Support Service For Providing Infomation Concerning Driving Snowy Roads During Winter

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Outline of the Presentation



- 1. Company profile and abstract
- 2. Tasks for safety driving during winter
- 3. Public awareness for safety driving durring winter, which our company conducts
- 4. Introduction of the functions of our website
- 5. Verification of the positive effects of infomation provision by Drive Traffic (Heavy snowfall in the Tokyo region on January 14, 2013)
- 6. Summary



1. Company Profile



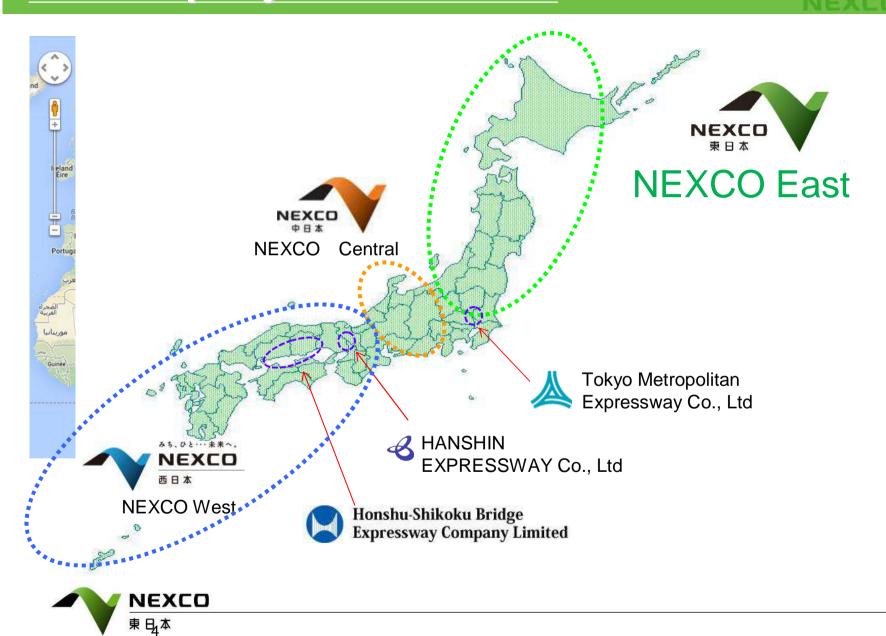
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Abbreviated name: Nexco East

