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# Advancement in in-Vehicle Safety Devices

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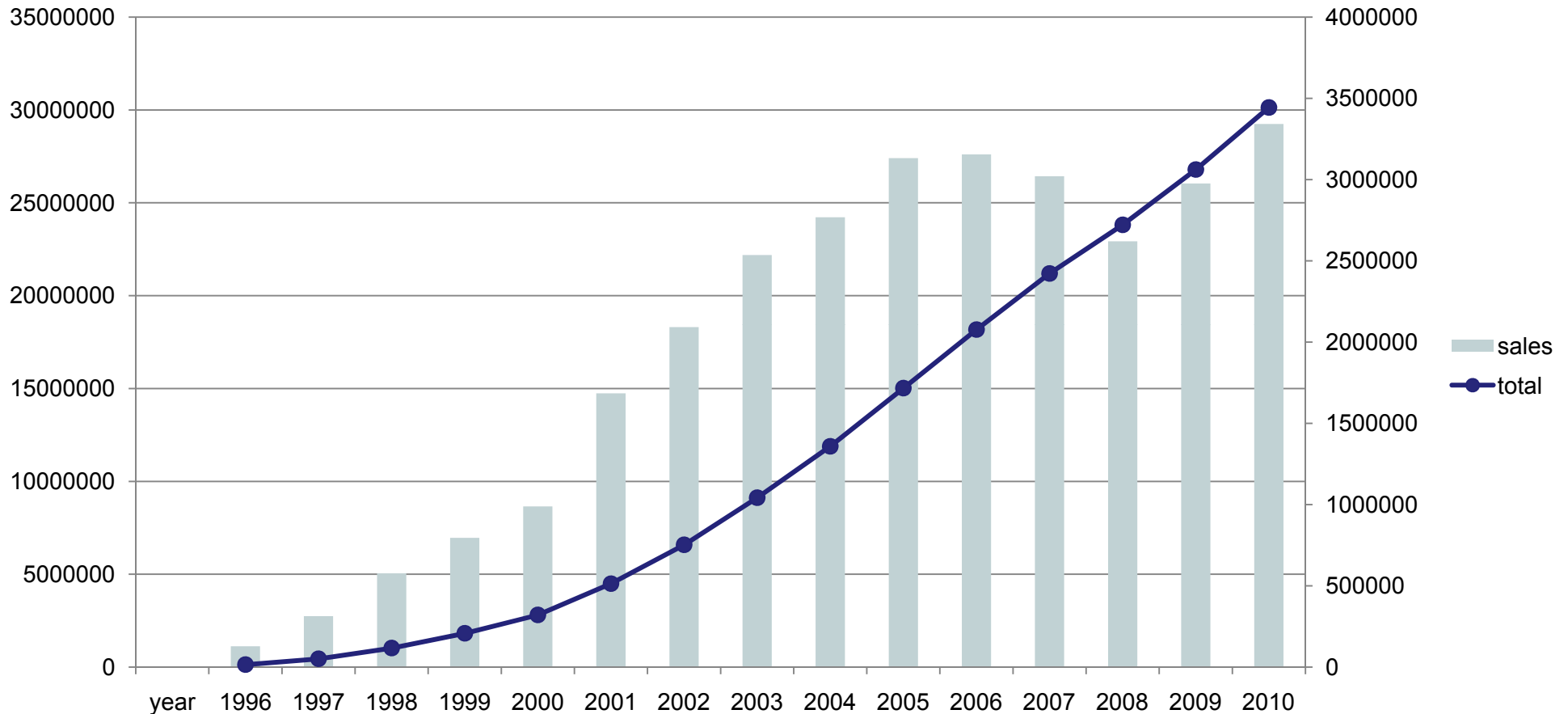
- Diffusion of Car navigation system
- Progress of OBU
- The Latest Driving Safety Support System
- Smartway
- Future

## History of Car Navigation System in Japan

- 1973** Comprehensive Automobile traffic Control System initiated
- 1981 Japan's first Car navigation System by HONDA
- 1990 GPS Car Navigation System by Pioneer
- 1991** Standardization of ITS started
- 2001 HDD Navigation System in Market by Pioneer
- 2002 Communication Unit mounted by Pioneer

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# Shipments of VICS



**Following the progress of Navigation System, Shipment has been increasing.**

# First Car Navigation System in 1981

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This first autonomous navigation system to calculate the travel distance used the gas rate sensor and distance sensor. When using the map, you had to **set a transparent map sheet** in front of the tube. And you had to need to **set the direction and the vehicle position** at the start. When out of range of the map, you also had to **replaced an another map yourself**. That would be far from driving safely.

# First GPS Car-navigation system in 1990

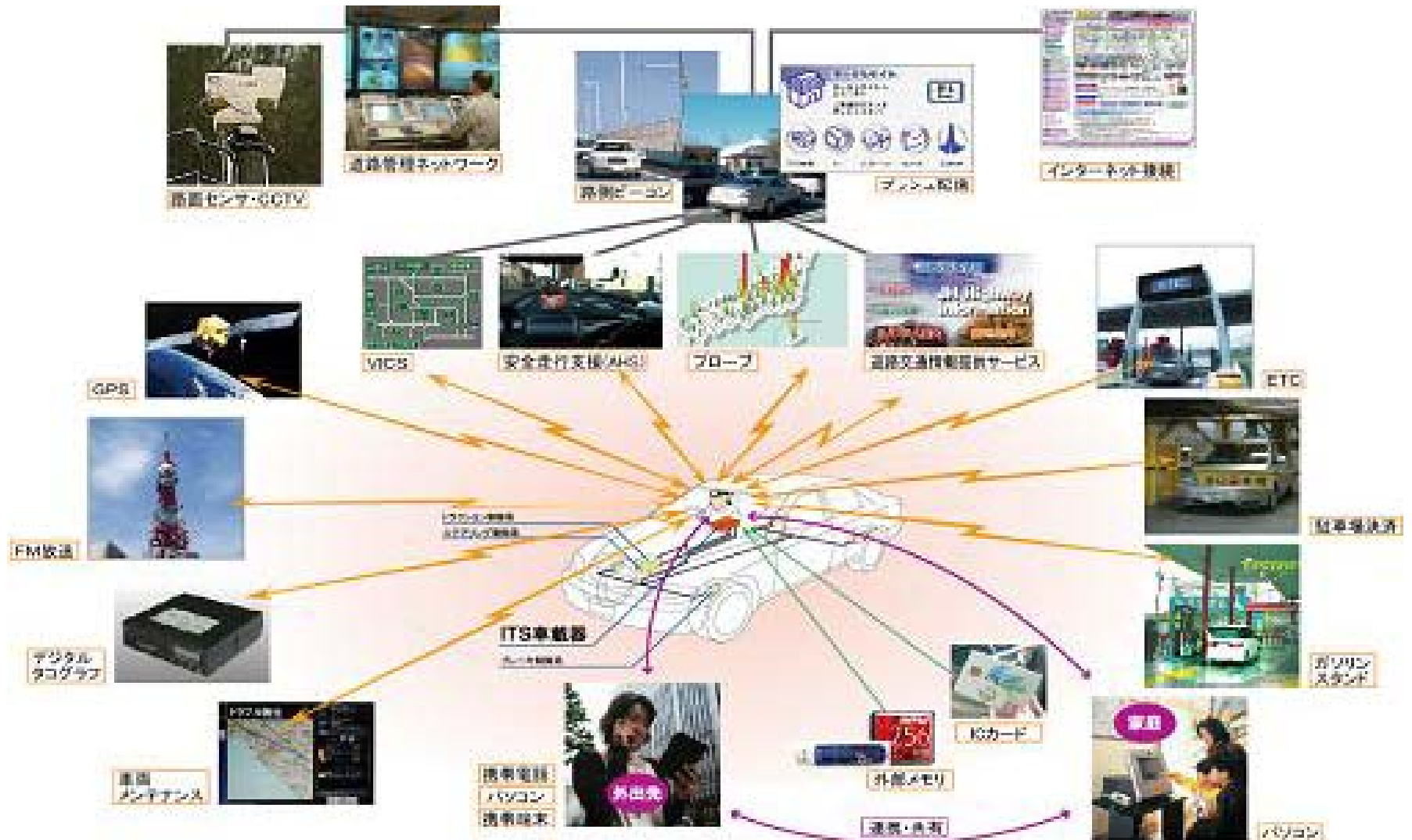
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This is a first GPS navigation in market. Four CDs included all Japan's map, which provides scale up to 1/40,000.

