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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to the first issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News will be send from Harstad - Norway on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

- **WINNER: And the winner 2002 is Norway.**
- **CONFERENCE: The First Conference on Implementation of the National Policy on Accident and Injury Prevention in Viet Nam.**
- **AGREEMENT: Swedish SIDA Supports Safety Promotion in Viet Nam**

And the Winner 2002 is



Again the Winner is **Norway**. Our colleagues are really doing a magnificent work to develop Safe Communities and a national profile on safety promotion based on the strategy of developing and designating good quality on community work. Here are the Winners:

Number on the list	Community	Country	Inhabitants
66.	Larvik	Norway	40,681
67.	Fredrikstad	Norway	68,500
68.	Spydeberg	Norway	4,600
69.	Ski	Norway	26,672
70.	Klepp	Norway	14,000
71.	Høyanger	Norway	4,671



Photos: Høyanger – our latest Norwegian member!

But Norway was not alone this year of 2002. Other very good programs were designated:

Number on the list	Community	Country	Inhabitants
63.	Suwon	South Korea	974,866
64.	Josefstadt	Austria	24,200
65.	Rainy River	Canada	8,315



Photos: from Josefstadt – our latest member in Austria.



11th International Safe Community Conference, Fort Frances, Rainy River, Ontario, Canada,

Finally – for 2002 – It was a great Safe Comm Year. We wish You all a Safe 2003 and we will soon meet in the Hong Kong Conference.

Leif Svanström
Chair

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Co-ordinator

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SAFE COMMUNITIES is the goal of the National Injury Prevention plan for Vietnam!!



The First Conference on Implementation of the National Policy on Accident and Injury Prevention was recently held in Hanoi (17-18 December 2002)

The Conference was opened by Mrs. Tran Thi Trung Chien, Minister of Health (photo 1), focussing on the Prime Minister's Decision on National Policy on Accident and Injury Prevention and the establishment of the National Steering Committee on Accident and Injury Prevention .



“Everyday injury and accident claim about 30 lives and another 70 injured with life-long handicap in Vietnam. The number of accident and injury per 100.000 inhabitant has increased from 500 in 1996 to 900 in 1998.” “*Drowning* is far and away the biggest killer of Vietnams children. Reports in 2002 from hospitals on the admittance of patients show that injury related hospitalisation rate account for 50% of patients of which nearly 70 % are traffic accidents.”



R to L: Ms Anna Runeborg (SIDA and Swedish Embassy); Dr Meleckidzedek Khayesi (WHO Geneva - Traffic Safety); Dr Ian Scott (WHO – Western Pacific Regional Office , Manila), Dr David Silcock (Global Road Safety Partnership) and Dr Burke A Fishburn (WHO Vietnam).

The national policy on accident and injury prevention for the period 2002-2010 was ratified in a decision from 27 Dec 2001 by the Prime Minister. Prioritised population groups are traffic users, employees, children under 18 years of age and the people at community (with focus on women and the elderly). The Swedish SIDA has played an important supportive role during the development of a National Policy Plan through the Work of Ministry of Health. The focus of that work has been and still is to implement the national policy including developing Safe Communities in Vietnam.

During the Conference starting points for Child injury prevention as well as a number of community programs were presented. Dr Leif Svanström presented the International Safe Communities' Network..

Swedish SIDA and Safe Communities' movement support for further development of Safety Promotion in Vietnam.

SIDA has since 5-6 years supported Vietnam and the Ministry of Health in developing National policy for Injury prevention and safe community development. The first step has been achieved which was formalised by the Prime ministers decision in December 2001. The future work will be supported by SIDA as well – as a part of a new agreement - signed in Hanoi on the 18th December 2002.



Photo taken by Mr Claudio McConell- BA Expert

The work to be done is now to implement that programme. The focus is to “Develop and apply the National guidelines and criteria on safe Community at district and commune levels”. This was decided in two meetings during 18-19th December 2002 in Hanoi; the first lead by Mr Chuan focussing on The Safe Community Guidelines:



L to R: Ms Hoang My Hang – IEC officer of Safe Communities; Mr Do Duc Vuong – Senior Supervisor of Safe Communities; Mr Nguyen Duc An – Senior Officer of Safe Communities; Mr Luu Hoai Chuan –Head of Safe Communities Subcomponent and Prof Leif Svanström.

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L to R: Dr Anders Norman; SIPU Adviser Community-based Health Development; Prof Leif Svanström; Staff member of Dr Tus office; Dr Nguyen Thi Hong Tu – Deputy Director of Department of Preventive Medicine; Head of IP/SC component and Dr Luong Mai Anh – Secretary of IP/SC component’.

Photos are taken by Mr Claudio McConell- BA Expert. Rapporteur: Leif Svanström

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