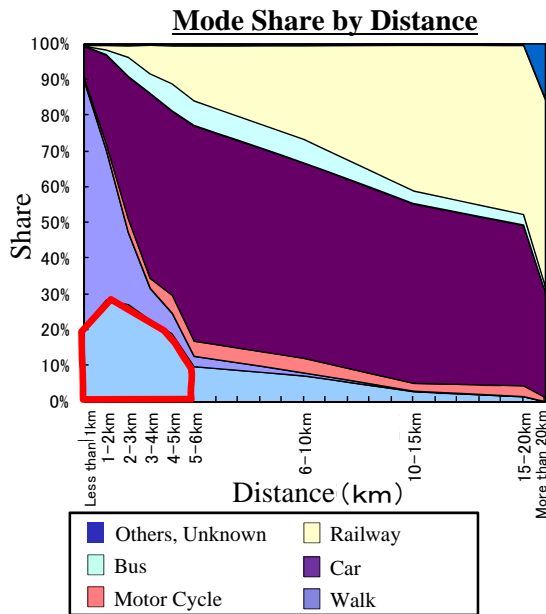


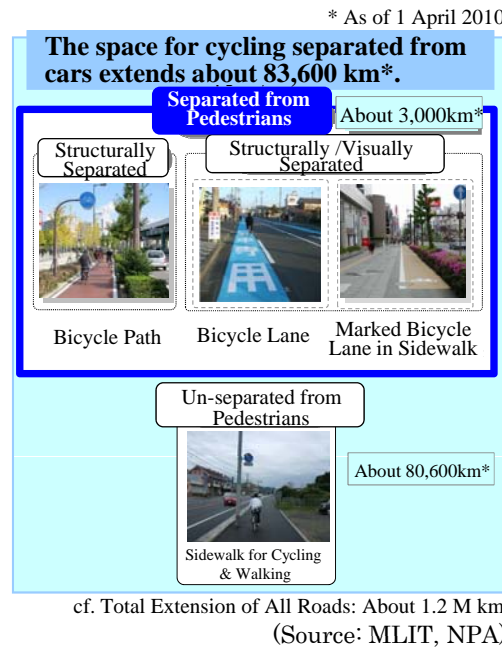
# Improvement of Cycling Environment

Although cycling is a major mode of urban transport system for a short distance, there is not enough space for cycling in urban areas. In addition, accidents involving bicycles are accounting for an increasing percentage of all traffic accidents. Therefore, it is necessary to enhance creating safe and comfortable environment for cycling.

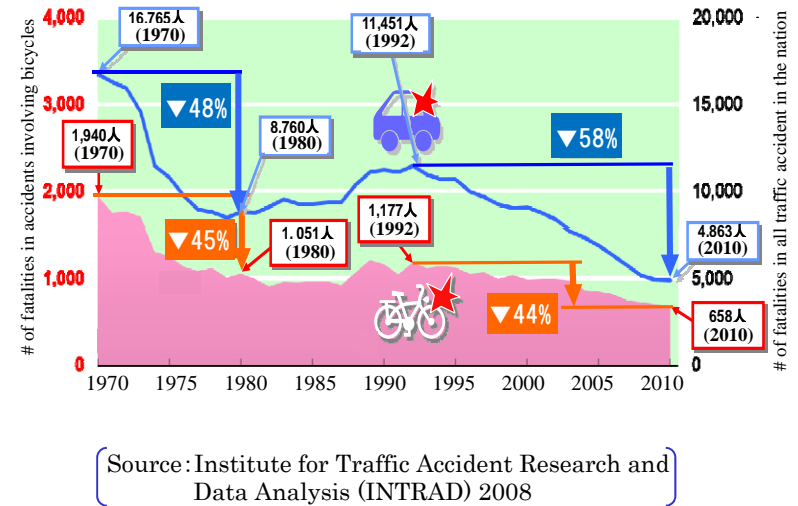
■ Cycling accounts for 20% of transportation for less than 5 km.



■ The space for cycling separated from cars and pedestrians extends only about 3,000 km\*.



■ While the number of fatalities in all traffic accidents decreased by 60% in last 20 years, that in accidents involving bicycles decreased at relatively lower rate.



## Future Development of Cycling Policy

In cooperation with National Police Agency, MLIT will review and assess the measures and efforts in the 98 pilot areas designated in 2007 with consulting experts. Based on findings from the review, a new guidelines for improving cycling environment will be established and circulated to municipal governments and other stakeholders.