

Securing Traffic Safety in School Roads

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the National Police Agency are collaborating on promoting following measures to ensure traffic safety in school roads based on the results of the urgent joint inspections implemented in FY2012.

Implementation of measures based on the results of the urgent joint inspections

In FY 2012, urgent joint inspections were carried out in school roads to and from public elementary schools as well as public special elementary schools and traffic safety measures are being promoted in those places which need to be given attention by the schools, education boards, road administrators, and police.

- Efforts of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
The Ministry dispatches advisers on the school road traffic safety to municipalities in special need and under the necessary guidance and advice from expert viewpoints and supports the joint inspection and implementation of safety measures in school roads in close cooperation with schools, education boards and relevant organization.
- Efforts of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
The Ministry supports the implementation of traffic safety measures including the development of pedestrian lanes, color pavement of road shoulders, installation of protection fences and others in close cooperation with relevant organizations such as schools, education boards and road administrators.



< An example of securing safety by the installation of a pedestrian road >

- Efforts of the Police
In order to secure traffic safety in school roads, the police are collaborate with schools, education boards, and road administrators to promote measures including development of traffic signals, pedestrian crossings and others .

Efforts on traffic safety education aimed at safe transit in school roads

Both the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the National Police Agency are poised to improve the awareness and ability to safely transit roads including school roads by promoting the preparation of guidance reference materials and the implementation of effective traffic safety education so as to enable elementary and middle school children to learn the necessary knowledge and technique as pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with their growth stage on the basis of the plan on the promotion of school safety (cabinet decision of April 27, 2012) and the traffic safety education guidance (announcement 15 of National Public Safety Commission of 1998).

Future efforts for securing traffic safety in school roads

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the National Police Agency have compiled the basic programs which are considered necessary to steadily and effectively implement future efforts for securing traffic safety in school roads.

1. Building promotion system

In addition to formulating basic policies aimed to securing traffic safety in school roads by local communities, in order to continuously promote efforts based on the formulated basic policies, it is necessary to build a promotion system including setting up a consultative meeting which is composed by relevant persons and held periodically.

2. Formulating basic policies

(1) Implementation policy of joint inspection

To establish the implementation timing, system and method of joint inspection

(2) Implementation policy of PDCA cycle for securing safety in school roads

Since it is necessary to repeatedly implement a series of cycles (PDCA cycle) including the implementation of joint inspection and review of measures, implementation of the measures, understanding of the effect of the measures and the improvement and enhancement of the measures in light of the results, it is considered that these efforts constitute the basic idea.

3. Publication and others

(1) Publication of the basic policies

When the basic policies have been formulated, it is important to provide information in an adequate manner on the building of the promotion system and to publish the summary of the basic policies on the website of local governments and local bulletins in order to obtain the cooperation of local people and road users.

(2) Preparation and publication of places subject to the implementation of measures and list of the measures.

In order to share the understanding with relevant organizations, places and areas which are subject to the implementation of measures, it is necessary to prepare and publish places subject to the implementation of measures and list of the measures.

[Information on the topic is available on the website of the government]

The current situation of efforts aimed to securing traffic safety in school roads is available on:
<http://www.mlit.go.jp/road/sesaku/tsugakuro.html>