The price was about ¥350,000 at that time.

# What we can do now?





# Function of the Latest OBU

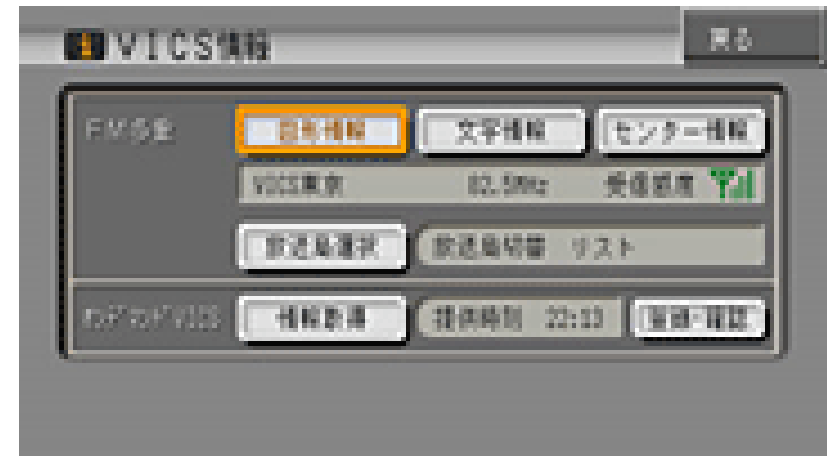
- Voice Control
- 3D-Jyro
- Congestion Prediction
- VICS Optical beacon/Radio beacon
- On-demand VICS
- Probe
- Route Study
- Map of Multi-story Car Parking
- 3D-Polygon
- One-way indication
- Internet
- ETC synchronization
- Rea-View Camera
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- Voice command can manipulate the car navigation system.
- No finger manipulation leads to drive safely

# On-demand VICS

The VICS information has been provided by **FM multiplex broadcasting** or **beacon** which installed road side.






**On-demand VICS** has made it possible to receive VICS information from **mobile phones** and other **communication system**.

Then, if you are not in route which VICS point is there, Route searching now becomes higher accuracy.

# Contents Displayed

## ● Congestion Information

Heavy congestion is indicated by a red arrow, and light congestion is indicated by an orange arrow. The length of an arrow represents the distance of the congested road blocks.

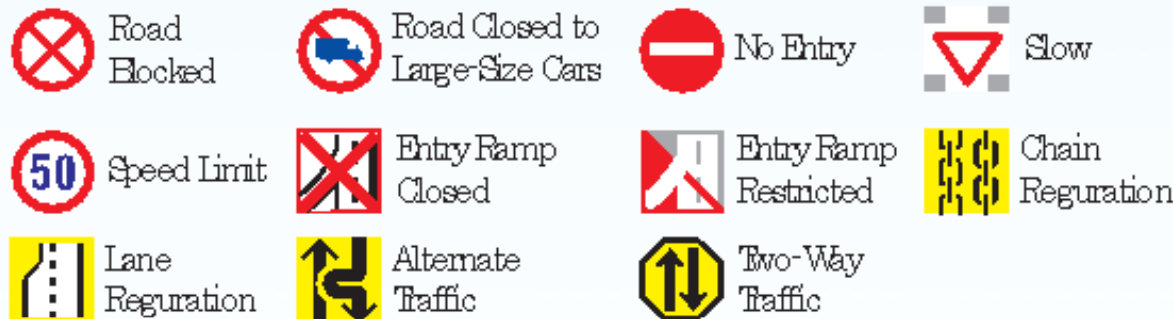
Degree of congestion	Ordinary road	Innercity expressway	Inter-city expressway
Heavy Congestion  Red	less than 10km/h	less than 20km/h	less than 40km/h
Light Congestion  Orange	10km/h to 20km/h	20km/h to 40km/h	40km/h to 60km/h
Smooth Traffic  Distinct colors from the two above	more than 20km/h	more than 40km/h	more than 60km/h

The car navigation system's default setting for display of "Smooth traffic" is generally "OFF"

# Contents Displayed

## ● Information on Traffic Restrictions

These icons indicate **blocked roads, speed limits, lane regulations, etc.**



## ● Information on Traffic Hazards

These icons indicate **accidents, disabled cars, traffic obstructions, constructions, etc.**



## ● Information on Parking Lots

These icons indicate **the locations of parking lots and service areas, showing by colors if it's available or not, and what kind of facilities they have.**



# Map Display



# Prediction of Congestion



This function is to guess traffic congestion based on **historical data** and to suggest a optimal route avoiding traffic jam.

These data come from **Traffic senses** by MLITT, HDD accumulated **by driving yourself** or a data base accumulated by members driving history.

# Detailed Information

Detailed information can be found by clicking on a VICS icon, such as restrictions or hazards, using the car navigation system's touch panel or remote controller



Lane Regulation

Cause, Status, Duration, etc.

A navigation screen displaying a VICS detailed information popup. The popup contains text in Japanese: "VICIS詳細情報", "原因:工事", "規制:一車線規制", "4月15日 9:00~", and "4月20日 16:55".

