



# **Environmentally Sustainable Transport Initiative in Japan**

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Japan:

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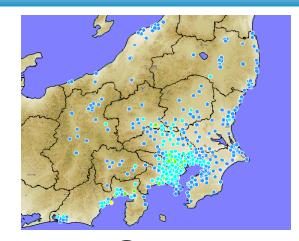
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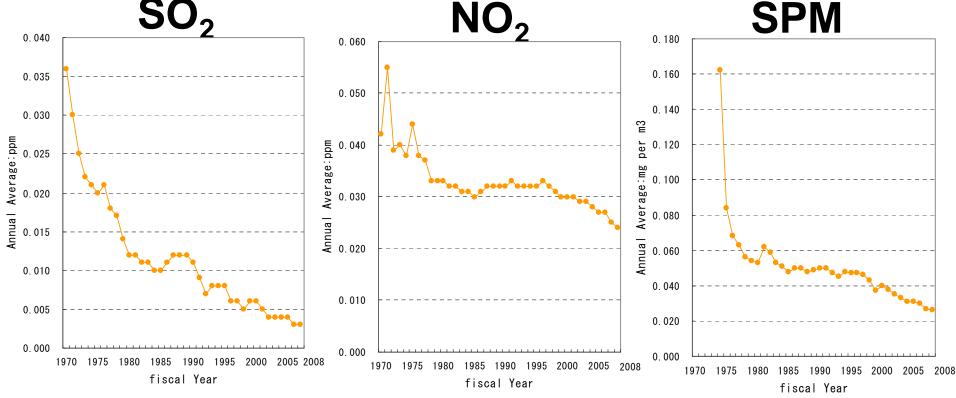
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## 1. Air Pollution Measures

## Air Quality in Japan

- In Japan, air pollution levels are constantly measured at the 1,987 nationwide monitoring stations managed by prefectures in accordance with the Air Pollution Control Law.
- Although air pollution levels have improved in most regions, some areas (mainly in the Tokyo metropolitan area) need further improvement.

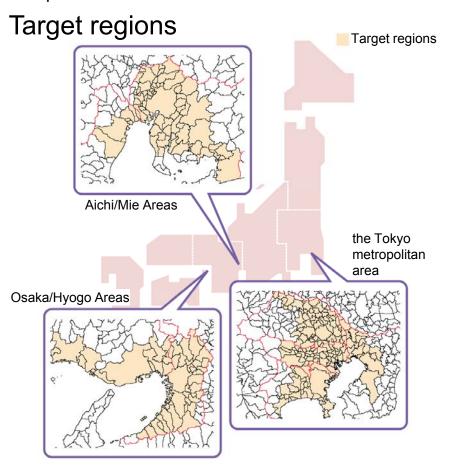




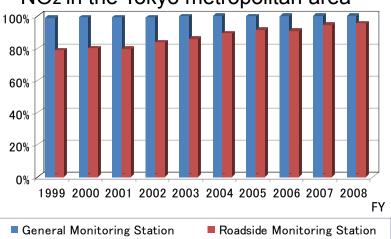
#### **Automotive NOx and PM Law**

#### ➤ Measures

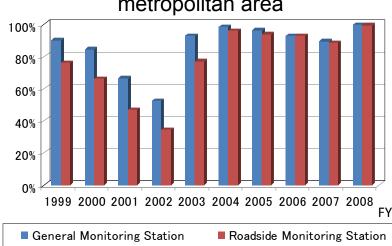
- · Formulation of each local government's master plan to reduce exhaust fumes
- Restriction of registration renewal of old model vehicles
- Formulation of each company's vehicle management plan.



The level of attainment of environmental quality standards for NO<sub>2</sub> in the Tokyo metropolitan area



The level of attainment of environmental quality standards for SPM in the Tokyo metropolitan area



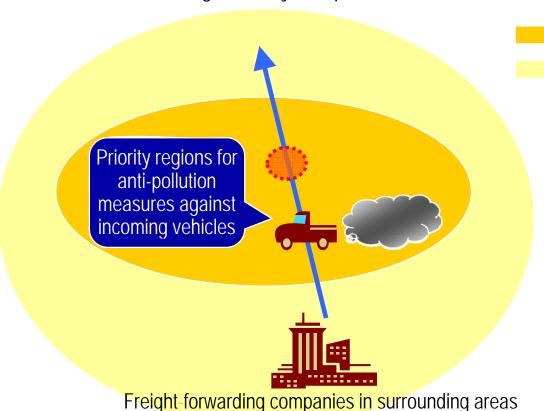
Attainment of Environmental Standards

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#### **Revision of Automotive NOx and PM Law**

#### >New measures

- (1) Municipal anti-pollution measures
  - Designation of priority regions for anti-pollution measures by each prefectural governor
  - Implementation of mandating measures against new construction of particular buildings.
- (2) Measures against incoming vehicles
  - Implementation of mandatory measures for freight-forwarding companies in surrounding areas
  - Effort obligations by companies



Target areas regulated by the existing laws

Newly expanded target areas for measures (" Surrounding areas")

Designation process of surrounding areas

- 1. Priority regions for anti-pollution measures against incoming vehicles are designated.
- 2. Surrounding areas with many incoming vehicles within the above priority regions are designated.

