

Let's make driving safe.

Japan Safe Driving Center



SD Wanda-kun



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Outline of Operations

In 1975, the National Public Safety Commission permitted the Japan Safe Driving Center (JSDC) to be established, as an organization that would help prevent traffic accidents and enhance convenience for drivers, in line with the Japan Safe Driving Center Act. JSDC would fulfill this mission by training drivers to drive safely, providing information on driving history and traffic accidents, and conducting research on these, among other activities.

Since then, JSDC has endeavored to expand its operations and improve its services. In 1977, for example, it launched a system for issuing SD cards, and in 1991 established the Central Training School for Safe Driving.

JSDC's operations are broadly divided into the five areas shown below. Each of these will be explained in the following pages.

Traffic Safety: Enhancing Convenience for Drivers



Training for safe driving

Teaching advanced skills and
knowledge for safe driving

Certification of driving history

Issuing driving record
certificates, etc., on request
from drivers

Certification of traffic accidents

Certifying the date, time and
other details of traffic
accidents on request from
the parties involved

Notification of points accumulated

Notification of penalty points
accumulated when drivers are
close to the points limit

Research and investigation

Research and investigation
on safe driving

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Training for Safe Driving A valuable experience

Useful for learning advanced skills and knowledge related to safe driving.

(1) Central Training School for Safe Driving (opened April 1st, 1991)

(Purpose)

To provide training in practical, specialized and advanced safe driving skills and knowledge, for core instructors and drivers in the community and occupational fields.

(Characteristics)

The Central Training School for Safe Driving provides the following training as Japan's most comprehensive safe driving training facility, located in Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture.

- Training on various courses reproducing actual roads, including a 5km high-speed oval track and a simulated urban area.
- Training to learn basics and applications for safe driving while experiencing the "limits of safe driving", which cannot be tested on public roads.
- Training how to escape from dangerous situations that would be difficult to simulate on normal roads.
- Integrated training by combining theory and practice, given by technical and theoretical instructors.

Recent training statistics

Category	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Trainees	14,647	13,463	13,094	11,142	12,111
Total man-days	58,684	54,191	52,106	45,307	49,186



(2) Traffic Park

The facilities of the Central Training School for Safe Driving include a "Traffic Park", where children and pupils from kindergarten to junior high school experience actual training in a simulated urban area. Here, they learn traffic-related knowledge and manners, such as how to cross the road or ride a bicycle safely.

Practical training on a massive ground (1,000,000m²)

Trainees can practice basic and practical safe driving skills on various courses.

1 High-Speed Oval Track (5km)
Training for safe driving on expressways.

2 No.2 Basic Practice Course (20,000m²)
For commercial vehicle license holders.

3 Simulated Urban Area (total length 3km)
Safe driving in urban streets.

4 Multipurpose Area (width 50m, length 300m)
Includes "hydroplaning" when traveling at high speeds.

5 Free Practice Course (20,000m²)
Learn the basic skills needed for safe driving.

6 Basic Practice Course (30,000m²)
Learn the basic road skills needed for safe driving.

7 Skid Pan (circular course, 30,000m²)
Experience skidding and slipping on the circular course.

8 Skid Pan (linear course, total length 280m)
Experience skidding and slipping on the linear course.

9 Motocross Course (60,000m²)
Experience riding on dirt tracks.

10 Medium to Low-Speed Oval Track (total length 6km)
Safe driving on ordinary roads and mountain roads.

11 Uphill Skid Pan (gradient 7%, total length 200m)
Learn maneuvers when a vehicle loses control on the uphill.

12 Trial Course (30,000m²)
Riding on a natural terrain with varied elevation.

13 Hazard Evasion Course (total length 250m)
Learn vehicle control when obstacles suddenly appear on the road.

14 Control Building Zone (60,000m²)
Facilities include a control and training building, accommodation and recreation facilities.