VICIS詳細情報	
原因:	工事
規制:	一車線規制
4月15日	9:00~
4月20日	16:55



# Detailed Information

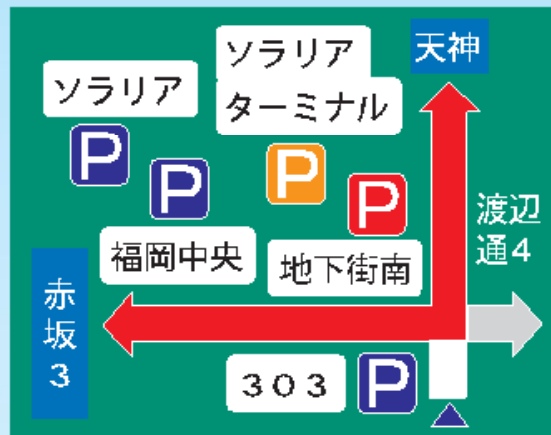
Detailed information is displayed by clicking on a **P** icon using the carnavigation system's touch panel or remote controller:



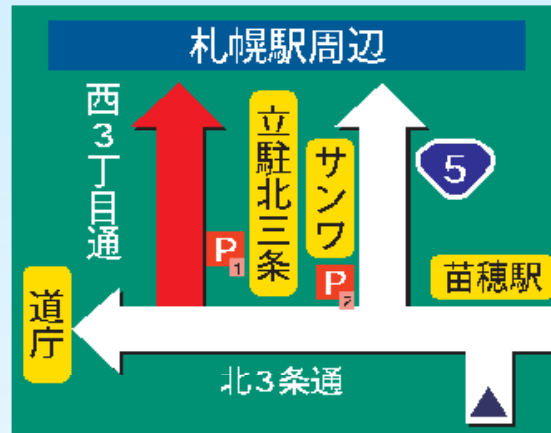
# Sample Graphic Display

## Beacons

### ● Ordinary Roads (Fukuoka area)



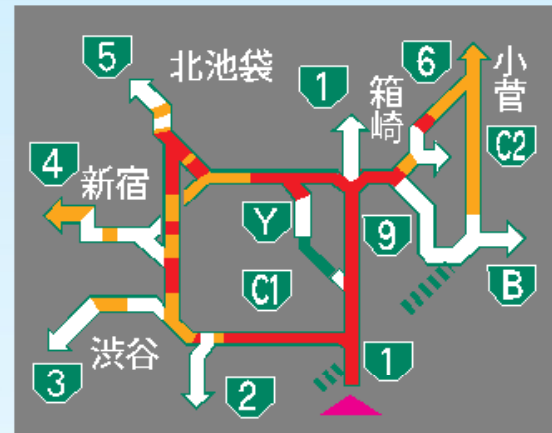
### ● Ordinary Roads (Sapporo area)



### ● Inter-City Expressway (Toei Expressway)



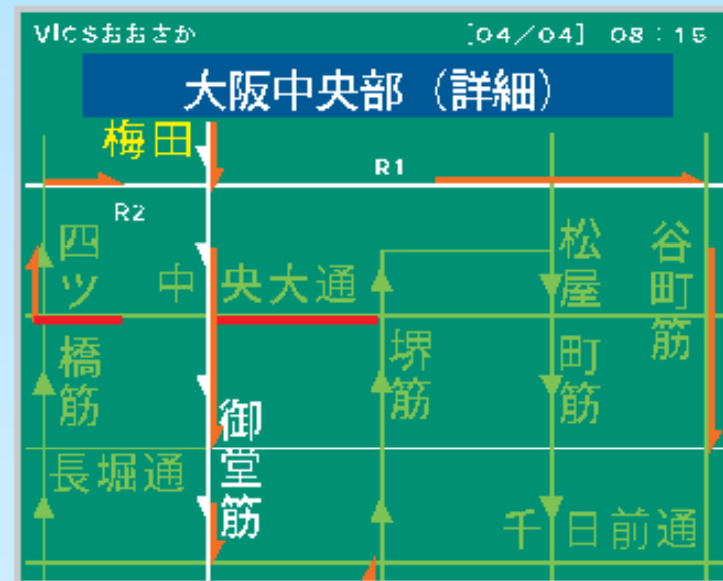
### ● Inner-City Expressway (Tokyo Metropolitan Expy.)



