

Statement

Japan takes seriously the issue of road safety and has taken measures to steadily bring down the number of road traffic fatalities every single year over the last 6 years, bringing fatalities to just 2600 individuals or just 0.002pct of the population in the most recent year. Currently, we are in the middle of drafting a long term and comprehensive road traffic safety vision and basic strategy involving various ministries. In terms of implementation of our road safety measures, most recently, under the 11th traffic safety 5 year plan, Japan has taken a multi-pronged /cross sectoral approach of improving traffic safety of the most vulnerable such as the elderly and children, reinforcing compliance to traffic rules including for bicyclists, and increasing penalties against drunk driving and other risky practices and behaviors, involving different parts of government to ensure an effective, informed and reinforced compliance and response. The result, as we said earlier, speaks for itself.

Japan stands to share technical capacity and best practices for enhancing traffic safety in the region