

Enactment

4/12/2013 Promulgated (Act No.92 of 2013), went into effect

Main Contents

- ✓ Basic Principles for Transport Policy & Basic Matters to realise them
- ✓ Responsibilities of the State, Local Governments and Transport Related Business Operators, etc. ; Role of Citizens
- ✓ Basic Plan on Transport Policy & Annual Report on Transport Policy to the Diet

History

- ✓ Other relevant legislation in the field of transport policy: Traffic Safety Policies Basic Act (Act No.110, 1970), Act on Priority Plan for Social Infrastructure Development (Act No.20, 2003) & Tourism Nation Promotion Basic Law (Act No.117, 2006), etc.
- ✓ The DPJ Government submitted “Draft of Basic Act for Transport” to the Diet in 2011, emphasising the significance of user-friendliness, while it was discarded in Nov 2012.
- ✓ Under the Coalition Government of LDP & New Komeito, the name and context of the Basic Act were reviewed in a view to cover the policy area more comprehensively, and the “Draft of Basic Act on Transport Policies” was resubmitted and was successfully concluded in Nov 2013.

Basic Principles, etc. (Art. 2-7)

Basic Recognition (Art. 2)

- **Functions of Transport**
To realize;
 - Security of self-reliant daily lives & social lives of citizens
 - Active inter-regional & international exchange
 - Smooth distribution of goods
- **Importance of appropriately satisfying basic demand of citizens, etc. for transport**

Securing and Improving the Functions of Transport (Art. 3)

- **Coping with rapid progress of aging population combined with low birthrates, to contribute to;**
 - Realization of the rich lives of the citizens
 - Enhancement of international competitiveness
 - Improvement of vitality in local areas
- **To appropriately cope with a large-scale disaster**

Reducing the Environmental Load (Art. 4)

Appropriate Role-Sharing & Coordination among Various Modes of Transport (Art. 5)

Securing Traffic Safety (Art. 7)

In sufficient coordination with measures for traffic safety under Traffic Safety Policy Basic Act

Responsibilities of the State and Other Relevant Actors (Art. 8-11)

Coordination & Cooperation (Art. 6 & 12)

Legislative & Financial Measures (Art. 13)

Annual Reports to the Diet (Art. 14)

Basic Plan on Transport Policy (Art. 15)

<<Public Comment & Inquiry to the Council>>

Policies of the State (Art. 6-31)

【 Realization of the rich lives of the citizens 】

- Securing means of transport for daily lives (Art. 16) ... Consideration for traffic situations in isolated islands, etc.
- Smooth movement of the elderly, persons with disabilities, etc. (Art.17) ... Consideration for pregnant women & people with buggies, etc.
- Improvement of convenience, smoothing and optimisation of transport services (Art. 18) ... Securing punctuality & Smoothing connection between transport services, etc.

【 Enhancement of international competitiveness 】

- Formulation of international maritime & aviation transport networks and their hubs, Strengthening of the function to connect international & domestic transport networks (Art. 19)

【 Improvement of vitality in local areas 】

- Formulation of domestic transport networks & transport hubs (Art.20)
- Enhancing business base of transport undertakings & Developing human resources (Art. 21)

【 Preparation for large-scale disasters 】

- Mitigation of deterioration of the functions of transport & Quick recovery in the event of a large-scale disaster (Art. 22) ... Improvement of the safety against earthquakes, Mutually alternative means of transport & Smooth evacuation of people

【 Reduction of the Environmental Load 】

- Eco-friendly cars, Modal shift & Increasing the convenience of public transport passengers (Art.23)

【 Appropriate Role-Sharing & Coordination 】

- Development of a comprehensive transport system (Art. 24) ... Intensive development concerning demand for transport & situations of decrepit transport facilities
- Coordination with town planning & achievement of a tourism nation, etc (Art. 25 - 27)

- Research and Study (Art. 28)
- Development and dissemination of technology (Art.29) ... Utilisation of ICT
- Promotion of security of international coordination and international cooperation (Art.30) ... International standardization & Transport infrastructure export
- Reflection of the opinions of citizens, etc. (Art. 31)

Policies of Local Governments (Art. 32)