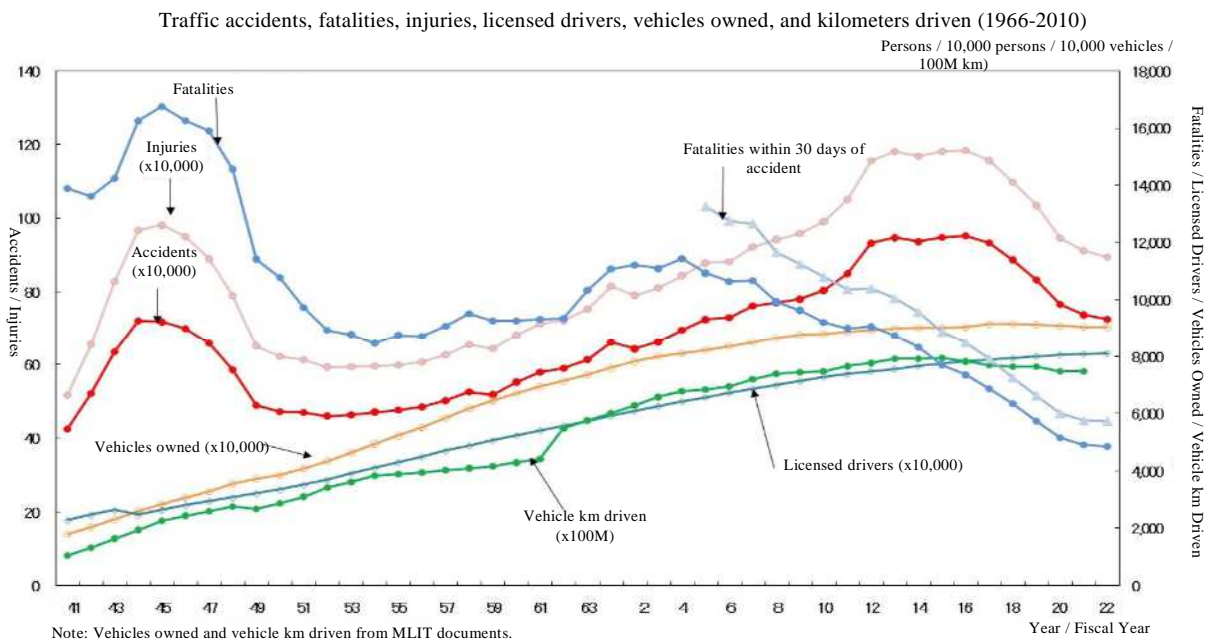


Chapter 3: Ensuring Safe and Comfortable Transportation

Section 1: Traffic Accidents in 2010

Traffic fatalities in 2010 fell to 4,863, below that of 2009 when fatalities fell below 5,000 for the first time in 57 years since 1952. Accidents and injuries also fell for the sixth

straight year, falling below 900,000 injuries for the first time in 16 years. However, the more than 700,000 accidents are still cause for concern.



Section 2: Fostering Awareness of Road Safety

1. Police Initiatives to Eradicate Drunk Driving

In 2010, traffic accidents attributed to drunk driving decreased for the 10th consecutive year. Police actively inform the public of the dangers of drunk driving and the facts about drunken driving accidents, and promote traffic safety education. Police are working to make Japan a society that does not tolerate drunk driving with the help of private organizations. The police have appealed for cooperation from related industries in measures to deter drunk driving and are calling for people to pick a designated driver. Police also continue to strictly enforce laws to stamp out drunk driving.

2. Promoting Safe Use of Bicycles

In 2010, 20.9% of all traffic accidents were bicycle-related. In a joint initiative, the NPA and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism (MLIT) specified model areas for development of bicycle-safe traffic environments. In conjunction with road administrators and based on results of this initiative, police are committed to developing bicycle-safe environments by establishing bicycle lanes, constructing bicycle paths and other efforts. Police are also committed to education of bicycle traffic rules using the Traffic Safety Education Guidelines, and promote bicycle safety education for children with cooperation from schools.



Example Bicycle Lane

Section 3: Driver Measures

Police are committed to enriching education for drivers when they apply for driver's licenses and after acquiring their license. The chances for driver's education are systematically placed during the driver's license distribution process and at different stages afterwards. Police are also working to enhance measures for elderly drivers by having them complete pre-training exams (cognitive testing) and basing senior driver training on the results.

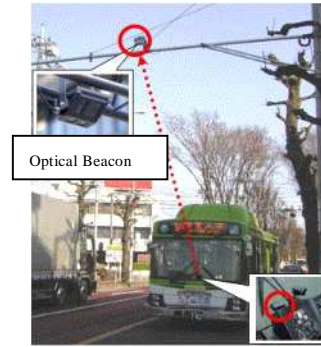


Senior driver training with driving aptitude test equipment

Section 4: Improvements for Traffic Environments

1. Making Traffic Environments Safer

Police are working on improving traffic signals, road signs and other traffic safety equipment. Police are also working to mitigate traffic congestion and pollution by trying to make traffic flow more orderly with traffic control systems and providing collected and analyzed data as traffic information.



Public Transportation Priority System

2. Using IT in Road Transportation

Police are committed to optimizing traffic management using the latest information and communication technology. Police are working to develop a Public Transportation Priority System (PTPS) and other new traffic management systems. The PTPS is a system of controlling traffic lights to give preference to buses and other mass public transport using optical beacons.

3. Revitalizing Cities with General Parking Measures

Besides aggravating traffic congestion and obstructing safe passage, illegal parking harms the living conditions of local residents and has significant impacts on life in general.

In order to ensure orderly parking, the police are continuously reviewing current parking regulations. To control illegal parking, police strictly enforce regulations based on the views of local residents and other matters, and in line with established and published guidelines.

Section 5: Maintaining Road Traffic Order

1. Traffic Law Enforcement

The police are committed to enforcing traffic laws focused on cracking down on extreme and dangerous infractions which lead directly to traffic accidents, such as

driving without a license, drunk driving, excessive speeding, and ignoring traffic signals, as well as infractions which many local residents have voiced demand for enforcement. In 2010, there were 8,040,944 road traffic violations ticketed.

2. Promoting General Measures Against Motorcycle Gangs (*Boso-zoku*)

The Traffic Division and other police divisions are working together to promote a crackdown on motorcycle gangs by

applying various laws and regulations. Police are committed to dismantling motorcycle gangs and getting members to withdraw.

3. Traffic Accident Investigations

The police are working to conduct accurate traffic accident investigations. Specialist education is in place to develop traffic investigators with advanced knowledge and skills concerning forensic road traffic investigation.