15 Accommodation (270rooms)
Facilities include special accommodation for a restaurant and large communal bath.

16 Traffic Park (70,000m²)
Knowledge on traffic safety and road manners for schoolchildren and pupils.

Central Training School for Safe Driving

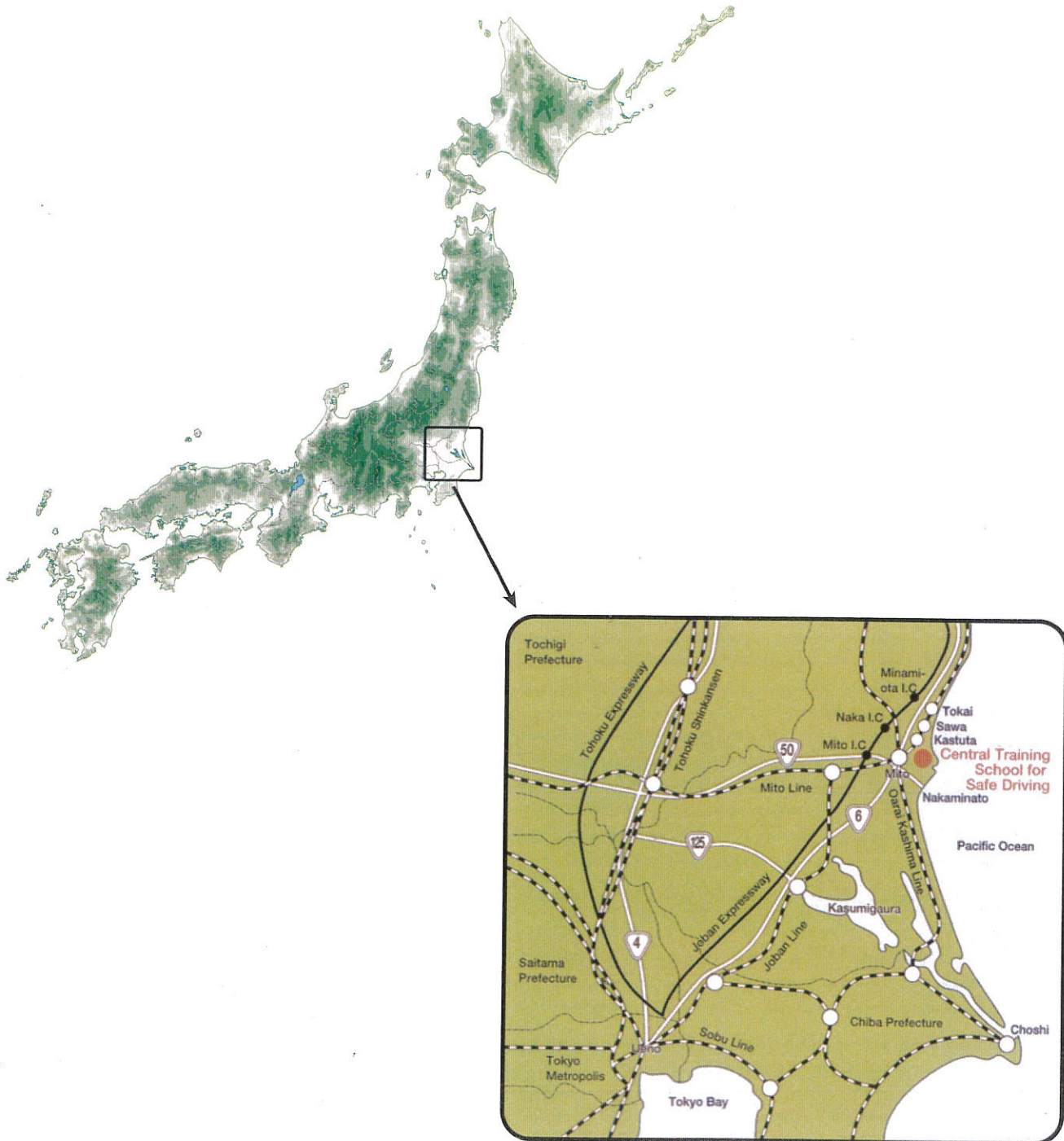
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Central Training School for Safe Driving

Access route

About 40 min. by car (10km) from Mito Station of the Joban Line

About 20 min. by car (6km) from Katsuta Station of the Joban Line

About 120min. by car (130km) from Tokyo using the Joban Expressway

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Certification of Driving History

Certificates useful for effective management of safe driving.

(1) Types of certificates

On request from drivers, we issue four different types of certificates related to a driver's driving history, the clean accident and offense record, driving record, points accumulated and driver's license history.

Clean Accident and Offense Record Certificate

This certifies that a driver has no record of accidents or traffic violations over a specified period. This certificate is used to encourage safe driving, praise good drivers, etc.

