

Focal Points of the Ninth Fundamental Traffic Safety Program

Process

The Central Traffic Safety Measures Committee expert advisors meeting held in February 2010

Based on examination and discussion

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Program period:
FY 2011 - FY 2015
(Five years)

1. Basic Principles of the Program

- Based on the principle of respecting human life, as well as the consideration of the significant social and economic losses arising from traffic accidents, we should aim to ultimately achieve a society with no traffic accidents.
- We will follow the basic principle of people first in order to further secure the safety of pedestrians, who are vulnerable in relation to cars, as well as the safety of those especially vulnerable, such as the elderly, the disabled, and children.

2. Road Traffic Safety

Objectives Set in Road Traffic Safety

- 1) To attain the world's safest road traffic, by reducing the annual number of fatalities within 24 hours after a traffic accident to 3,000* or less.
(*If relate this 3,000 to the ratio of the number of deaths within 24 hours and the number of deaths within 30 days it is approximately 3,500 people)
- 2) To reduce the annual number of casualties to less than 700,000 persons.

Measures for Road Traffic Safety

<Viewpoints>

- 1) Traffic safety for the elderly and children
- 2) Traffic safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- 3) Traffic safety on residential roads and highways.

<Measures Pillars>

- 1) Improving the road traffic environment
- 2) Comprehensively implementing traffic safety awareness initiatives
- 3) Securing safe driving
- 4) Ensuring vehicle safety
- 5) Maintaining road traffic order
- 6) Enhancing rescue and emergency services systems
- 7) Promoting victim support, including the appropriate compensation system
- 8) Enhancing R&D and study activities

3. Railway Traffic Safety

Objectives Set in Railway Traffic Safety

- 1) To reduce the number of passenger fatalities to zero.
- 2) To reduce the overall number of death accidents during operations.

Measures for Railway Traffic Safety

<Viewpoints>

- 1) Prevention of serious train accidents
- 2) Utilizing lessons learned from past accidents

<Measures Pillars>

- 1) Improving the railway traffic environment
- 2) Dissemination of knowledge about the safety of rail traffic, etc.

4. Traffic Safety at Railway Crossings

Objective Set in Traffic Safety at Level Crossings

To reduce the number of accidents at level crossings by 10% compared to 2010 by 2015.

Measures for Traffic Safety at Level Crossings

<Viewpoint>

Promoting effective measures that take into account the conditions of each level crossing.

<Measures Pillars>

- 1) Promoting replacement of level crossings with grade-separated crossings, structural improvements, and improvement of grade separation facilities for pedestrians
- 2) Improving level crossing maintenance facilities and implementing traffic regulations, etc.

5. Maritime Traffic Safety

Objectives Set in Maritime Traffic Safety

- 1) To reduce the number of marine vessels accidents in Japan (excluding those by foreign vessels not calling at Japan) by approximately 10% (or below 2,220 vessels) by 2015.
- 2) To prevent the occurrence of large-scale maritime accidents in the "congested waters," which cause significant social impact, such as large number of casualties or routes obstruction, and bring the number of the occurrence of those accidents to zero.

Measures for the Maritime Traffic Safety

<Viewpoints>

- 1) Promoting various measures continuously to prevent maritime accidents
- 2) Improving and enhancing the systems for prompt lifesaving

<Measures Pillars>

- 1) Improving the maritime traffic environment
- 2) Disseminating knowledge on maritime safety, etc.

6. Air Traffic Safety

Objective Set in Air Traffic Safety

Continue the record of zero passenger fatalities in certain domestic air carriers continuing since 1986.

Measures for the Air Traffic Safety

<Viewpoints>

- 1) Restoring confidence in air transport safety
- 2) Establishing safe and efficient air traffic systems
- 3) Introduction of the national security plan

<Measures Pillars>

- 1) Change to general safety management
- 2) Improving the aviation traffic environment, etc.