



Over 300 guests who included the Deputy Mayor of Beijing and Ministers of the Peoples Republic, representatives from established and aspiring Safe Communities in China, as well as Wah Sing Tang, Chair of the Asian Safe Communities Network were present at this gala event. The designation ceremony also featured presentations by both of the applicant communities including a very moving poetry piece about 'what a safe community means to the people' by Li Hongbin, Director of Yuetan Community. The Financial Sub-District became member 139 and Yuetan member 140 of the International Safe Community family. Welcome.



L-R - Li Hongbin, Director of Yuetan Community Safe Community Promotion Committee, Henk Harberts, Chair ASCF and Wang Qi,

### Communities Seeking Designation

City of Casey (Victoria) submitted an application for designation as an international Safe Community to the ASCF in April. A site visit was undertaken on 12 and 13 June 2008. Stay tuned for further information.

Cairns Regional Council (Queensland) has provided the ASCF with their application for designation as an international Safe Community. The site visit is scheduled for the end of August 2008.



Representatives from Financial Sub-district and Yuetan Communities celebrate their designation as International Safe Communities

*Reporter: Meegan Brotherton, Australia.*

## Youth Park: Safe Community Movement

To fulfil the obligation to promote and disseminate the conception of Safe Community, Youth Park Community actively promoted the Safe community conception, and shared the experience of establishing Safe Community without any reservation. So far Youth Park received 196 visiting communities, about a total of 880 people. Youth Park has also published *Safety Knowledge Handbook*, *Youth Park Safe Community Monthly Bulletin*, *Photography Activities of Create Safe Community*, *How to become a member of the International Safe Community Network*, *Summary Regulations of Safe Community*. A total of ten thousands of promotional materials were distributed to the community residents and visitors for free of charge. Youth Park believes that these materials will get more people and communities involved in creating safe communities in China.



*Safety Knowledge Handbook*



*How to become a member of the International Safe Community Network*

## North American Regional Network of International Safe Communities

The North American Regional Network of International Safe Communities will next convene in Winnipeg, Manitoba, during the 11<sup>th</sup> annual national conference of Safe Communities Canada. The Network, which is sponsored by Safe Communities America and Safe Communities Canada, consists of all the international safe communities in both countries.

The key event of this gathering is a training session which will be led by Diana Stark-Ekman of the Collaborating Centre to certify community adjudicators. These adjudicators will be assessing applications for international designation, conducting site visits, and making designation recommendations to the Certifying Centre.

The inaugural class will be comprised of community leaders from International Safe Communities in both Canada and the United States and the plan is that, once certified, Canadian adjudicators will work with American applicants and US adjudicators will work with Canadian applicants.

“Both Safe Communities Canada and Safe Communities America believe”, says Donna Stein Harris of Safe Communities America, “that the best ambassadors for the movement are citizens in communities who are personally committed to the cause of Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion and who have had previous experience with the international designation process.”

The adjudicators are going to be very busy! In Canada, 19 designated members of Safe Communities Canada have indicated interest in international designation. They will join the six internationally designated communities Canada. In the US, there are currently 18 communities working on international designation, and many more have expressed real interest in doing so. They will join the four internationally designated safe communities in the US.

Clearly this network is going to grow significantly over the next few years

*Reporter: Ron Waldie, Canada.*

## Huamu Safe Community Construction Office Welcomed Dr. Medhati from Iran

In the afternoon of July 30<sup>th</sup>, Shanghai Huamu International Safe Community Construction Office welcomed the Dr. Medhati from Iran. The person in charge of the office, Guo Cheng, the deputy director of the Injury Prevention Department of Shanghai Disease Control Center, Li Yanhong attended the reception.

Dr. Medhati always devoted himself to the safe community construction in his own country, and his visiting is aiming on enhancing the international exchange of the subject. During the reception, Guo Cheng and Li Yanhong gave a very detailed introduction on the specific methods of operating system of the organization and the carrying out program in constructing the safe community to Dr. Medhati who showed great interests and further inquired about the data investigation and effect evaluation and shared his own experience. Both of them highly appreciated the achievement of each other.