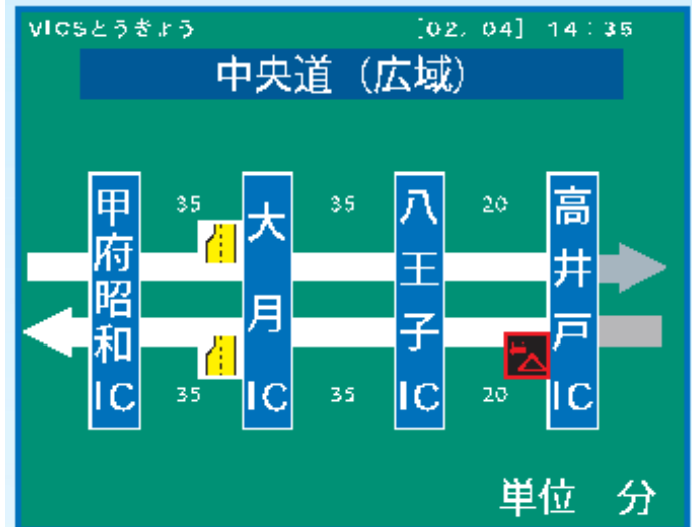
# Sample Graphic Display

## FM Multiplex

### ● Ordinary Roads (Osaka area)



### ● Inter-City Expressway (Chuo Expressway)



: Disabled Car : Lane Regulation

# Text Information

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## Beacons

### ● Ordinary Roads (Tokyo area)

新宿通り上り 四谷見附付近  
渋滞 0.5 KM

靖国通り東行き 九段坂上→  
神保町 渋滞 1.0 KM

### ● Inter-City Expressway (Tomei Expressway)

御殿場→裾野 事故渋滞 5km

11km先→横浜町田出口  
渋滞 7km

## FM Multiplex

### ● Ordinary Roads (Miyagi area)

VICSみやぎ (01/09) 08:35  
国道48号下り 車線規制  
作並→本町3丁目

### ● Inter-City Expressway (Tomei Expressway)

VICSとうきょう (03/08) 09:24  
東名 下り 事故  
東名川崎IC→東京IC 車線規制

# What on earth is VICS ?

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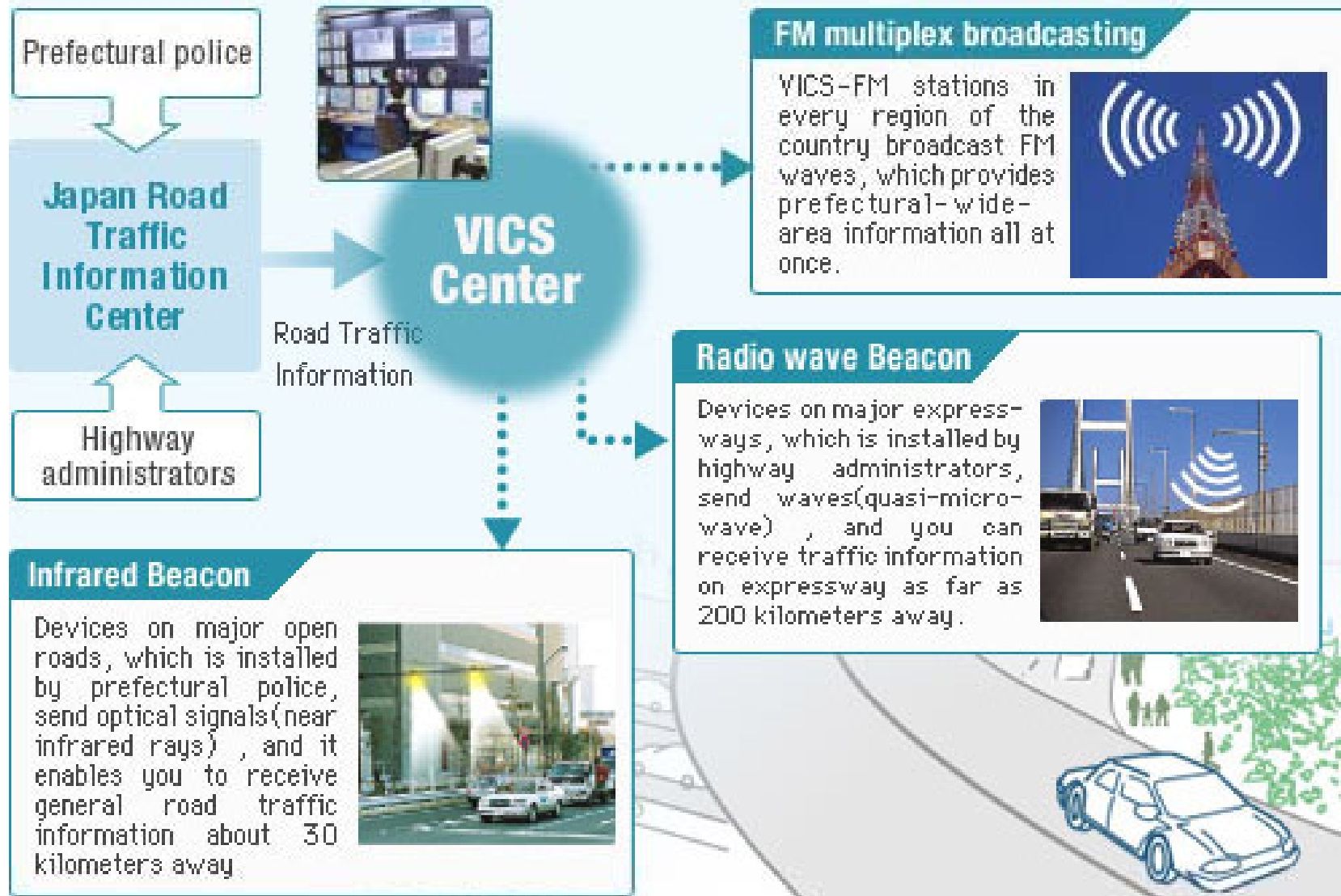
**VICS** = **V**ehicle **I**nformation and **C**ommunication **S**ystem

VICS is an innovative information and communication system, enables you **to receive real-time road traffic information** about congestion and regulation.

This information is edited and processed by Vehicle Information and Communication System Center, and shown on the navigation screen by text or graphical form. You can receive information 24 hours a day, everyday.

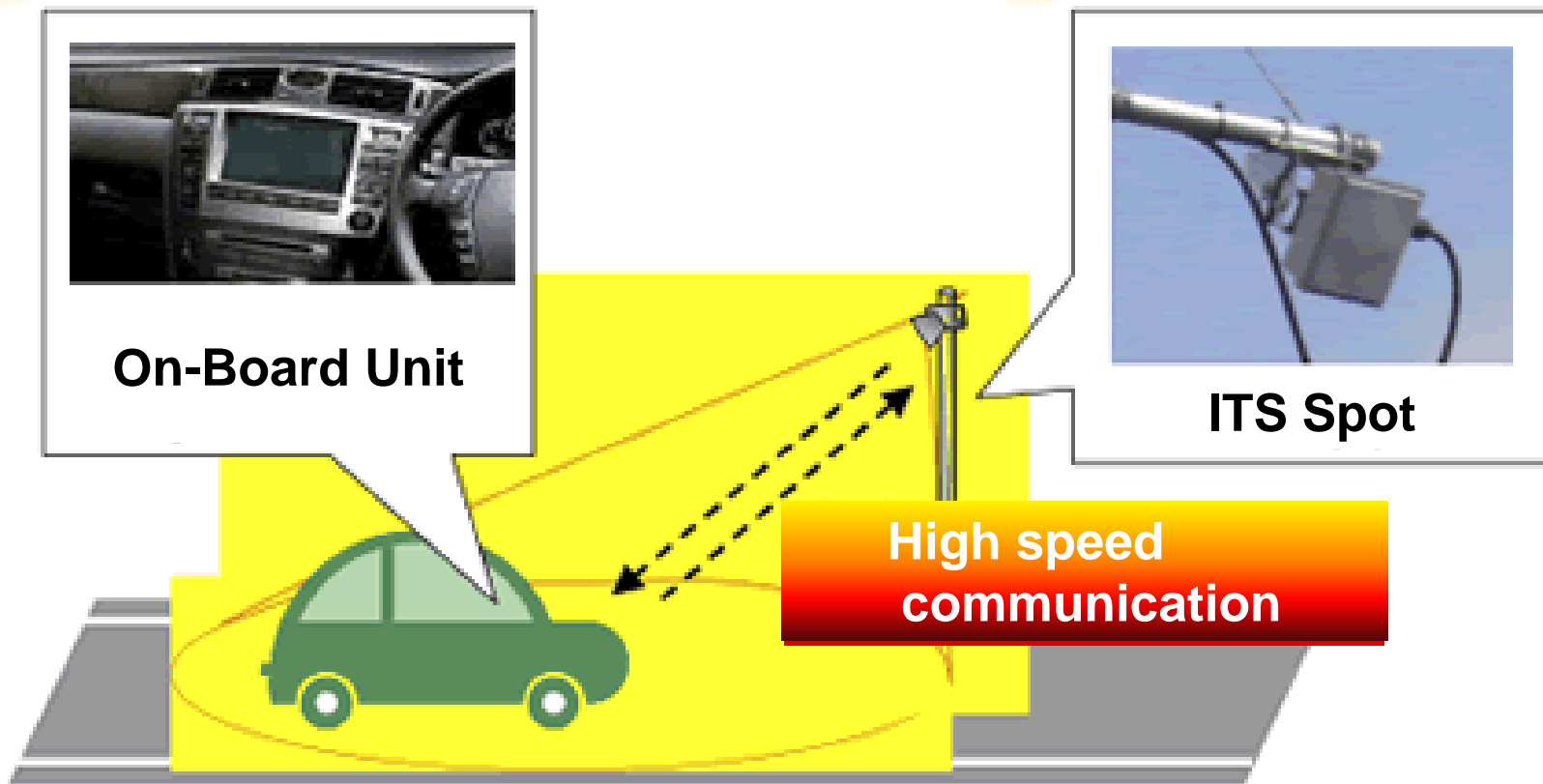
**For smoother, safer, and more comfortable**