Reference No.	
Clean Accident and Offense Record Certificate	
Applicant	Name Date of Birth License No.
Date: from	In the above period, authority has no record of your traffic violations and accidents.
Certificate content	Remarks
<p>The Japan Safe Driving Center, authorized by the national law (Law No. 57 of 1975) to issue certificates regarding driving record, traffic accident and offense record, and driving license history, certify that the above-mentioned particulars have been verified as of date</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Head, Japan Safe Driving Center, Chiba Branch</p>	

Driving Record Certificate

This certifies records of traffic violations, accidents and license endorsements in the past one to five year period. It is used to encourage safe driving, praise good drivers, etc., and is required when applying for or renewing a private taxi license.

Reference No.	
Driving Record Certificate	
Applicant	Name Date of Birth License No.
Past Record of Suspension or Revocation	Accumulated Points
Date	content
Certificate content	Remarks
<p>The Japan Safe Driving Center, authorized by the national law (Law No. 57 of 1975) to issue certificates regarding driving record, traffic accident and offense record, and driving license history, certify that the above-mentioned records are true and correct for the last years date</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Head, Japan Safe Driving Center, Chiba Branch</p>	

Certification of Points Accumulated

This certifies the current penalty points accumulated for traffic violations and accidents.

Certification of Driver's License History

This certifies past lapsed or revoked licenses, the type of license currently held, the date it was obtained, etc.

Recent issue statistics

Category	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Certificates issued	4,812,464	4,654,143	4,745,806	4,811,749	4,854,594
License holders	80,447,842	80,811,945	81,010,246	81,215,266	81,487,846

(Note: The number of license holders is as of Dec. 31 in each year)

(2) Application method and certification fees

Applications may be made via transfer from any branch of the Japan Postal Bank, after filling in an application form with the necessary details. Forms may be obtained at JSDC offices, police stations and police boxes. Also, you can apply directly to your nearest JSDC office. Companies and other organizations may apply on behalf of individuals by proxy.

The fee is 630 yen per certificate.

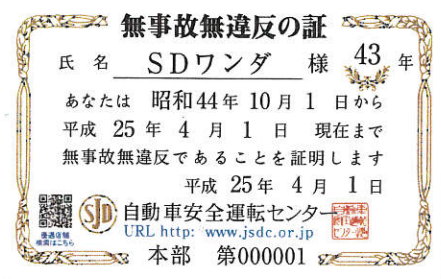
(3) SD (Safe Driver) Cards

a. Significance and types

SD Cards are presented to anyone applying for a Clean Accident and Offense Record Certificate or Driving Record Certificate who has no record of accidents or traffic violations, for more than one year.

The SD Card is a respected documentation of safe driving, and possessing one should therefore enhance the holder's pride and self-awareness as a safe driver.

By October 31st, 2011, more than 100 million SD Cards had been issued.



Five types of SD Cards, depending on the length of no accident/incident period.



b. Special privileges for SD Card holders

SD Card holders can enjoy discounts on gasoline, meals, accommodation and other purchases, as well as preferential interest rates for car purchase loans. The number of businesses offering these privileges is increasing year by year, with about 25,000 merchants nationwide.

Certification of Traffic Accidents

Certification of the date, time and other details of traffic accidents, on request from the parties involved.

(1)Significance and method of use

Traffic accident certificates are issued on request from the parties involved in an accident. They state the date and time of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and other relevant details.

JSDC certifies these details based on data kept by the police. Among others, these certificates are used as supporting documents when claiming various kinds of automobile insurance benefits.

The certificates are prepared using personal information held by the police. As such, applications are only accepted from parties involved in a traffic accident (both at-fault and non-fault), or someone applying on their behalf by proxy.

見本

交通事故証明書

申 住所 102-D084

請 東京都千代田区二番町3番地

者 氏名 日本 五郎 様

事故照会番号 随町署 第 0110 号

甲・乙 との続柄 本人、代理人

発生日時 平成〇〇年3月5日 午前6時30分ごろ

発生場所 東京都千代田区二番町3番地上

甲	住 所	東京都千代田区二番町3番地				備考
	アフリカナ	ニホシ ヨロウ				甲・乙以外の当事者の有無 〔有（運転免許と印） 〔無
	氏 名	日本 五郎	生 年 月 日	明 太	〇〇年 10月 3日 (52 歳)	
	車 種	① 普通乗用自動車	車 台 号	品川7731234		
	自賠責保険関係	② 契約先 関東火災	証明書番号	1-234-5678		
事故時の状況	(連続) ・ 同乗(運転者氏名) ・ 歩行 ・ その他					
乙	住 所	神奈川県横浜市旭区中郷2丁目3番1号				
	アフリカナ	カナヅ ハナコ				
	氏 名	神奈川 花子	生 年 月 日	明 太	〇〇年 6月 15日 (39 歳)	
	車 種	③ 普通乗用自動車	車 台 号	横浜78た1234		
	自賠責保険関係	④ 契約先 未来火災	証明書番号	123-4567		
事故時の状況	(連続) ・ 同乗(運転者氏名) ・ 歩行 ・ その他					

