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Dear Leif

Letter of Support

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 2010 clarifying the views of the WHO CCCSP at Karolinska Institute. It is reassuring to know that the recent development is not entirely as you have intended. The fact that your agreement with WHO as CCCSP expiring in September 2011 already sent massive shock wave to the entire safe communities. On behalf of the Asia Network, I have to thank your kindness to explain the situation to us in the Suwon Safe Community Conference in March 2010. Members attending already expressed strong wish to maintain this strong tie with WHO.

Your good intention is fully recognized by having a group of people to work out a possible direction for a global organization to lead the safe community movement. This is never an easy task and the time we have on hand does not allow a thorough process that will address the needs of the 220 designated safe communities. Looking ahead, it is unlikely that a global organization that is acceptable to all parties will be in place by September 2011, a critical date when the CCCSP at Karolinska will cease to operate.

I have the opportunity to discuss with the Executive Board of the Asia Network on the way forward. It is our unanimous conclusion:

1. Not to support the Global Safe Community Alliance being proposed at present or any form of organization that are not broad-based and do not include participation of the regional networks, affiliate centers, academic centers and all the on-going safe community programs.



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2. Not to support any form of global organization that operates on a profit making basis.
3. To support the WHO CCCSP at Karolinska Institute to renew the agreement with WHO. Continual operation of your center will give more time for the discussion and development of a global safe community organization.
4. The global organization must be serving the need of all the safe communities, not a small group of certifying centers or any particular region.

The Executive Board of Asia Network will meet shortly to discuss on how we would proceed to collect views and support from the network members for the above proposal. It is important that the WHO CCCSP at Karolinska continue to operate for the benefit of all safe communities. In this way, the future global organization would be developed under your guidance and in the direction that it should be.

Leif, thanks for your effort and vision that the safe community movement is developed some 20 years ago. The movement is growing strong and wide worldwide. We should not forget why we start – to work with the communities in preventing injuries.

We shall look forward to your announcement of leading this safe community movement in the capacity of WHO CCCSP.

Yours sincerely,

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