

Application Statement to Become a Member of the International Safe Community Network

----- Changzheng Community, Putuo District, China

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WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion:

Changzheng town is located in the northwest of downtown Shanghai. It covers an area of 10.81 square kilometers, inhabited by 97, 000 registered permanent residents together with a floating population of 43,400.

Changzheng town started Safe Community program in early 2007. Based on the injuries in Changzheng town and feedbacks from community residents, we draw up the *Changzheng Community Safety Promotion Plan*, set up the Changzheng Safe Community Promotion Committee and organized the Promotion Office together with 8 program groups-- physical exercise safety, workplace safety, elderly safety, child safety, school safety, handicapped safety, traffic safety and public safety.

We have set up injury surveillance sites in Changzheng Community Health Service (CHS) Center, CHS stations, Putuo District Fire Department and Putuo District Police Traffic Branch in order to collect data on injuries attended by medical care, on fire-related injuries, traffic-related injuries etc. Combined with household injury surveys, we have comprised an all-round scientific injury surveillance system. And all the data collected are analyzed under expert instruction.

On the basis of a thorough overall construction plan and a definite goal, we identified high-risk groups and vulnerable groups (the elderly, the children, and the handicapped), also we drafted plans and goals for these safety programs in Changzheng town. Evaluation measures to assess these programs are carried out programmatically with the purpose of modifying the programs continuously.

We actively participate in national and international Safe Communities networks. We

attended the conferences, training courses and visits activities in Beijing, Shenyang, Shandong and Shanghai national, and also conference abroad. We also invite experts home and abroad coming to giving guidance.

Since we began our Safe Community construction, our town is blessed with great improvement in the environment and the residents' safety consciousness as well as a significant reduction of community injuries. Hence it greatly lightens the burden on health services. The effects brought by Safe Community program can be seen in many aspects.

In order to promote our work in injury prevention and safety promotion into a new level, and bring the welfare bestowed by the Safe Community program on more community residents, we officially apply to join the International Safe Communities network. And we genuinely invite the experts from the Australia Safe Community Foundation Inc on behalf of WHO CC to perform site visit to Changzheng town Community.

Sincerely looking forward to your guidance and support!

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