyage of discovery as the application and review process demonstrated, not just to the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre and its reviewers, but also to so many organizations and leaders in the county, how many programmes and initiatives that are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of each of our citizens exist in our community."

The designation ceremony was planned to coincide with this year's Little League World Series and all the signatories to the Safe Communities Agreement threw a ceremonial first pitch at the game that evening. Hosting the Little League World series, means that Lycoming County continues to be a major contributor to the safety of Little League Baseball players from around the world. By welcoming young baseball players from around the world to its community every year, Lycoming County also demonstrates its commitment to the International component of the Safe Communities movement.

"Everything about this community's designation, from the application, to the site visit to the actual ceremony, was a first class effort" says Paul Kells, the President of Safe Communities Canada. Clearly this designation is a home run for Lycoming County."

Reporter: Ron Waldie, Safe communities Canada



Receiving Lycoming County's Safe Communities Plaque are : (from left) Tana DeWire, Executive Director LCHIC; Chris Smith, Chair LCHIC Safe Communities Task Force; Commissioner Rebecca Burke; John Comerford, President LCHIC; Commissioner Jeffrey Wheeland, Paul Kells, Safe Communities Canada; and Commissioner Ernie Larson.



Getting ready for the Ceremonial First Pitch at the Little League World Series Game are: (from the left) John Comerford, President LCHIC; Michael Huff, Deputy Secretary PA Department of Health; Commissioner Larson; Commissioner Burke; Mr. Kells, Safe Communities Canada; Commissioner Wheeland.

Internet course on Health Economics (10 weeks)

Course code: MIU-97071

Injury prevention and Safety promotion practitioners and Safe Community advocates have a unique opportunity to pursue a 10 weeks (50% or half time) internet course on Health Economics.

This course offers a comprehensive program of health economics and health care. Both theoretical and analytical framework will be provided as an integrated set-up to understand issues relating to the health economics and health care. The course is designed to help public health researchers, injury prevention practitioners, nurses, policy makers, and pharmacy professionals. The course will provide 7.5 credits (HP) certificate by the Mid Sweden University.

Criteria: Degree of Bachelor (at least 180 credits including a Bachelor Thesis) or equivalent, with a major in Health Sciences or Social Sciences.

Course start: 3rd October 2011 . **Method:** Internet based distance learning.

Application through website with more information will be available soon.

Application: www.studera.nu

Contact: koustuv.dalal@liu.se ; expihv.svl@miun.se

Visit: <http://www.miun.se/sv/Utbildning/Hitta-din-utbildning/ATLAS-Visa-Kurs/?KatalogKursplanId=10492>

Call for International Safe Hospitals Network

Hospitals can play a vital role for injury prevention and safety promotion. Hospitals should be actively involved in the Safe Community program. Therefore, WHO CC CSP has developed a new 'Safe Community Hospital Network' and calling for memberships. For membership and technical supports please contact : Prof. Leif Svanstrom (leif.svanstrom@ki.se) or Associate Professor Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se). Visit: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2011

** 20th International Safe Communities Conference

Celebrating two decades of International Safe Community Development - going back to where it all started

6-9 September 2011, Falun Municipality, Dalarna, Sweden

Conference web page: www.falun.se/safecom2011. Contact: safecom2011@falun.se

** The 1st Latin American Regional Safe Community Conference

"What can Safe communities do for Disaster Prevention and Risk Management"

6-8 April 2011 , Peñaflor, Chile

Contact: Karen Galvis karengalvis@gmail.com.

Invitation: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/invitation_6-8_april_2011_penaflor_chile.pdf

** 2011 Travelling Seminar & Conference in Taiwan

Date: April 9-12, 2011

Theme: Safe Community Programs Suiting Local Conditions

Venue: Fengbin, Shoufeng, Wenshan, and Jinhwa Safe Communities

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For further information visit: <http://www.safecomunities.org.tw/safecomunity/default.asp?todowhat=showpage&no=75>

** World Conference on Drowning Prevention, 10-13 May 2011, Vietnam.

For further information visit <http://www.worldconferenceondrowningprevention.org/>

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Regional Safe Community Conferences

• 6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities in 2012

Friday, 11 - Sunday, 13, May, 2012, Tokyo, Japan.

• The 3rd European Safe Community Conference

The future role of the Fire and Rescue Service in the sustainability of Safe Communities in Europe

4-5 June 2012, Falköping, Sweden

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