Aim to achieve the goal for EQS by 2010 (by the earliest possible time)

#### Framework for Vehicle Exhaust Emission Standard

#### **Air Pollution Control Law**

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Permissible limit of vehicle exhaust emissions



#### **Road Transport and Motor Vehicle Law**

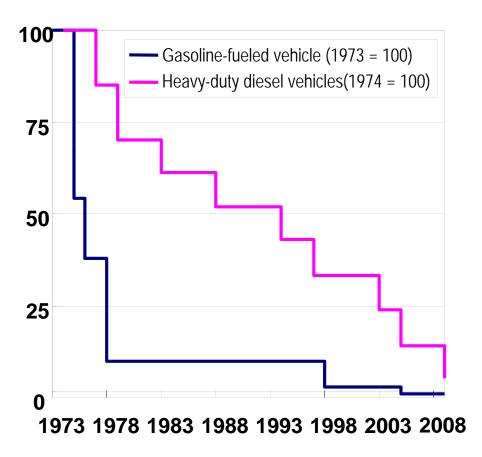
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Establishment of exhaust emission standard based on the vehicle safety standards



No vehicle can be newly registered unless the standards are met.

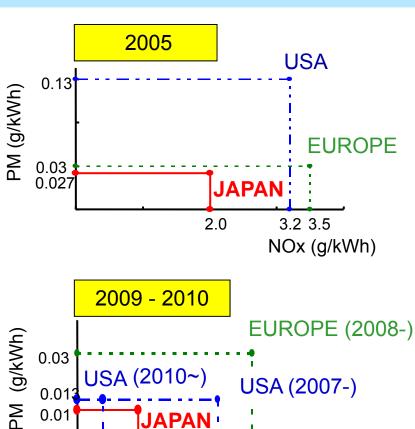
#### **Vehicle Exhaust Emission Control**

# Changes in NOx emission control in Japan



The permissible limit of exhaust emission based on the Air Pollution Control Law applied after 2009 was renewed in December 2007.

# Comparison of emission controls among Japan, USA, and EU



1.6

2.0

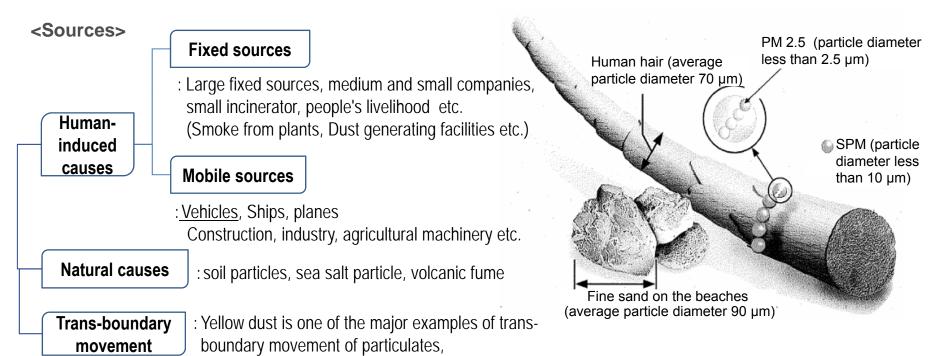
NOx (g/kWh)

0.27 0.7

## **Environmental Standards on PM<sub>2.5</sub>**

#### $PM_{2.5}$

 $PM_{2.5}$  refers to suspended particulates in the air that are smaller than 2.5µm. There are concerns about the health effects of  $PM_{2.5}$  due to the fact that it can be easily inhaled deeply into the respiratory system and that various harmful substances are absorbed into and attached to the surfaces of those particulates.



Japanese environmental standards for PM<sub>2.5</sub>
Annual average : Less than 15 μg/m<sup>3</sup>
Daily average: Less than 35 μg/m<sup>3</sup>

Size of particles (Comparison to human hair and fine sand on the beaches)

(Outline drawing)

## 2. Road Traffic Safety

#### Changes in Traffic Accident Statistics in Japan

- ➤ The number of traffic-related fatalities in 2009 was 4,914 falling below 5,000 for the first time in 57 years, and the number decreased for nine consecutive years.
- Aim to achieve further reductions in traffic-related fatalities to become the country with the safest roads in the world.
- The number of traffic accidents and casualties remains high.