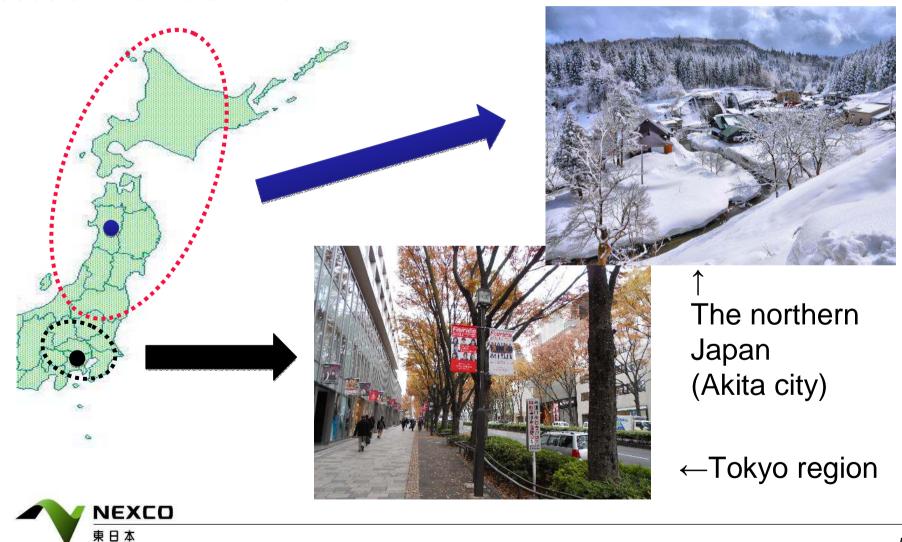


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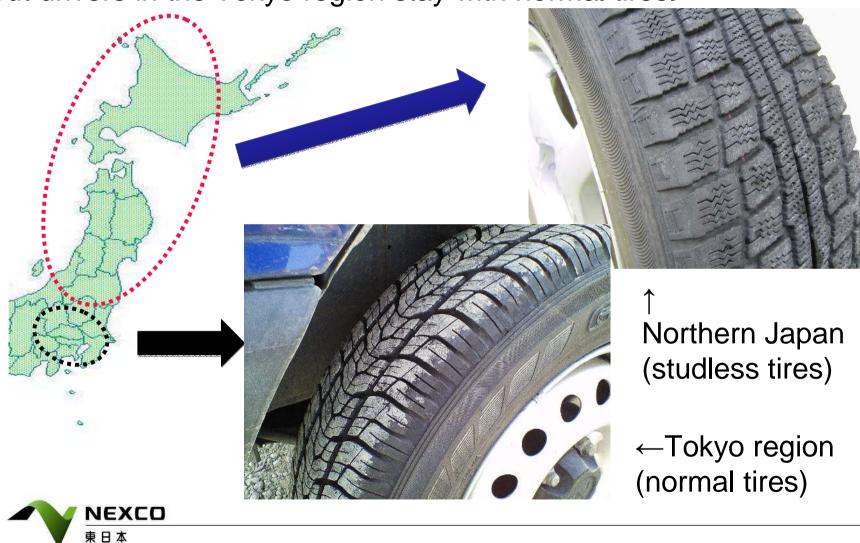
2. Weather characteristics in eastern Japan

The northern Japan is covered in deep snow, but the Tokyo region sees almost no snowfall.



2. Problems related to safe driving in winter (Changing tires for the winter season)

Drivers in northern Japan switch to studless winter tires in winter, but drivers in the Tokyo region stay with normal tires.



2. Problems related to safe driving in winter (Changing tires for the winter season)



Dangers of driving on snowy roads with normal tires





2. Problems related to safe driving in winter (Comparison of the accident rates and length of closure)

Accident rates and expressway closures are both 1.7 times higher in winter than in the other seasons (in our company's jurisdiction)

	Winter	The other season	Winter /The other season
Accident rate (case/100mllion cars km)	72.3	42.1	1.72
Length of closure (km□hr)	1266.3	745.9	1.70

Accidents and road closures outside of the Tokyo region also increase due to bad road conditions caused by snowfalls.





(Method 1) Surveys of studless winter tire use



Figure : Inspectors wait at interchanges



Figure : Check tires when cars stop



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(Method 2) Public awareness about using studless winter tires by road information boards and posters



Figure: Information board on the expressway (Tohoku Expressway(From Tokyo to Aomori))

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Awareness poster (promotion using a well-known celebrity)



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Growing user's demand for offsite information provision







Outline of the functions of DraTra

- (1) The website DraTra is released in 3 versions(PC,cellphone and smartphone)
- (2) The number of accesses to the website
- (3) Outline of the various functions of the website



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Release In 2009.11 In 2011.4

Mobile
PC

Smart phone



(2) The number of accesses to the website

(Accesses) Monthly average accesses to draTra(by the year)





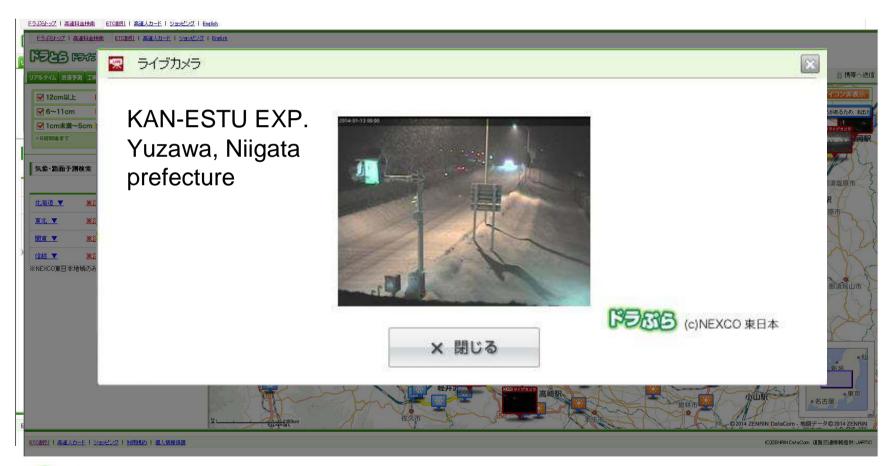
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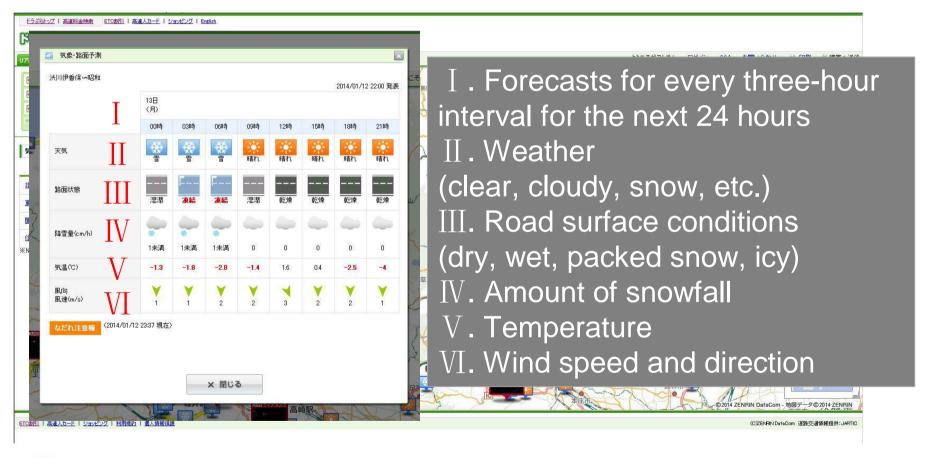


