ATTENTION! 🟢
To all the international students at Tohoku University.

Due to revisions in the Road Traffic Law, cyclists with repeated traffic safety violations will be required to take a safety training course.

I always follow road rules and etiquette!

Applicable violations include:
- Failure to obey stoplights
- Failure to obey stop signs/markings
- Riding drunk
- Faulty brakes
etc.

Outline of safety training system

Repeated safety violations ➔ Order to undergo training ➔ Attend training

Failure to attend training will result in a fine of JPY 50,000 or less
Cycling violations that will result in safety training include:

- Failure to obey stoplights
- Failure to obey gates at ※RC
- Failure to obey stop signs
- Traffic violations on sidewalks
- Riding bicycles with faulty brakes
- Riding drunk
- Riding in areas off-limits to bicycles
- Safety violations in pedestrian areas (failure to comply with reduced speed zones)
- Safety violations at intersections
- Failure to yield right of way
- Safety violations at rotaries
- Driving dangerously
- Obstructing pedestrians when riding on road shoulder
- Riding on wrong side of the road
- Safety violations at rotaries
- Obstructing pedestrians when riding on road shoulder
- Driving dangerously

※RC: railroad crossings

Other Violations

- Riding in areas off-limits to bicycles
- Safety violations in pedestrian areas (failure to comply with reduced speed zones)
- Safety violations at intersections
- Failure to yield right of way
- Safety violations at rotaries
- Driving dangerously
- Obstructing pedestrians when riding on road shoulder
- Riding on wrong side of the road
- Safety violations at rotaries
- Obstructing pedestrians when riding on road shoulder
- Driving dangerously

Outline of cyclist safety training system
※Failure to attend training will result in a fine of JPY 50,000 or less

1. Cyclist repeatedly commits traffic safety violations
   - 2 or more violations within 3 years

2. Regional/Prefectural Public Safety Commission orders cyclist to undergo training to prevent further violations

3. Cyclist attends training program
   - Time required: 3 hrs.
   - Fee: JPY 5,700 (average fee)

Five rules for safer cycling

1. In general, ride on the street.
   - Avoid riding on sidewalks.
2. Stay on the left side of the road.
3. Yield right of way to pedestrians.
4. Obey all traffic safety rules.
   - Never ride drunk, ride double, or ride two abreast
   - Use bicycle lights at night
   - Obey traffic lights/signs at intersections and look both ways before proceeding
5. Children must wear helmets.

If you are involved in an accident while riding a bicycle, you may be liable for injuries and damage.
It is advisable to enroll in insurance that covers such accidents.