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Launch of our Safe Community Programs

With the key phrase "City Made By Us For Us", the residents, community groups, and administration of Saitama City have cooperated to carry out various safety activities in the community in hopes of creating a city where everyone wants to live, and wants to continue to live.

As the representative of Saitama City, I hereby declare our intention to start Safe Community activities. We hope to effectively apply these community activities and projects, and create a safer and more secure city.

I believe that working on the Safe Community activities will strengthen dialog between the residents, including groups and businesses in the city, and the administration. Through this, we can prevent injuries, causes of injuries, promote diverse exchange among the community, and help vitalize a variety of community activities such as our neighborhood associations.

The situation our city faces is changing greatly as depopulation and the super-aging of society advance, as awareness of global environment and energy problems as well as safety and security increases, and as decentralization of government and citizen participation increase in Japan.

Amid these circumstances, Saitama City has listed acquisition of Safe Community Designation in the 2nd period basic plan of our Saitama City Comprehensive Development Plan. We will promote Safe Community activities with passion to create a city where all residents can live safely. We would like to ask you to give us support and guidance for the development of our city.

Sincerely yours,

Hayato Shimizu
Saitama City mayor

