1. Current Situation
In 2017, the total number of fatalities caused by traffic accidents was 3,694. This is the lowest number since 1948 when the NPA started to collect traffic statistics under the current formula. The total number of traffic accidents and the total number of injuries have fallen over the past thirteen years.

2. Enforcement
The police analyze the current situation of traffic accidents precisely and place emphasis on enforcement against vicious and serious violations resulting in serious accidents including fatal ones, such as unlicensed driving, driving under the influence (DUI), serious speeding violations and ignoring traffic signals. The police also focus on illegal parking and reckless driving by motorcycle gangs (Bosozoku).

Among all traffic violations, DUI and unlicensed driving are the most serious issues. The law has been tightened against these violations in recent years. The police have been placing strong efforts on apprehending not only the drivers but also those who aid and abet the drivers to commit such violations.

In addition, the police have also intensified their efforts to hold corporations and employers responsible for serious violations committed by their drivers.