

Research Report at Keidanren Kaikan on April 12, 2019

# 1806A What is needed to promote effective traffic safety education for school children?

# -Study on the Establishment of Educational Promotion Scheme-





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# Purpose of the Study

- Clarify the requirements for promoting effective road safety education for students and establish a scheme for promoting education.
- Components of the Promotion Scheme
  - 1. Development of attractive educational programs (emphasizing <u>students'</u> <u>initiative</u>)
  - 2. Accumulation of evidence (empirical data for measuring effectiveness)
  - 3. Development of teaching materials and evaluation tools
  - 4. Educational support (e.g., training of instructors)

# Research Content (FY2018)

- Implementation of traffic safety education according to the developmental stage and analysis of the learning process
  - (1) Educational activities for elementary school students: Making a traffic safety map
  - (2) Educational activities for junior high school students: Making a traffic safety map
  - (3) Educational activities for junior high school students: : Making a high school student vision zero activity plan
  - Survey of teachers' awareness of educational dissemination
  - Possibility of collaboration with an overseas country (Germany)

## Educational Practices for Elementary School Students (A Elementary School, Kochi Prefecture)

A series of educational activities by third-grade students: 46 third-grade students (18 boys, 28 girls)









Educational Practices for Elementary School Students (A Elementary School, Kochi Prefecture)

Judgment criteria for dangerous areas by students



Danger level 50%

Danger level 100%



Both are 100% dangerous.





# Educational Practices for Elementary School Students (A Elementary School, Kochi Prefecture)

Change in right and left checking rate when crossing intersections

A) Verbal instructions before leaving school on October 10, 2018
 e.g.) Stop and look left and right. It's a rainy day, so be careful not to slip.
 Watch out for cars turning right.





2<sup>nd</sup> Observation: on November 6, 2018 when coming to school

3<sup>rd</sup> Observation: on December 14, 2018 when leaving school Validation rate: **77.8%** (by group), **70.1%** (Individually)

Validation rate: **87.3**% (by group), **69.8**% (Individually)





- Oral instruction does not change behavior.
- Teaching children to think about specific behaviors from their own perspective to avoid danger by showing them photos of intersections they actually use is effective.



Developing a simple behavioral assessment tool



Alignment when crossing, with or without left/right confirmation, crossing route, special notes, etc.



Crossing in two horizontal line Student on left checks right. Student on right checks left and right.



Crossing in a single vertical line Only the first student checks left and right



Crossing alone, no confirmation.



Educational Activities for Elementary School Students (A Elementary School in Kochi Prefecture)

# What is the design that motivates the children to stop?

## Voting for the "Stop!" mark in November 2018



Post these symbols at several dangerous places in the school district and use them to guide new first graders.

Not a frog! Not even a panda!



## Educational Activities for Junior High School Students (B Junior High School in Miyagi Prefecture)

### Schoolwide Orientation on April 17, 2018

- Sharing their bicycling problems
- Sharing of the overall goal "Watari Junior High School Vision Zero
- Presentation of issues for each grade

#### Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> Year students) on April 24, 2019

- Predicting risk when crossing signalized intersections
- Reviewing our own bicycling

(Mirroring: footage of actual bicycling)

Reviewing decision making when crossing a signalized intersection

(Devil vs. Angel: Self-test and comparison with others)

#### Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) on April 24 and May 1, 2018

- Sharing information on dangerous spots in the school district
- Making a traffic safety map (identification of dangerous spots)
- Specific dangerous situations and risk prediction
- Individual goal "My Vision Zero Declaration









## Educational Activities for Junior High School Students (B Junior High School in Miyagi Prefecture)

Workshop "Making a traffic safety map" 281 of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students (144 boys and 137 girls)





### Educational Activities for Junior High School Students (B Junior High School in Miyagi Prefecture)

• A Qualitative Analysis of the Learning Process of Traffic Safety Map Making Education



# Text analysis of "My Vision Zero Declaration" written by students

Ran	k Co-occurrence Words	Words Similarity Measure
1	Speed-Accelerate	0. 620
2	Confirmation-Right and left	0. 607
3	Bicycle-Ride	0. 432
4	Follow-Traffic rule	0. 426
5	Surroundings-Look	0. 310
6	Danger-Place	0. 293
7	Right and left-Front and back	0. 292
8	Friend-Family	0. 292
9	Car-Come	0. 291
10	Accident-Think	0. 284

#### Jaccard Index

Analysis: Ryohei Kobayashi (4th year student at Tohoku Institute of Technology, Faculty of Engineering)

#### Student Descriptions: Co-occurrence Networks



An example of risk prediction classification



Comparison between elementary and junior high school students on the content of risk prediction

# **Classification of Targets for Risk Prediction**





Comparison between elementary and junior high school students on the content of risk prediction

All Targets Classification



There is no significant difference between developmental stages in the targets and classification for risk prediction.

