**Driving Information**

So that you can fully enjoy Hokkaido, it is essential that you understand and obey Japanese traffic laws.

### Regulatory signs

**Make sure you come to a complete stop at stop signs and railway crossings.**

Stop signs are in the shape of an inverted triangle. When you approach a stop sign at an intersection, please be aware that there might not be stop signs for traffic perpendicular to you. This means that such traffic may approach at high speeds. If your failure to stop at the intersection results in a crash, you’ll be at fault. Please be sure to stop at stop signs.

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### Caution signs

- Slippery road
- Falling rocks
- Bumpy road
- Road construction
- Steep up-slope
- Steep down-slope
- School zone
- Traffic signal
- Merging traffic
- Lane reduced
- Road narrows ahead
- Two-way traffic
- Railroad crossing
- Crosswind
- Animal crossing
- Other danger

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### Direction signs

- Parking allowed
- Stopping allowed
- Right-of-way
- Center line
- Stopping line
- Safety zone
- Pedestrian crossing
- Bike crossing line

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### Traffic violations

Stiff penalties are imposed on those who drive under the influence of alcohol. You’ll be subject to penalties if you use a cell-phone while driving, exceed the speed limit, or park illegally.

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### Types of fuel (gasoline)

- Ultimate unleaded
- Unleaded
- Diesel

*Depending on the gas station, “Ultimate unleaded” may be called “Plus unleaded,” “Super unleaded,” or “Premium unleaded.”*

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### Official Website

This is the official website for the Michi-no-Ekis in Hokkaido. We invite you to visit it.

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**Please answer the questionnaire**

Would you complete this survey to help improve the Michi-no-Ekis in Hokkaido?

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**Rest facilities for enjoying long-distance drives in Hokkaido**

These are rest areas for long drives in vast Hokkaido.

Michi-no-Ekis (Roadside Rest Areas) offer various services to support pleasant driving.

1. **Rest area**

   There is free parking and toilets available 24 hours a day.

   They are also used as disaster-prevention facilities.

2. **Information**

   You can get information on roads and tourism in various ways: from live footage, guides, and Wi-Fi.

   The hours depend on the location.

3. **Local products and food**

   Enjoy specialties at dining areas.

   The hours depend on the location.