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<a>3My Route



⑥Road Closure information (Mail delivery service) (E-mail subscribers only)



3 Road Closure



①Route Registration

(Receiving Mail)

< E-mail subscribers >



2 Save to server





1 . Snowfall in the Tokyo region



Figure: Woman dressed in a kimono



Figure: Traffic congestion (Tokyo)

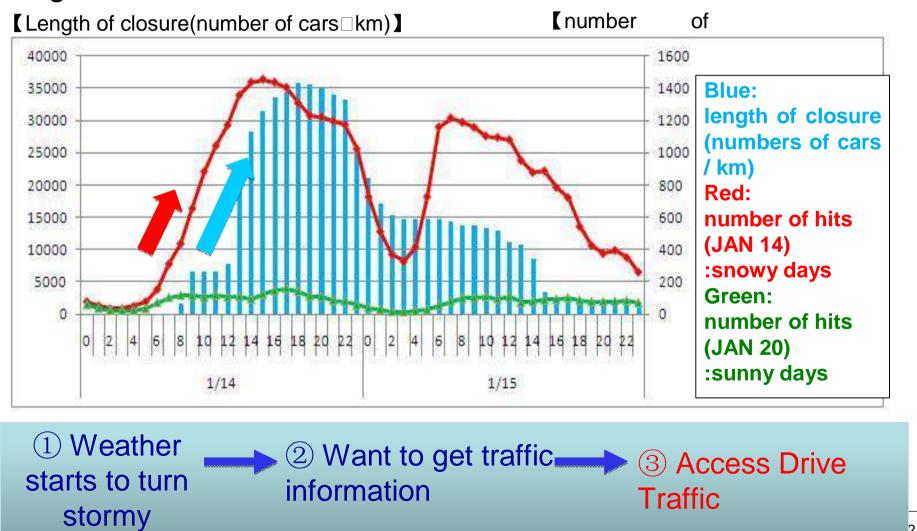


 $\stackrel{2013}{2}$. Road closures in the Tokyo region on Drive Traffic (PC version)



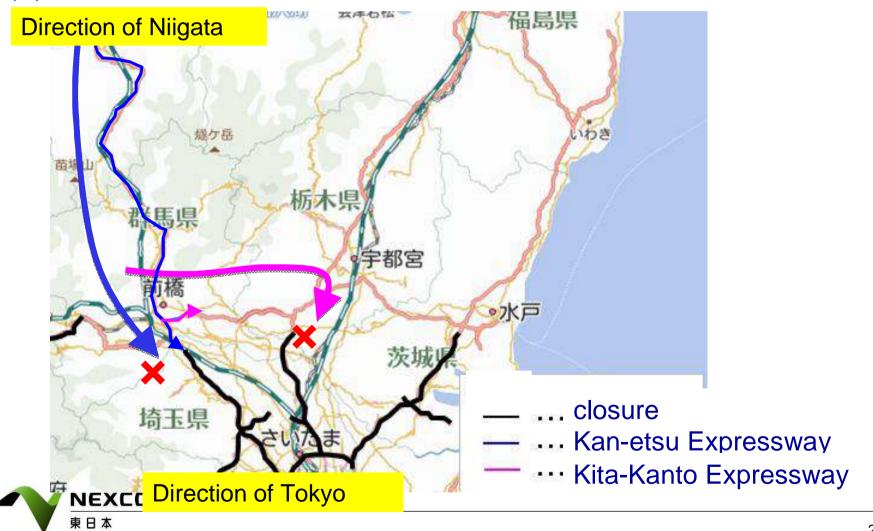


Relation between the number of hits for "Drive Traffic" and the length of road closure