With proper guidance, the ability to predict danger can be fully developed from the third grade.

Analysis: Ryohei Kobayashi (4th year student at Tohoku Institute of Technology, Faculty of Engineering)



#### Group Discussion "Miyagi High School Students Vision Zero" Activity Plan on August 3, 2018

- 1. Information sharing on issues faced by each school
- 2. Miyagi High School Students Vision Zero Activity Plan
  - Select a theme
  - Create an annual activity plan to achieve Vision Zero.
  - Exchange opinions with other groups and teachers
  - Presentation and general sharing
- Conditions for the proposed activities
- (1) Aiming to ensure the safety of ourselves, others, and the community
- (2) The activity must be conducted independently by high school students.
- (3) Each individual should be aware of their own issues.

(4) Include creative activities other than conventional activities.

(5) Make activities enjoyable to everyone.



#### Theme: Miyagi High Scholl Students Vision Zero

Propose an activity plan to solve the problems of each school and to reduce the number of accidents to zero among high school students in Miyagi Prefecture.

#### VISION ZERO

Efforts to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in traffic accidents to zero Traffic safety measures started in Sweden



## Example of the activity plan developed by high school students



★ Future issues: How can we provide a place to put the plan into practice?

(3) Group



Sponsored by the Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education and the International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University Survey was conducted at the Forum on School and Community Safety for the Future on November 22, 2018.

- Targets: Elementary, junior high and high school teachers, mainly in Miyagi
  Prefecture
  - Procedure: Distributed to 532 participants Number of valid responses: 317 (Collection rate: 59.6%)
- Question

"Do you have any issues for further promoting safety education, such as difficulties, having trouble, lack of information, concerns or worries?"

Item Example

Specific educational methods for children to learn independently and deepen their understanding

 $\Box$ Yes (Transportation/Life/Disaster)  $\Box$ No

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#### Teachers' perceptions of the challenges in promoting safety education



Many teachers are struggling at the entry point of educational practice, such as motivation to teach, teaching ability, confidence, teaching materials, children's interest and motivation to learn, and reference cases.



- Accompanied the Cabinet Office's "Survey on Overseas Traffic Safety Measures
- Country visited: Germany January 28 to 31, 2019
- Survey Objectives:
  - (1) Process of planning and implementation of traffic safety measures
  - (2) Collaboration and cooperation with related organizations and stakeholders
  - (3) Report on the current status and issues of traffic safety education in Japan
- Organizations visited
  - (1) ADAC (German Automobile Club)
  - Providing hands-on traffic safety education for preschoolers, elementary school students, and youth
  - Distributing 750,000 reflective jackets, and providing information to school teachers, etc.
  - (2) Bavarian State Government and Ministry of the Interior
  - Bicycle education for elementary school students and implementation of the state's own traffic safety campaign
  - (3) DVR (German Road Safety Council)
  - Developed many traffic safety education programs. Moderators provide educational support.
  - Helping federal and state governments develop traffic safety plans
  - (4) BMVI (German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure)
  - Funding the activities of DVR and DVW (German Traffic Watch)
  - Planning traffic safety plans and promoting traffic safety campaigns and educational activities





## Feasibility Study of Overseas Collaboration

- Key Points on Traffic Safety Education for Children in Germany
- To be involved in educational support

Citizen-based initiatives support traffic safety education activities.



- The government, private organizations, volunteers, and other related groups are working together to promote the planning and implementation of countermeasures.
- Bavaria recruits about 30,000 volunteers a year to watch over school zones.
- Private organizations (ADAC, DVR, etc.) develop educational programs and provide educational materials and methods to families and school teachers.
- Staff and volunteers from private organizations teach the children.
- Interest in Traffic Safety Education in Japan
- They showed great interest in the educational activities of "Traffic Safety Map Making" and "Bicycle Education by Mirroring Method".

 $\rightarrow$ We would like to deepen our partnership and cooperation and pursue the possibility of joint development of education.



#### Summary and Tasks: Road to Establish a Dissemination Scheme



a.	When the content and the method of education are interesting and	(1) (2)
	useful, children will naturally show a desire to learn independently.	(1)(3)



- c. Presenting images and videos of intersections where students are passing by from the child's subjective angle (visualization of behavior in relation to specific scenes) encourages checking behavior when crossing.
- Many school teachers have concerns at the initial stage of educational practice. However, experiencing effective educational practice and realizing educational results may improve their (2) (4) motivation to teach.
- e. It is possible to develop overseas collaboration on educational development with other countries that have the same problems. (1) (3)

<sup>(1)</sup> Attractive educational programs, (2) Evidence, (3) Teaching materials and evaluation tools, (4) Educational support

