



RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON INJURY PREVENTION, SAFE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HANOI, VIETNAM



Associate Prof., PhD. Tran Thi Trung Chien
Minister of Health gave opening speech
at the conference

- Hanoi, Vietnam, October, 26-27th, the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safe Promotion, Karolinska Institute, Sweden organized the international scientific conference on injury prevention, safe community development. More than 250 delegates including 50 international representatives from 11 countries and national scientists, practitioners in the field of injury prevention had attended the conference.

In the opening speech, Associate Prof. Tran Thi Trung Chien, Minister of Health, regarded the conference as a great opportunity to share the experiences and achievements, the advantages and disadvantages of Vietnam and other countries over the last time and strengthen the regional cooperation in term of injury prevention, safe community development

More than 120 reports have been submitted to the conference of which 70 ones presented in the different sessions. The diversified aspects of injury prevention, safe community development have been laid special concerns, especially traffic and occupational injury prevention, childhood and intentional injury prevention, models and solutions for injury prevention in community and trauma care. In these reports, injury is mentioned as a complex phenomenon that constituted the major public health concerns despite the huge efforts of interventions. Under this circumstance, occupational injury, drowning, burns/scald, poisoning and violence... are being the first priorities of many countries and Vietnam in particular. The collaboration and inter-sectional cooperation have been seen to be the key element for injury prevention, safe community development.

Based on the discussion at the conference, some activities that all participants agreed to carry out in the coming time to enhance the injury prevention, safe community development work in Vietnam and regional countries as follow:

1. Strengthening the international cooperation in term of injury prevention in the Asia- Pacific region through the international and regional workshop, conference.
2. Developing the safe community network in Asia region.
3. Promoting the international collaboration to conduct the multi- country researches on road traffic injury, childhood injury and development of safe community movement.



Plenary session



Prof. Leif Svanstrom, Director of WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safe Promotion, Chair of WHO affiliate safe community network had speech at the conference



Exhibition on the injury prevention activities in Vietnam at the conference





RESULTS OF DESIGNATION CEREMONIES OF 5 VIETNAMESE COMMUNES AS MEMBERS OF THE WHO AFFILIATE SAFE COMMUNITY NETWORK

- Vietnam, October, 24-27, 2006, the Minister of Health in collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safe Promotion, Karolinska Institute, Sweden organized the designation ceremonies of 5 Vietnamese communes as members of WHO safe community network.

Since 1996 the injury prevention program have been laid special concerns of the Government and the health sector in particular and carried out throughout the country highlighting in the bustling implementation of IEC and interventions. In 2001, the corner stone has been remarked by the approval of a national policy on injury prevention in stage 2001-2010 by the Prime Minister creating the legal foundation and momentum to socialize and mobilize resources in the field. Since 2002, the safe community model has been developed in the scale of 112 communes in 12 provinces, cities under the technical support of Vietnam Administration of Preventive Medicine, Ministry of Health and the entire involvement of local authority, mass societies and people. With the core principles of respecting people involvement and interests, maintaining the social equity and program sustainability, the remarkable achievements have been seen in the sharp decrease of injury morbidity and mortality rate and positive change of people awareness and behaviour.

Among these achievements, 5 out of 112 Vietnamese communes have been assessed to achieve the 5 Vietnamese standards and 6 WHO criteria of safe community. The designation ceremonies of 104th safe community, Lang Co town and 105th of Loc Sown commune, Thua Thien Hue province, central region of Vietnam were organized. on October 24, 2006, The ceremonies of 106th safe community, Da Trach and the 107th, Dong Tien commune, Hung Yen province, northern region held in October 25th, 2006. The last ceremony of 108th safe community, Xuan Dinh Commune, Hanoi outskirts was held on October 27th, 2006. The agreement ceremony between Prof. Leif Svanstrom and local leader have been carried out with the witness of Ministry of Health leaders, international organizations, institutes and practitioners working on injury prevention and entire local mass societies and people.



104th safe community designation ceremony, Lang Co Town
Phu Loc district, Thua Thien Hue province



105th safe community designation ceremony, Loc Son commune
Phu Loc district, Thua Thien Hue province



106th safe community designation ceremony, Da Trach commune
Khoai Chau district, Hung Yen province



107th safe community designation ceremony, Dong Tien commune
Khoai Chau district, Hung Yen province



108th safe community designation ceremony, Xuan Dinh commune
Tu Liem district, Hanoi