# How VICS works ?

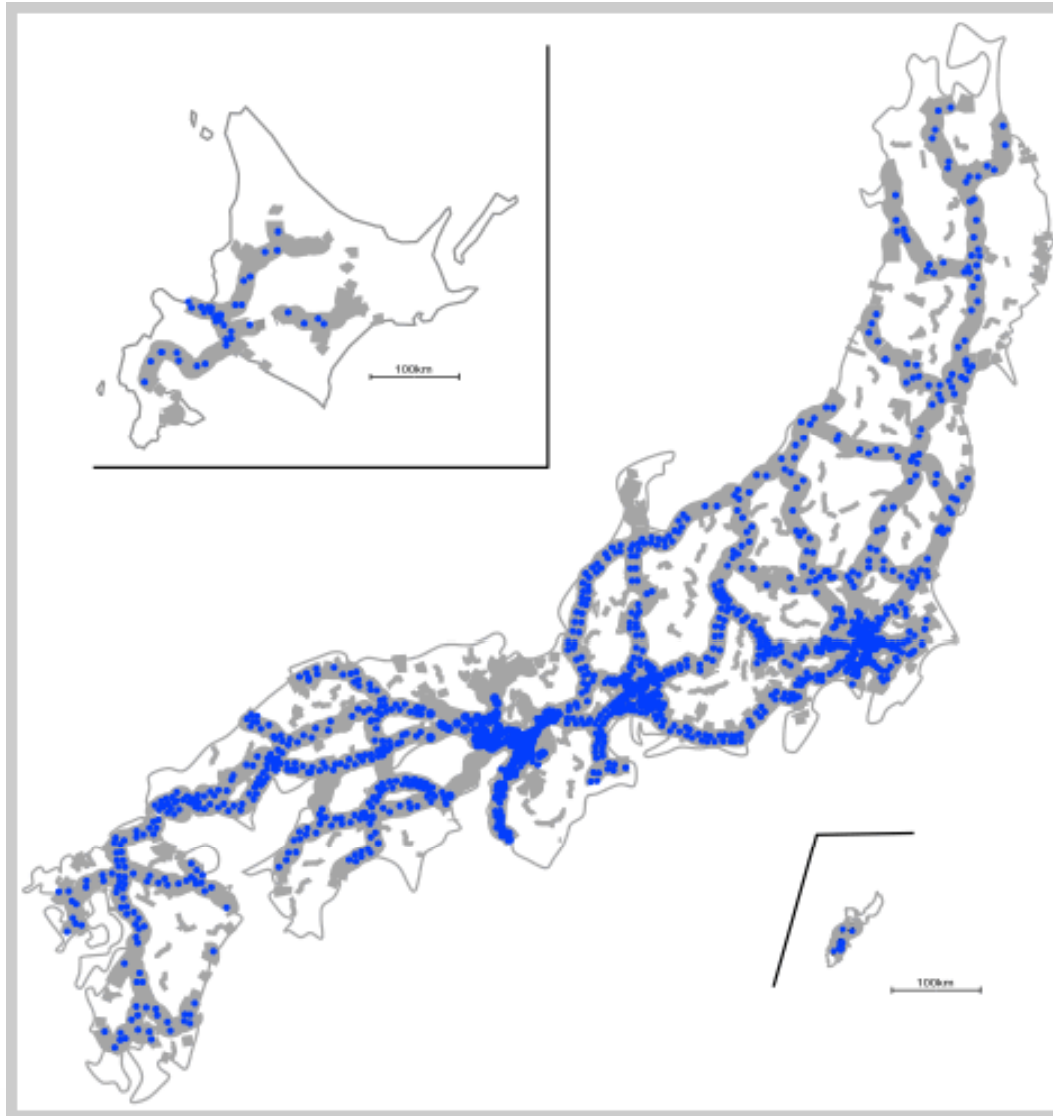


Information via three communication and broadcasting media.

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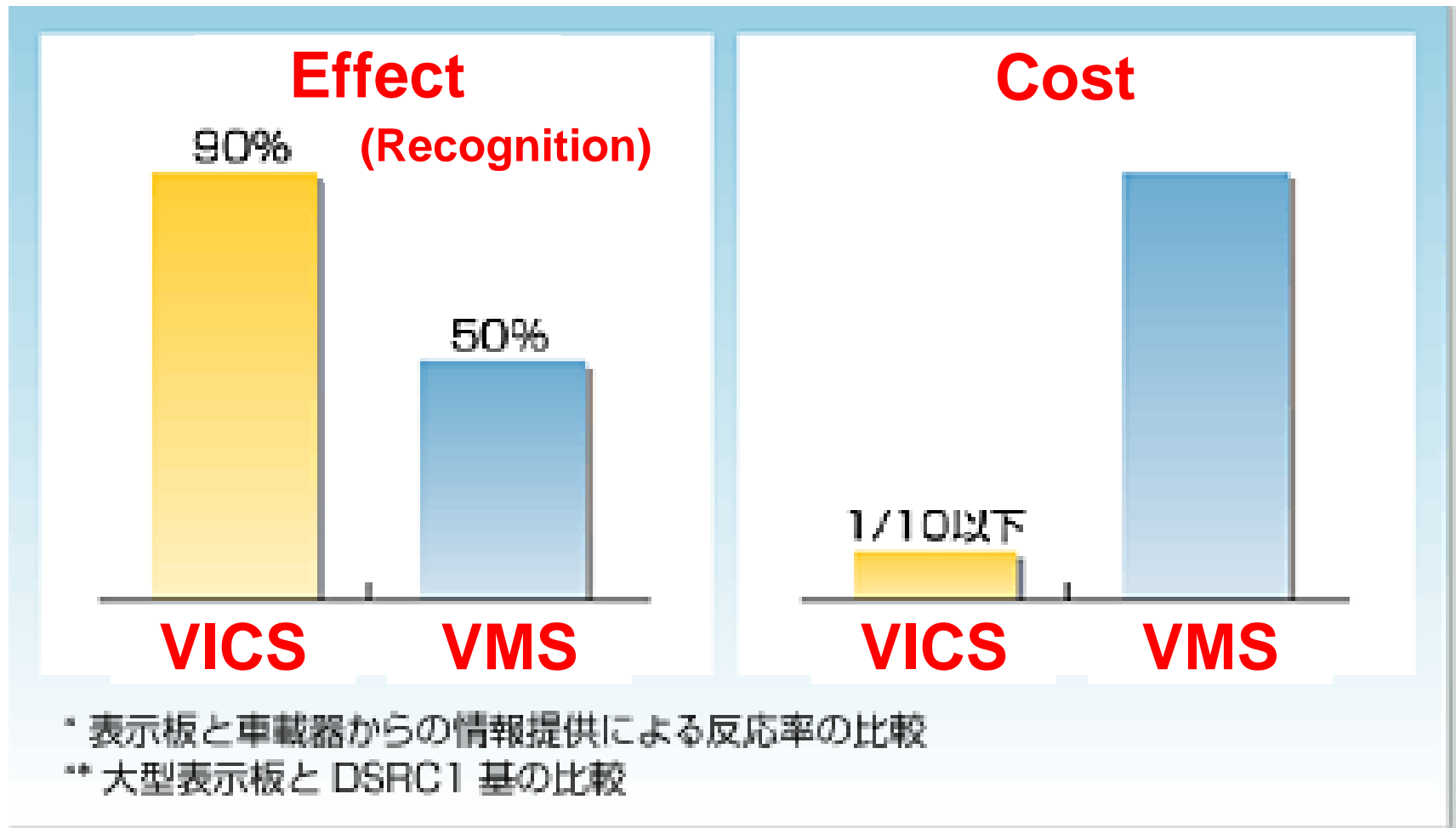
# ITS Spots Map