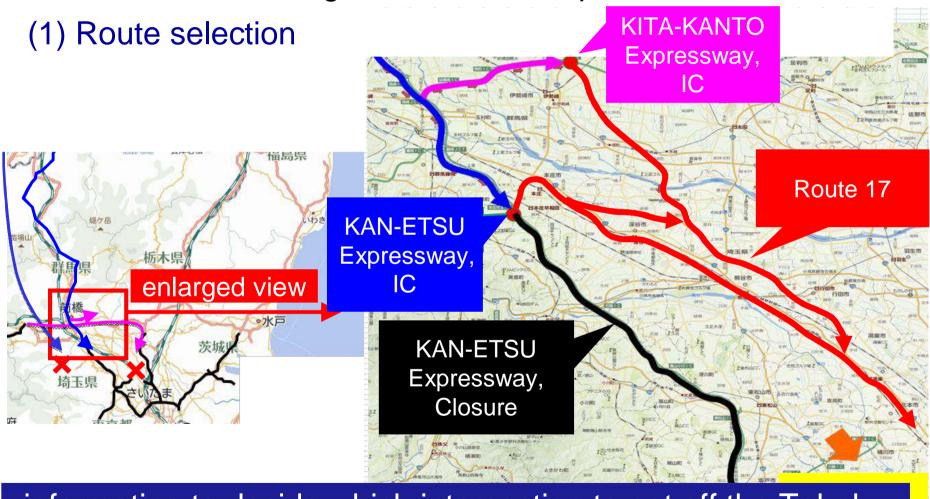


Positive effect resulting from infomation provision

(1) Route selection



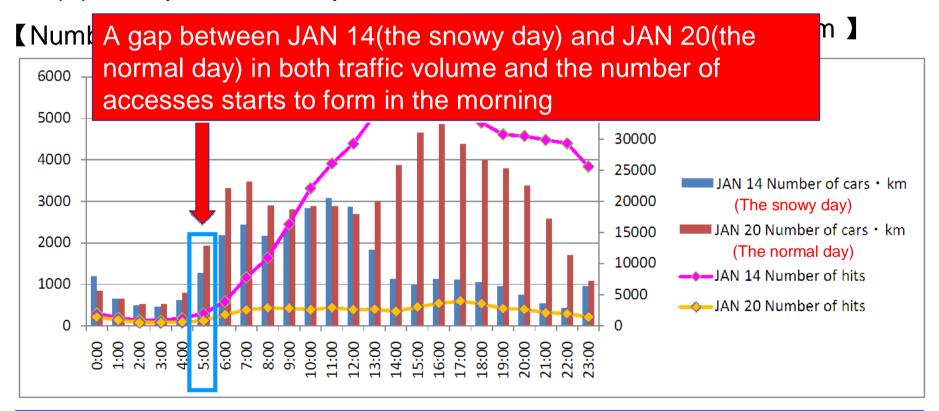
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information to decide which intersection to get off the Tohoku Expressway or the Kita-Kanto Expressway.

Pashive effect resulting from infomation provision

(2) Postpone travel plans



We can surmise that some drivers checked Drive Traffic, obtained information about the snowfall, and decided not to travel.



6. Summary

★ Problems related to driving on snowy roads in winter

- (1) Risks of driving on snowy roads without using studless tires
- (2) There are more accidents and closures during winter compared with the other seasons.

★Role of Drive Traffic's information provision during snowfalls

- (1) The website is used as one of the reasons for selecting a detour route on another expressway or national road, when there is closure.
- (2) Since drivers, who don't use studless tires or who are worried about driving in snow, inhibit driving when it snows, it has an effect to prevent traffic accidents.

Therefore, Drive Traffic contributes to reduce the number of accidents and road closures as well as the leveling of traffic volume

Thank you for listening

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