事故類型	人対車間	車両損傷箇所										不備（対策まで）
		正面衝突	側面衝突	後面衝突	接触	追突	その他	転倒	踏断	衝突	その他	
上記の事項を確認したことを証明します。												

なお、この証明は、損害の性別とその程度、事故の原因、過失の有無とその程度を明らかにするものではありません。

平成 〇〇 年 4 月 1 日
自動車安全運転センター

〇 ○ ○ 事務 所 長 印

証明番号

654321

照合記録簿の類別

人身事故

(2) Application method and certification fees

Applications may be made via transfer from any post office, using an application form (transfer form). Forms may be obtained at JSDC offices, police stations, non-life insurance companies, etc. Also, you can apply directly to your nearest JSDC office.

The fee is 540 yen per certificate.

Recent issue statistics

Category	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Certificates issued	3,425,820	3,396,902	3,466,336	3,397,426	3,276,895
Road casualties	950,900	916,183	901,216	859,273	829,807

(Note: The number of road casualties is per calendar year.)

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Notification of Points Accumulated

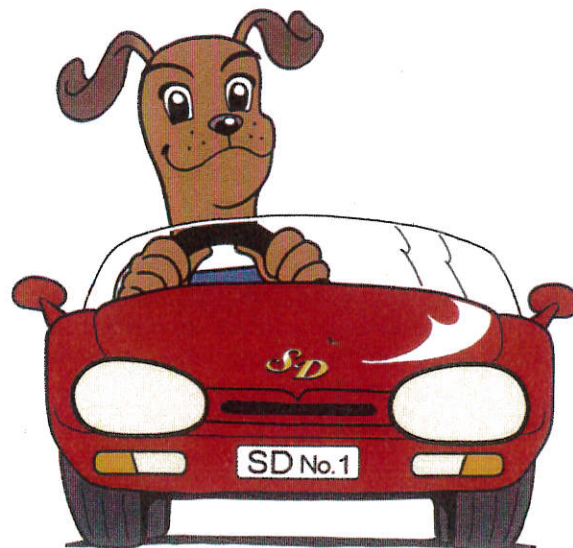
Notification of penalty points accumulated when drivers are close to the points limit.

License suspensions and other penalties are implemented by the Prefectural Public Safety Commission (police) based on a points system. Drivers are given points for each traffic violation, and when the accumulated points reach six points, the license will be suspended or the driver will have to attend offender training.

We therefore notify drivers in writing when their accumulated points have reached four or five points. By doing so, we encourage them to be particularly attentive to traffic violations and accidents, and to take care to drive more safely.

Recent notification statistics

Category	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Notifications issued	1,068,264	1,038,675	971,848	938,163	893,756



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Research and Investigation

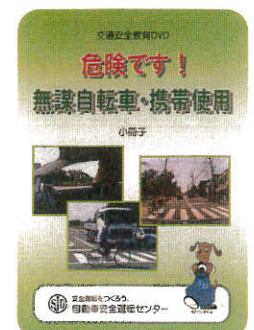
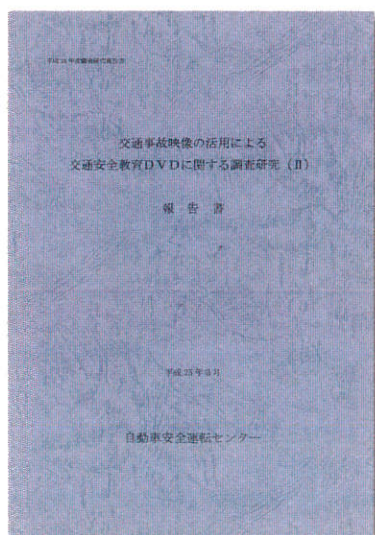
Research and investigation on safe driving. The results have been used to make amendments to laws and ordinances.

We conduct research and investigation on the skills needed to drive safely, methods of preventing obstacles caused by road traffic and various types of driver behavior, etc. We publish the results in reports, research news bulletins, etc.