After the meeting, Guo Cheng presented Dr. Medhati the album of paintings and stamps of Huamu International Safe Community and took photos with him. The reception which was ended in harmony not only promoted the international exchange on the experience of constructing safe community but also provided many new ideas for the future development of both sides.



*Reporter: Ms. Chen Fang*

## ***Safe Community Report: Skovde – Sweden***

Skovde Municipality, Sweden was re-designed Safe Community in February 2007. Skovde Safe Community has several activities during 2007 concentrated in four major areas:

Elderly Care,  
Schools and activities for schoolchildren,  
Traffic Safety,  
and other activities.

Safety for Elderly:

Information about Safe Elderly on 10 occasions for the organisations for elderly care.  
5 personnel at the Department for Elderly have had special training for Safety for Elderly.

Schools:

The school department has a database with all accidents and near accidents in all schools in Skövde. In all schools we have pupils with a special training to discover hazards in the environment. For students between 12-16 years, we have a special drug-information Programme. The pupils can sign a contract that they should not drink and smoke and this contract give them special benefits that are very attractive for the kids, like free entrance to sport arenas and cheaper hamburgers. There is also a Walking – School bus Programme. The kids walk to school instead of being transported to school in their parent's cars. Improved air quality and lesser accidents in the schoolyard is the result. There are also a lot of Safe School Activities in the schools.

Safe Traffic:

'Reporting near accidents' is a very efficient Programme. The Traffic Department has a lot of telephone calls about ideas to make the traffic safer for everyone. We have also rebuilt Roundabouts to make the traffic in the city safer. Many Traffic – Safety Activities at all levels are going on in Skovde.

Special Programmes:

Drug information at the local Food-festival and a lot of other information, activities at all levels in the municipality.

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## **17th International Safe Communities Conference Christchurch, New Zealand, 20-23rd October 2008**

### **HURRY LAST DAYS REGISTER NOW**

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) and Christchurch City Council are proud to be hosting the 17th International Safe Communities conference. The conference is supported by the World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion we have put together an exciting programme which can be viewed online at [www.safecom2008.org.nz](http://www.safecom2008.org.nz) click on programme.

Register now to attend this exciting conference, and hear from International and New Zealand renowned speakers. Registrations are live on the conference website [www.safecom2008.org.nz](http://www.safecom2008.org.nz) or alternatively you can email [registration@conference.co.nz](mailto:registration@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.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

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## Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

### 2008

- **The 1st safe society conference,**  
October 8-9, 2008, Tehran, I.R. Iran.  
Email address: [www.tehransafe@yahoo.com](mailto:www.tehransafe@yahoo.com).
- **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](mailto:contact@scfnz.org.nz) or [robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz)
- **Leaders for Tomorrow. The 11th Annual Safe Communities Canada Conference**  
November 2,3,4, 2008  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
For information : [dwilson@safecommunities.ca](mailto:dwilson@safecommunities.ca)
- **2nd Asia Pacific Injury Prevention Conference**  
3-6 November 2008  
Hanoi, Vietnam  
For information: [apacph\\_injury2008@hsph.edu.vn](mailto:apacph_injury2008@hsph.edu.vn)  
<http://apacph2008.org/> [www.meliahanoi.com](http://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>
- **18th International Conference on Safe Communities**  
*Community Safety Policies as an axis for development*  
August 13 – 15, 2009, Cali, Colombia  
For information: [www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co](http://www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co)
- **5th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities (ARCSC)**  
15-18 September 2009  
Beijing, China  
China Occupational Safety & Health Association (COSHA)

### 2010

- **19th International Safe Communities Conference**  
*Sustainability of Safe Community Programs*  
23- 26 March, 2010  
Suwon, Korea  
For information: [jpcho@ajou.ac.kr](mailto:jpcho@ajou.ac.kr)

## Course

### RESEARCH EDUCATION Course 2008

- **Ph.D. Level COURSE:**

#### 5th International Course - A Ph.D. Level Course

#### Research in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Designs, Methods & Analysis

20 October - 21 November 2008

Stockholm, Sweden

7,5 Credits

