

# Ensuring Traffic Safety of School Roads

3 ministries and agencies namely Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and National Police Agency implement the measures based on the result of Emergency Joint Inspection of school roads executed in FY 2012. At the end of FY 2015, implementation of the measures was completed in 68,931 places which were approximately 90% of the 74,483 places for which it was necessary to take measures.

Moreover, even after the execution of measures based on the Emergency Joint Inspection, schools, Board of Education, road Administrator and prefectural police force has been implementing coordinated efforts based on the school road traffic safety program planned by each municipality from FY 2013, to promote the efforts of execution of regular joint inspection and improvement and enhancement of measures in each region. The important points that should be noted by the 3 ministries and agencies for the future were arranged as follows and notified in November, 2016.

## 1. Steady Promotion of the Measures Based on Emergency Joint Inspection

Emergency measures such as ensuring safety by arrangement of school guards or monitoring team are inspected and executed for the places for which it is necessary to take measures. These places include the places for which any measures are not yet completed and places where a considerable time period might be required to implement and complete the measures.

## 2. Continuous Efforts for Ensuring the Traffic Safety of School Roads

Even after executing the measures based on the Emergency Joint Inspection, execution of regular joint inspection and measures based on the school road traffic safety programs, understanding of effect of these measures and improvement and enhancement of the measures according to that, are executed as a series of PDCA cycle and continuous efforts for ensuring the traffic safety of school roads are promoted. Particularly, if required, Joint Inspection is carried out for the places where there is a change in the road traffic environment or change of school roads, and necessary measures are examined after extracting the problems.

Moreover, in the cities, towns and villages wherein the promotion system to execute these efforts is not established, a system is immediately established that includes the use of existing organizations.

## 3. Efforts Involving National and Private Schools

Cooperation of related departments and agencies is reinforced so that public schools, national and private schools can also execute the efforts based on the school road traffic safety program by participating in the promotion system.

### Content of efforts based on the Emergency Joint Inspection result of the school roads and school road traffic safety program.

○ Efforts of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

When Joint Inspection of school roads or examination of safety measures is carried out with the cooperation of schools, Board of Education and related institutions and the efforts to improve efficacy are supported by obtaining guidance and advise from the school road safety measures advisor who might have a special point of view, particularly in the cities, towns and villages wherein the measures are necessary. Apart from that, the efforts such as effectively implementing monitoring activity of students while going to and coming from school are supported by local volunteers.

○ Efforts of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

In cooperation with related organizations such as schools, Board of Education, road administrators, execution of traffic safety measures such as development of sidewalks, installation of colored pavements on road shoulders, installation of protective fences, introduction of humps and road narrowing for controlling speed or controlling entry of the vehicles into the traffic, is supported.

**Example of ensuring safety by installation of sidewalks**



○Efforts of the police

To ensure the traffic safety of school roads, the police promote measures such as provision of traffic light or pedestrian crossing, in cooperation with concerned authorities such as schools, Board of Education and road administrator etc.

**New construction of signals, relocation of pedestrian crossing**



Before execution of the measures



After execution of the measures

**New construction of pedestrian crossing**



Before execution of the measures



After execution of the measures

## Efforts Related to Traffic Safety Education for Safety of School Roads

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and National Police Agency, based on the plan related to promotion of school safety (approved by the cabinet on April 27, 2012) and traffic safety teaching suggestions (1998 National Public Safety Commission announcement 15), for elementary school students and junior high school students, aims at improvement of consciousness and ability to ensure safety on the roads including the school roads by activities such as promotion of creating teaching reference material or executing effective traffic safety education, to acquire knowledge and skills necessary as pedestrians or users of vehicles depending on the development stage.

### [Publishing Destination of the Government Homepage]

For the efforts to ensure the traffic safety of school roads, below mentioned homepage is published.

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