These results are then reflected in amendments to laws, ordinances and other traffic safety measures implemented by the government. They are also widely used as data for safe driving management in companies and instruction in driving schools.

Introduction to recent research results

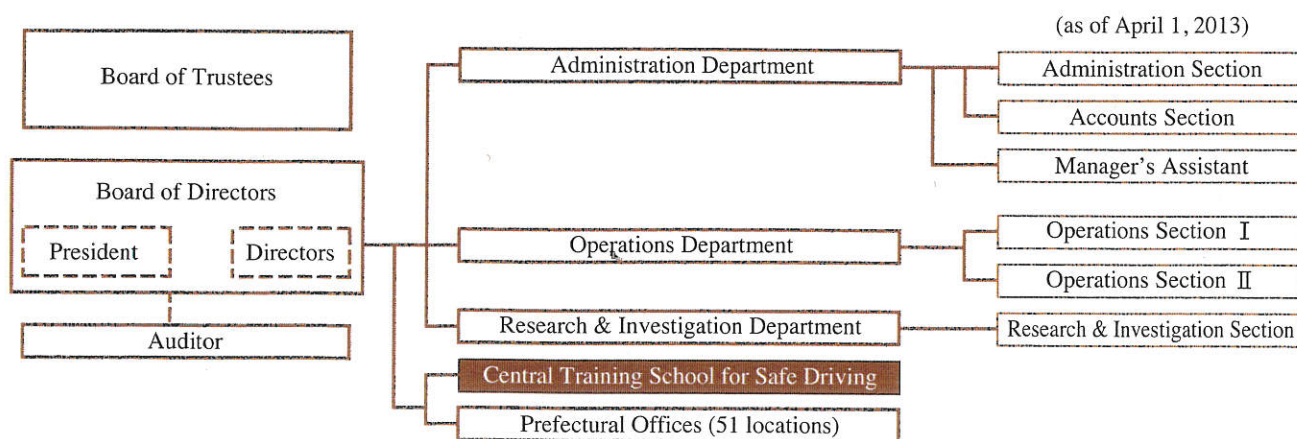
Reports, DVDs, instructor's guides, pamphlets, etc.



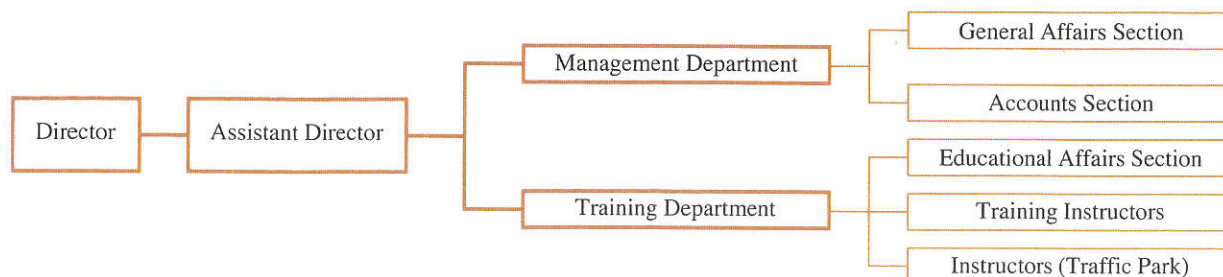
History

1975	Sept. 1	Implementation of the Japan Safe Driving Center Act (Act No. 57 of July 10th, 1975).
	Oct. 16	National Public Safety Commission gives permission for incorporation (Articles of Association, Business Plan).
	Nov. 1	Head Office established at Kojimachi 4-2, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; business starts.
1976	Jan. 1	Prefectural Offices established in 51 locations; business starts.
1977	Apr. 1	SD Card system launched.
1981	Feb. 4	Head Office relocated to Toranomon 1-21-17, Minato-ku, Tokyo.
1991	Apr. 1	Central Training School for Safe Driving established.
	June 20	Traffic Park opened at the Central Training School for Safe Driving.
2003	June 1	Head Office relocated to 3-Banchi, Nibancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.
	Oct. 1	Privatized.
2004	Mar. 30	No. 2 Accommodation Building completed at the Central Training School for Safe Driving.
2008	Mar. 12	“SD Wanda-kun” debuted as the official mascot.
2009	Apr. 1	Change to design of SD Cards. SD Super Gold Card added.

Organization



(Separate chart) Central Training School for Safe Driving



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