

Status of Implementation of the Training for Cyclists

The training for cyclists has been implemented since June 2015 for cyclists who repeat illegal acts (dangerous acts) which may endanger traffic safety, in order to raise their "Awareness" of the importance of safe driving and prevent cyclists from endangering traffic safety.

In light of the fact that about three-fifth of the cyclists involved in traffic accidents had violated laws or ordinances, the training has been introduced with the understanding that it was indispensable to let traffic rules be fully known by bicycle users in order to prevent traffic accidents by bicycles.

The training includes a variety of content provided according to the behavioural characteristics of the participants, such as checking on the understanding of traffic rules through a small test, presentation of cases of violations that are likely to be committed and simulated experience of danger through audio-visual teaching materials, learning and discussions on dangerous acts. A total of 24 bicycle drivers who repeated illegal hazardous actions, such as riding on a braking-device deficient bicycle (bicycle without brake) and ignoring the traffic signals during within 1 year (From June, 2015 to May, 2016) after enforcement of the course.

With regard to age and gender of the persons who took the training, maximum participants were in their twenties that are there were 9 men in their twenties and with regard to the dangerous actions which became the cause for the training; there were 26 cases of bicycle with defective brake mechanism.

When the state of occurrence of traffic accident related to bicycles was observed for 1 year after enforcing the training system, the number of cases was 93,484 and the number of fatalities was 517. As compared with the same period of the last year, the number of generated cases reduced by 14,032 (13.1%) and the number of fatalities reduced by 89 (14.7%). Besides this, when 24 people who had attended the training were asked about their impression after attending the lectures, and the reaction obtained was that the importance of the responsibilities as a cyclist were re-realized and they would spread the message around them of the importance of law observance as cyclists. This training demonstrated a certain effect on bicycle rider compliance and improvement in the safety awareness.

[Attendance Situation of Bicycle Rider Training (June, 2015 ~ May, 2016)]

○ Number of participants by age and gender

Age	Men	Women	Total
10 years	1	0	1
20 years	9	1	10
30 years	4	2	6
40 years	2	0	2
50 years	0	1	1
60 years	1	0	1
70 years	0	1	1
80 years	2	0	2
Total	19	5	24

○ Number of participants by dangerous acts

Name of Violation	Number of Violations
Driving of bicycle with brake failure	26
Traffic signal ignored	15
Entry to crossing gate	3
Violation of Safe-driving Practices	3
Violation of the Transit Division Act	1
Total	48