**1600 ITS Spots**

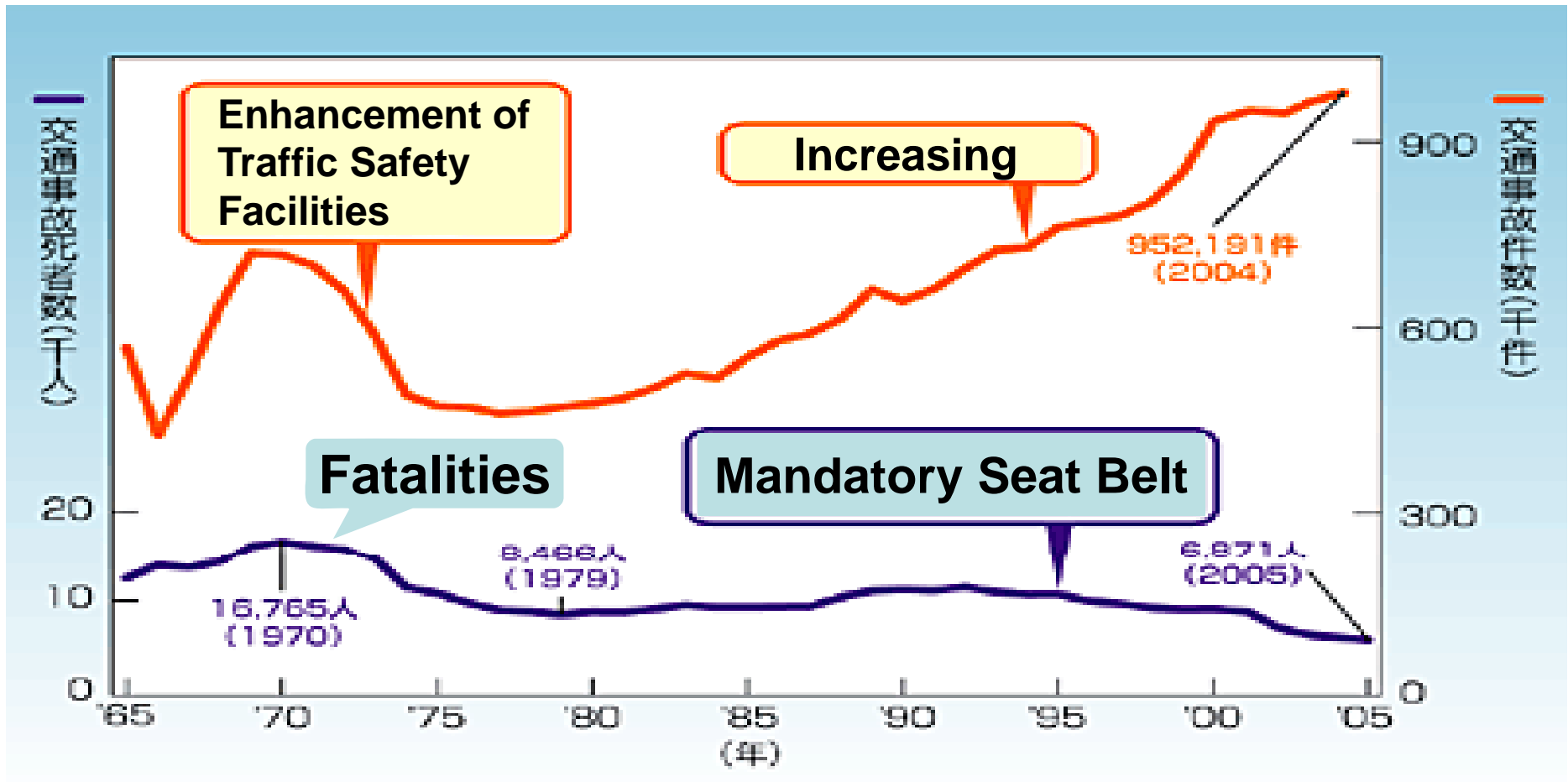


# Why such information important ?



出典：【効果】平成10年度「走行支援道路システム技術研究開発研究成果報告書」（1999年3月）より  
【整備コスト】民間企業ヒヤリング結果より

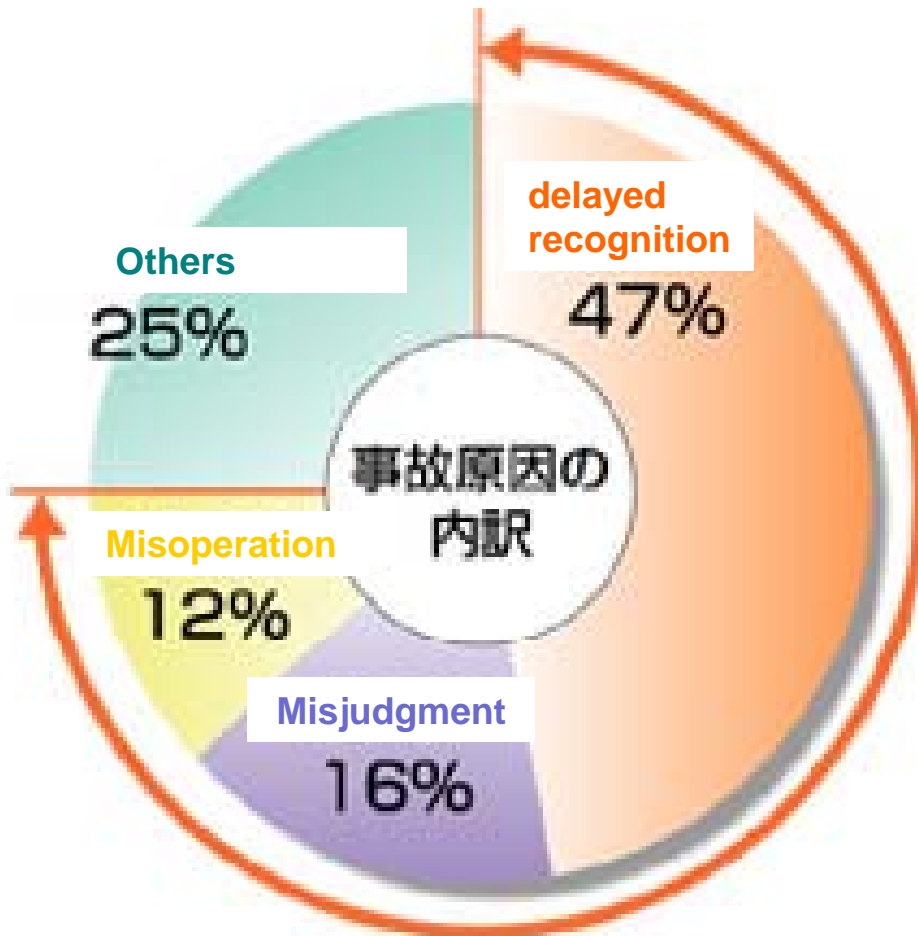
# Why such information is important ?



出展：(財) 交通事故総合分析センター

**We found that only enhancement of traffic safety facilities would not reduce the number of Traffic accidents.