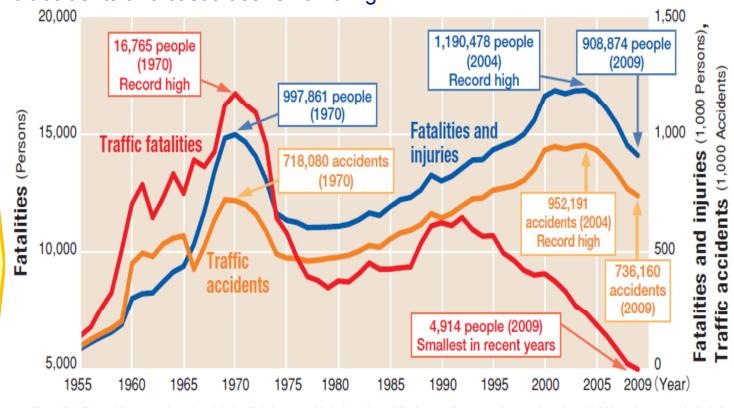
Fasten Seatbelts

Eradication of drinking and driving

Promotion of eco driving (Green driving)

Road improvements

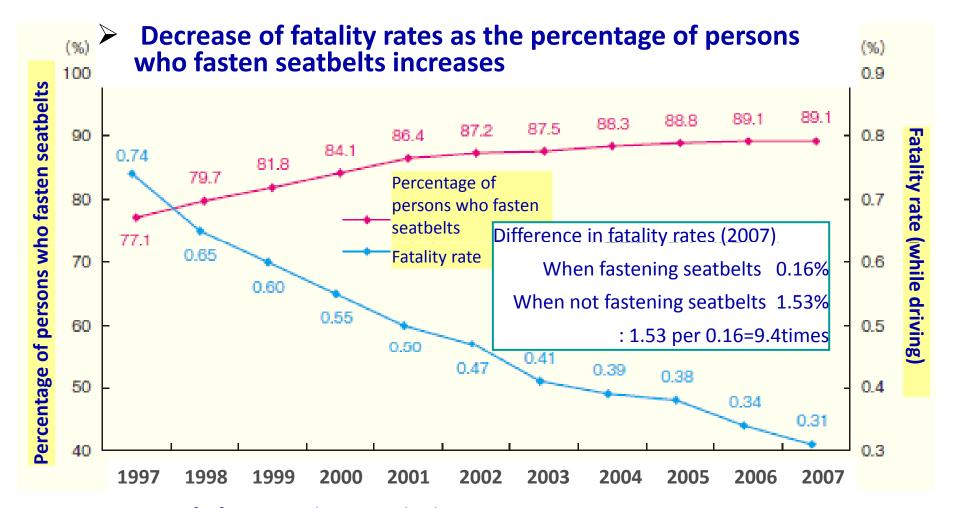
Other measures
Roads and
vehicles



- \*1 Up until 1959, accidents causing minor injuries (injuries treatable in less than eight days and property damage less than 20,000 yen) were not included.
- \*2 In and after 1966, the number of accidents does not include property damage.
- \*3 In and before 1971, Okinawa Prefecture is not included in the numbers of accidents, fatalities and injuries.

Source: Data from the National Police Agency

#### Decrease of fatality rates by fasten seatbelt



- 1. Source of information: the National Police Agency
- 2. Percentage of persons who fasten seatbelts = Number of persons killed/injured when fastening seatbelts (while driving) / Number of persons killed/injured (while driving) x 100
- 3. Fatality rate (while driving) = Number of persons killed (while driving) / Number of persons killed/injured (while driving) x 100

## **Road Traffic Safety Measures**

- > 71% of fatal and injury accidents are concentrated in the 22% of the sections of arterial roads
- > Implement countermeasures from higher priority areas depending on traffic accident rate

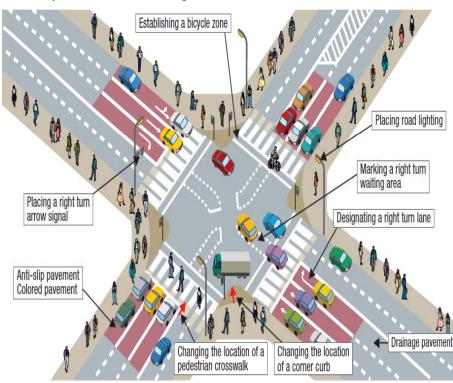
#### Accident occurrence on arterial roads

Nationwide incidence of death or injury accidents (on arterial roads)

(Number of accidents/100 million vehicle km) 2,000 ncidence of death or injury accidents Incidence of 100 or over Incidence of less than 100 1,500 Priority action sections: Approx. 150,000 sections 1,000 (71% of all death and injury accidents occur in 22% of these sections.) 500 Sections where accidents Sections where accidents have occurred: 50% have not occurred: 50% 200,000 400.000 600,000 Approx. 710,000 sections

\* Created from data on averages of accidents that occurred during four years (2003-2006) on approximately 180,000 km of national and prefectural roads throughout Japan.

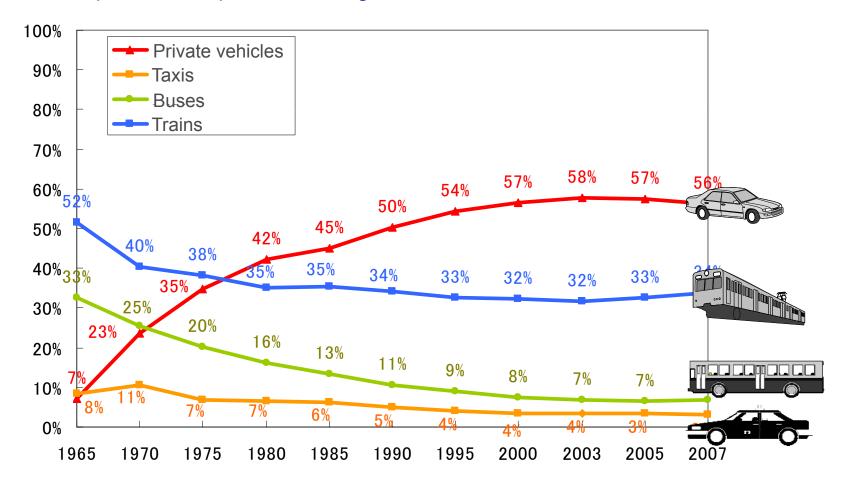
#### Example of measures in high accident section



3. Promotion of utilization of public transport

## Changes in Public Transport Users

- The number of public transport users are declining due to an increase in the rate of use of private vehicles with the progress in motorization. However, the tendency has been recovering in recent years.
- In particular, as the number of bus users has been significantly decreasing, the future of local public transport is endangered.



#### **Act on Promotion and Restoration of Regional Public Transport**

**Necessities for Promotion and Restoration of Regional Public Transport** 

Maintenance of the transport

Promotion of Sightseeing

**Environmental Problems** 

Duty of the consent for the

request of the participation to

#### **Basic Guidelines**

Formulation and Implementation of Coordinative Plan

**Statutory Committee** 

Municipality Public Transport business operator

Inhabitant

Administrator of Roads and Ports

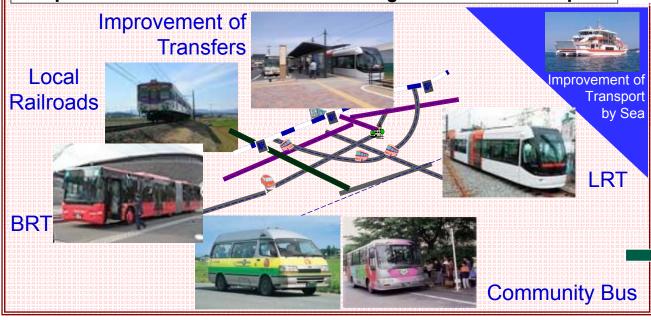
**Public Safety Commission** 

Public comments

the committee

- Suggested system
- Obligation of the respect of the discussion result

Comprehensive Coordinative Plan of Regional Public Transport



Support by the Government

Budget

Legal Measures

#### **Comprehensive Subsidiary System for Infrastructure Improvement**

Provision of comprehensive and integrated support for core infrastructure improvement projects and related infrastructure improvement and content-focused projects(so-called "soft projects").

Introduction of a comprehensive subsidiary system that is highly flexible for local governments so that they can take advantage of their own creative approaches.

#### Illustrations of the urban development project as a core project

Core projects

Improvement of various mutually cooperated urban transportation facilities



Improvement of connection points of various means of transpor



Introduction of Bicycle Sharing System



Improvement of bus stops etc.



Improvement of walkways

Projects to promote efficacy

Enhancing the attractiveness of public transport



Introduction of LRT trains



Pilot Program of a transit mall

<sup>\*</sup> Picture shown for illustration purposes only



Realizing "a city where convenience of walking is effectively utilized" by properly dividing the roles of various transportation methods including walking, bicycles, vehicles, and public transport.

#### Efforts for Winning Back Public Transport Users (Toyama City)

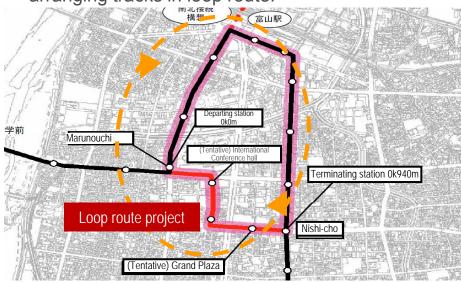
- Implemented efforts to improve dead tram tracks and created Japan's first full scale LRT.
- Facilitated the connection between LRT and buses to improve the overall convenience of public transportation.

➤ The number of users increased 2.1 times for weekdays and 3.8 times for weekends compared to before the operations started.

■ Improvement of operation services



■ Enhancement of migration in an urban area by arranging tracks in loop route.