**

# Cause of Accidents



Traffic accidents are caused by driver's behavior just before it.

75%

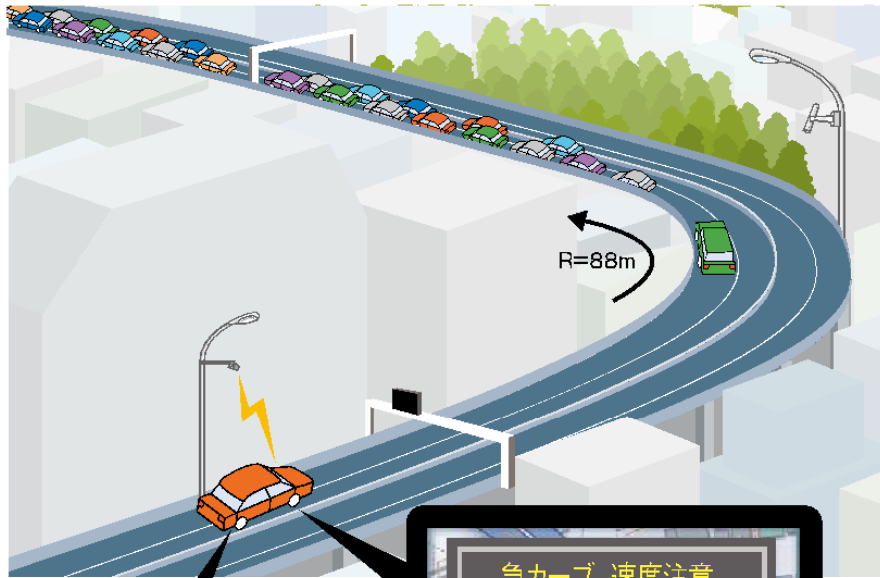
出典：「平成12年交通事故統計データ」(財)交通事故総合分析センター

By the previous information, it would be possible to reduce traffic accidents.

# Example of Installation



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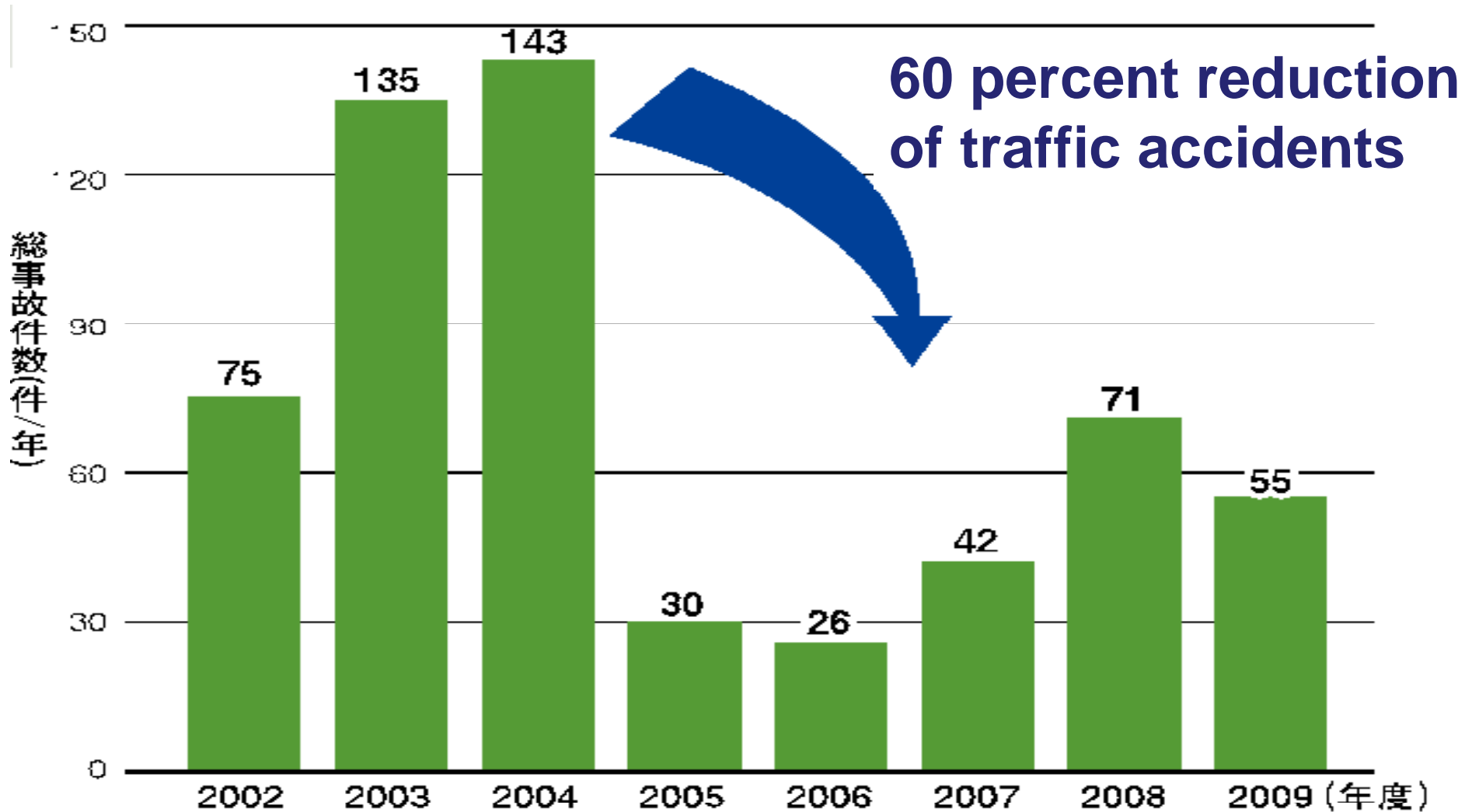
この先、事故多発カーブ。速度注意。