Route map: Reference from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Images: Taken from Toyama Press release

■ Introduction of low floor trams and barrier free stations



Smooth connection between bus and LRT



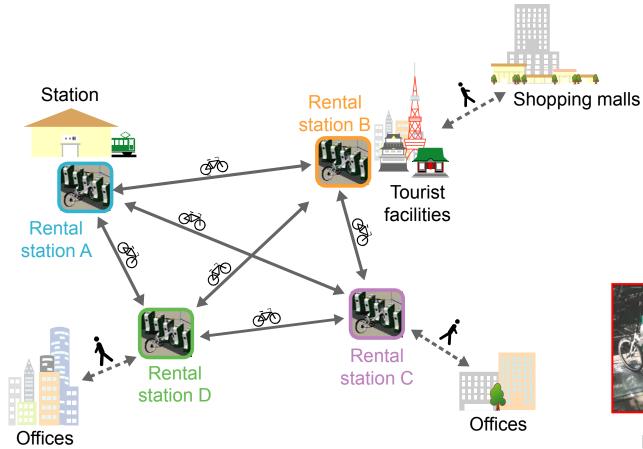
# 4. Cycle Sharing System

## What is Cycle Sharing System?

- Bicycles can be rented from and returned to any designated rental station.
- Bicycles can be returned to a station different from where they are rented.
- Multiple designated rental stations tend to be closely located to each other.

Establish a station as an unattended, 24/7 system by utilizing IC cards(Smart

cards) etc.



Outline drawing of Bicycle Sharing System



Bicycle Sharing trial project in Sapporo



Bicycle Sharing trial project in Tokyo

#### **Status of Cycle Sharing Pilot Programs**

Bicycle Sharing system has been introduced in various places

throughout Japan on a trial basis.



Sapporo



Hiroshima

Kita Kyushu

Chiyoda-Ku

Yokohama

Chigasaki

Matsuyama

Nagoya

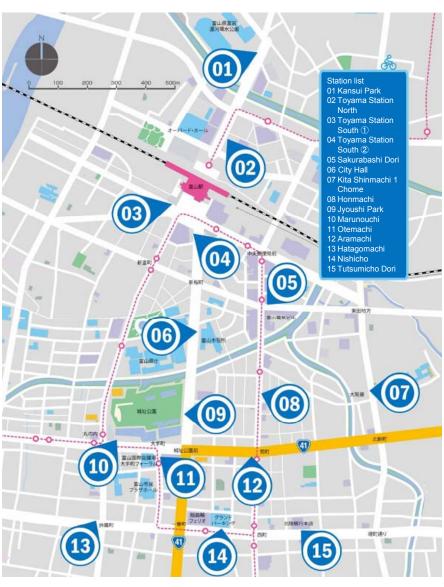


Cities where Bicycle Sharing system was introduced on a trial basis

## **Cycle Sharing System in Toyama City**

- First attempt in Japan as a standing facility
- ➤ Started operation in the City of Toyama in March, 2010
- ≥15 rental stations distributed
- ≥150 bicycles provided
- ➤ Basic Rate: JPY 500 per month
- ➤ For every rental:
  - No fee required for up to 30 minutes of use
  - JPY 200 for use between 30 and 60 minutes
  - JPY 500 for 60 minutes and longer





(Picture, Reference) Citizens' Bicycle Shared Use System Project , March 2010, Toyama municipal environmental policy division

# 5. Mobility Management

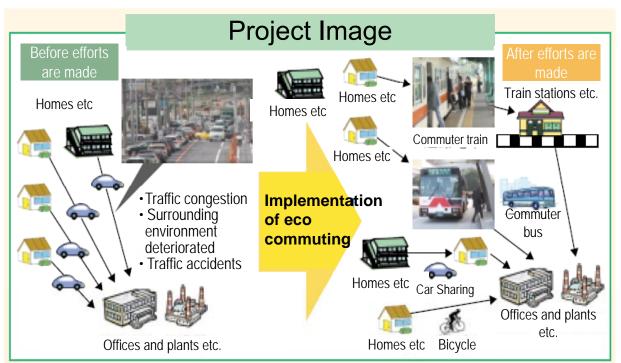
## **Mobility Management**

#### What is Mobility Management?

- Mobility management is a communication-oriented transport policy to create a favorable transport environment for both society and individuals by promoting voluntary changes in mobility (attitude and behavior) such as facilitating the moderate use of public transport and bicycles to avoid excessive use of vehicles.

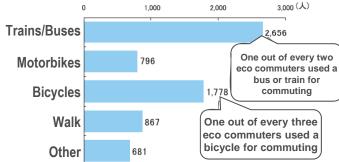
#### **Eco Commuting**

- One form of mobility management and an effort to promote changes in the means of transportation from private vehicles to public transport and bicycles.
- Appoint a person from each office in charge of considering the ideal means of transport for commuting and provide timetables and route maps for busses and trains and review commuting allowances.



In 2008, 840 companies nationwide implemented Eco Commuting projects. As a result, CO<sub>2</sub> emission was reduced by 11%

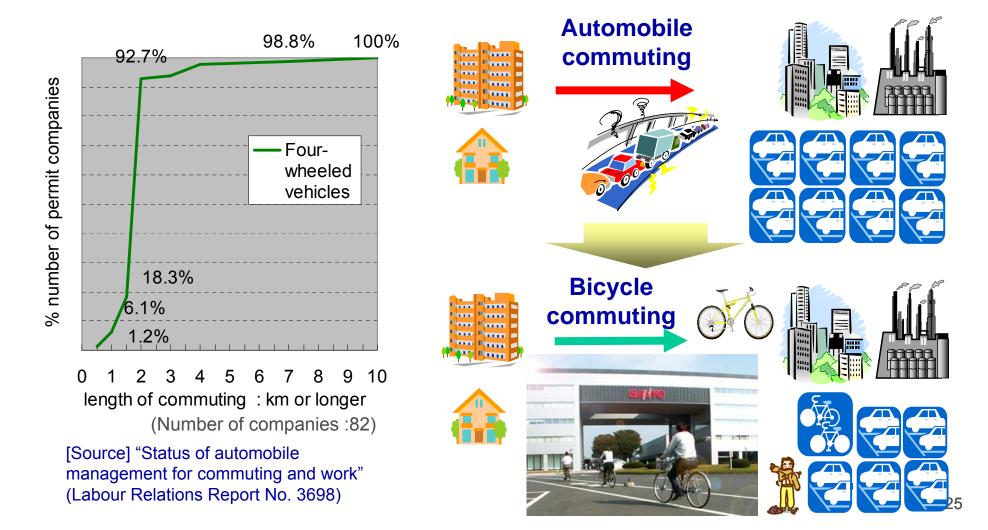
#### Means of transport used instead of vehicles



<sup>\*</sup> The above figures are taken from a survey of 5,188 eco commuters who answered "yes" when asked if they used a means of transportation other than vehicles as a part of eco commuting.

#### **Trend Towards Bicycle Commuting**

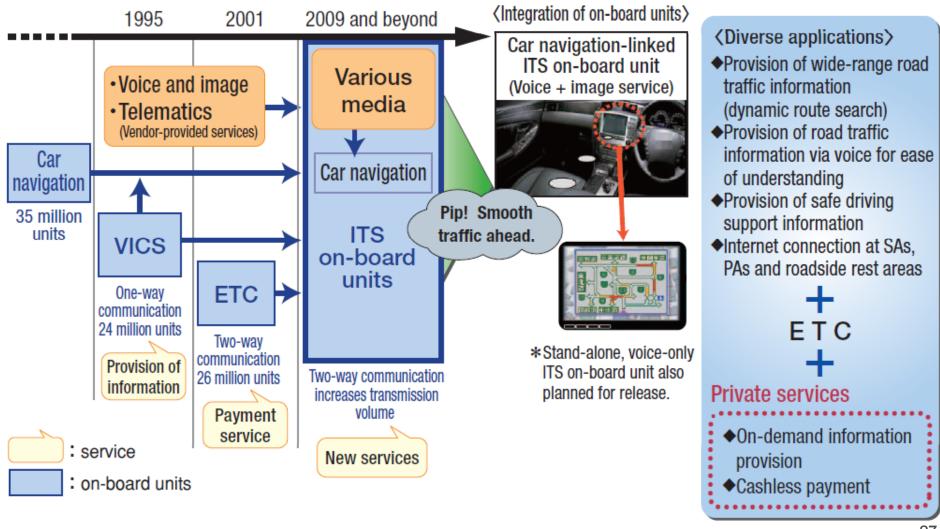
- In Japan, many companies permit employees to commute by private vehicles despite a short commute distance.
- ➤ On the other hand, environmentally-aware private companies promote their employees to switch from private vehicles to bicycles in commuting.



# 6. ITS(Intelligent Transport System)

## ITS ("Smart way" Service)

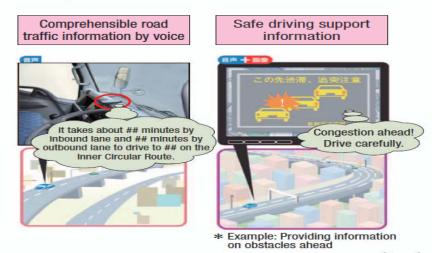
Integrated on-board system of car navigation system, VICS and ETC called "ITS" offers road-to-vehicle two-way communication

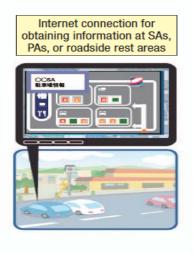


## ITS ("Smart way" Service)

- ➤ ITS provides drivers behind the wheel with information on traffic congestion and blockages to improve safety and driving efficiency.
- > Field experiment testing started in 2007 and the service started in 2009.
- Dedicated Short Range Communication service (DSRC service)







Nation-wide deployment under way

- Demonstrations in progress at SAs, PAs and roadside rest areas, among others.
- Standards, etc., have been already formulated.

Payment at parking lots, etc.