Congestion ahead! Be careful Collision! By visual & Voice

## (例)事故多発地点における情報提供



# Example of Installation



## **Smartway is a Highway Network installed ITS.**

**GoJ has been proceeding Smartway project cooperated with  
The National Police Agency  
Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry  
Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport & Tourism  
& Related Industries & Academia receiving subsidies from G.**

**ITS is a new transport system which is comprised of  
an advanced information and telecommunications  
network for drivers, roads and vehicles. And ITS  
contributes much to solving problems such as **traffic  
accidents** and **congestions**.**

We can make a society as

Reduction of Traffic Accidents/Jams

Elderly/disabled feel safe to move

Effective use of expressway/Public Transport

Improvement of business climate

by Smartway.

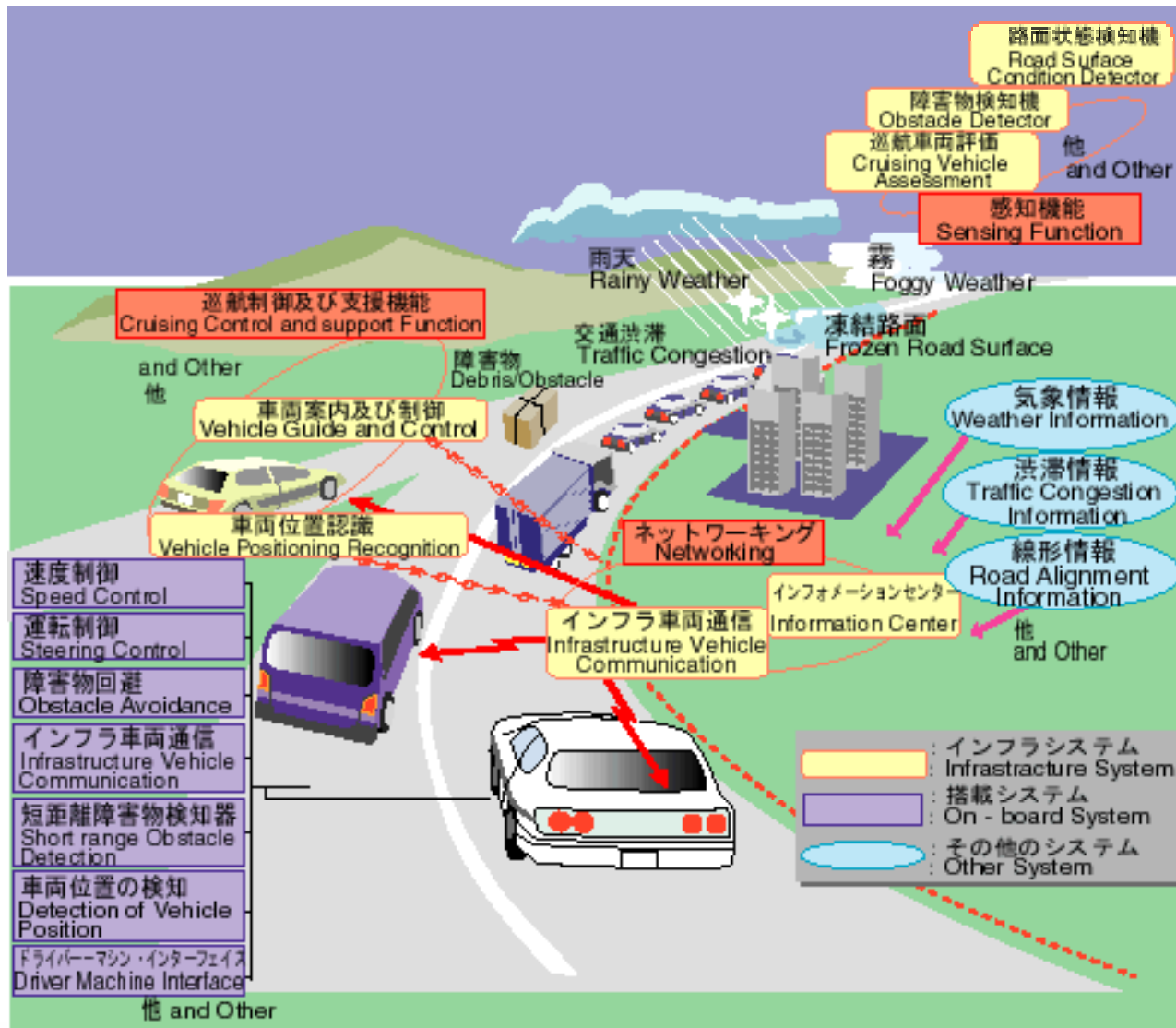


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Thank you  
very much

# Reference (Advanced Cruise Assistant System)



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The Advanced Cruise Assist Highway System (AHS) is one of the most advanced systems in the ITS field. The goal of AHS is to reduce traffic accidents, enhance safety, improve transportation efficiency as well as reduce the operational work of drivers. A number of related effects are also expected.

In Japan, AHS research is being carried out in the following fields:

AHS-"i" (information): focusing on providing information;

AHS-"c" (control): vehicle control assistance;

AHS-"a" (automated cruise): fully automated driving.

Many kinds of road-side infrastructures for monitoring highway conditions (such as other vehicles, obstacles, highway surface conditions and vehicle position), controlling the vehicle based on highway condition, and road-to-vehicle communications are necessary for the realization of AHS. Information such as traffic condition, weather and highway alignment is also required. As for vehicle functions, obstacle detection and avoidance, speed control, driving control and man-machine interface are required. The development of AHS-"i", "c" and "a" should also consider compatibility with other ITS system components.