Uplink



Supporting efficient logistics operations



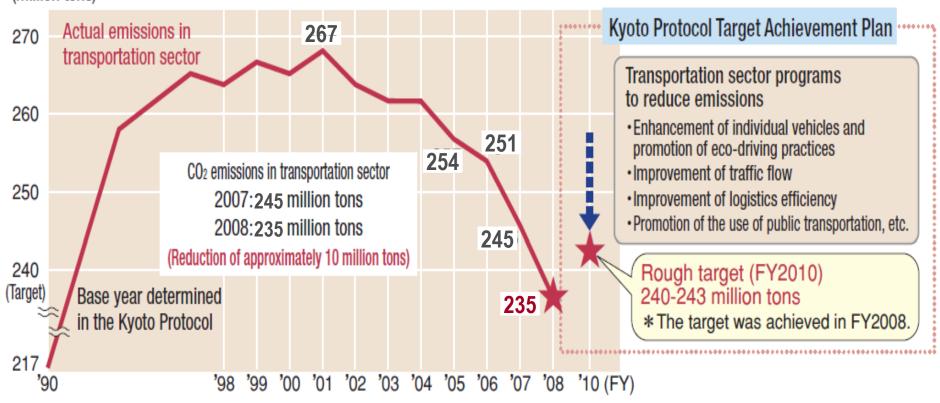
## 7. Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

## Changes in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions In the Transportation Sector

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transportation sector have been continuously reduced after peaking in 2001

#### Changes in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transportation sector

Energy-origin CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (million tons)



## Popularization of Environmentally Friendly Vehicles

➤ Low-pollution and fuel-efficient vehicles, mainly the hybrid vehicles, have been rapidly disseminated.



Electric vehicle

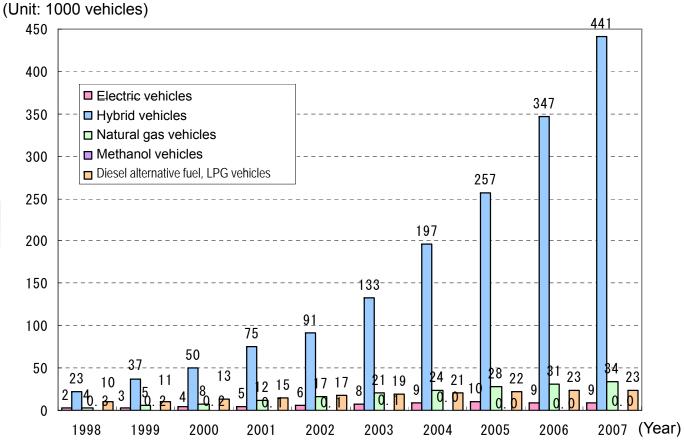
Changes in the number of environmentally-friendly vehicles



Hybrid vehicle



Natural gas vehicle



(Reference) Japan Automobile Research Institute, The Japan Gas Association,
Automobile Inspection & Registration Information Association, Organization for the promotion of low emission vehicles

#### **Promotion of Environmentally Friendly Vehicles**

In order to realize a low carbon society while stimulating demand for replacing and purchasing vehicles, taxes for environmentally efficient vehicles are exempted or reduced for a limited time; in addition, a subsidiary system has been introduced for purchasing environmentally friendly vehicles.

#### Exemption and reduction of vehicle weight tax and vehicle acquisition tax (2009 -2012)

Electric vehicles (including fuel cell powered vehicles), plug-in hybrid vehicles, clean diesel vehicles, natural gas vehicles, hybrid vehicles	Exemption
Vehicles with a four-star rating in emission standard and vehicles with fuel efficiency 25% above the standard Vehicles that complies with new long term regulations and vehicles achieving fuel efficiency standard for heavy-duty vehicles	75% Reduction
Vehicles with a four-star rating in emission standard and vehicles achieving fuel efficiency 15% above the standard Heavy-duty vehicles with a one-star rating in emission standard and vehicles achieving the fuel efficiency standard for heavy-duty vehicles	50% Reduction

#### Subsidiaries for replacing and purchasing environmentally friendly vehicles (2009 -2010)

Requirements	Registered vehicles	Light –duty vehicles
Subsidiaries provided for purchasing new vehicles including discarding old vehicles. (When replacing vehicles of 13 years and older with vehicles achieving 2010 fuel efficiency standard.)	25 0,000 yen	125,000 yen
Subsidiaries provided for purchasing new vehicles without discarding old vehicles (Vehicles with a four-star rating emission standard and a fuel efficiency 15% above the 2010 fuel efficiency standard)	100,000 yen	50,000 yen

Requirements	Small sized vehicles (3.5 ton ranges)	Medium sized vehicles (8 ton ranges)	Large sized vehicles (12 tons ranges)
Subsidiaries provided for purchasing new vehicles including discarding old vehicles. (When replacing vehicles 13 years old and older with vehicles achieving the new long term standard.)	400,000 yen	800,000 yen	1,800,000 yen
Subsidiaries provided for purchasing new vehicles without discarding old vehicles. (vehicles achieving 2015 fuel efficiency standard and heavy vehicles with a one-star rating in emission standard)	200,000 yen	400,000 yen	900,000 yen

## **Promotion of Eco Driving(Green Driving)**

#### Action Plan for the Diffusion and Promotion of Eco Drive Eco Drive Diffusion Network June 2006

The project covers things that the government, local governments, private organizations and drivers must work on with the aim of sufficient diffusion and implementation of Eco Drive

- > Position November as "Eco Drive Promotion Month" and aggressively work to diffuse and promote Eco Driving.
- > Formulate a new "10 Eco Driving Tips" and use it commonly for the diffusion and promotion of Eco Driving.
- 1. Softly depress the accelerator "e Start"
- 2. Drive with less acceleration and deceleration
  - 3. Release the accelerator early
- 4. Use the air conditioner moderately
  - 5. Stop idling

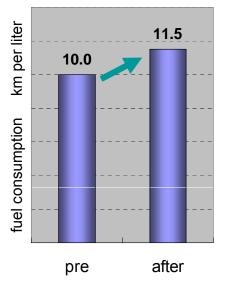
Japan"

- 6. Properly perform warm-up.
- 7. Utilize traffic information—
- 8. Frequently check the air pressure of the tires
- 9. Leave unnecessary items
- 10. Don't park the car illegally

Case example 1

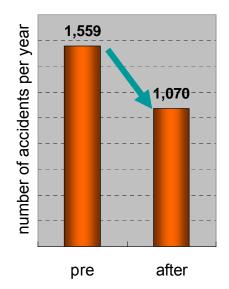
**Fuel consumption** improved by approx. + 15%





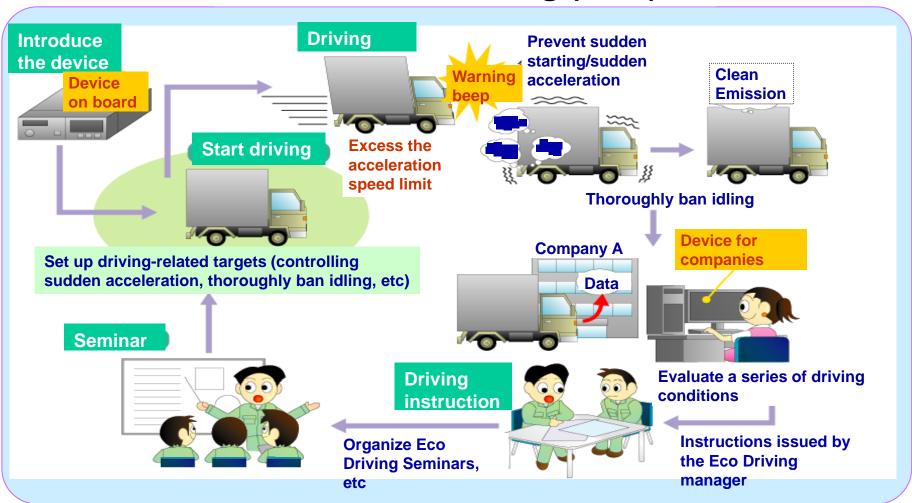
Case example 2

**Reduce Accidents** -31% per year



#### Case Example Of Eco Driving (Green Driving) Measures

#### **Outline of Eco Driving (EMS)**

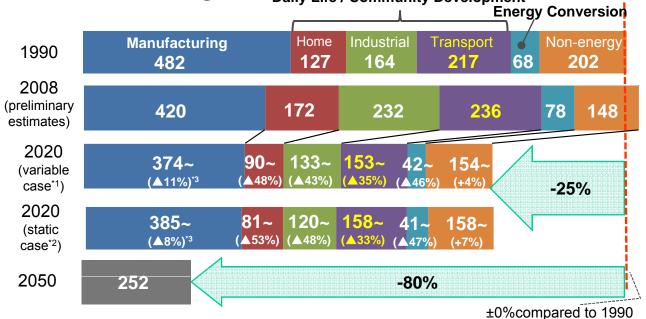


## **Challenge 25**

Speech by former P.M. Yukio Hatoyama UN Summit on Climate Change

#### - Mitigation -

"Emission reduction by 25% by 2020 compared to the 1990 level premised on establishment of a fair and effective international framework in which all major economies participate and agreement of ambitious targets" Daily Life / Community Development





<sup>\*2:</sup> An "Static Industrial Macro-frame Case" where the operation levels in the industrial sector are static.



#### **Challenge 25 Campaign**

- → The 6 Challenges
- Choose an environmentallyfriendly lifestyle
- Choose energy-saving products
- Choose natural energies
- Choose environmentallyfriendly buildings and houses
- Support activities and products that lead to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Participate in community activities to prevent global warming

<sup>\*3:</sup> Emission reduction levels compared to 2008.



Please visit the following websites for further details.



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Change for the future Change by Japan.



Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism http://www.mlit.go.jp/english/index.html



