

Two daughters of Ms. Izumi Takahashi started to have bicycle rides. She bought red helmets to tell her daughters the danger of car traffic and never ride bicycles without helmet. Izumi, a mother architect in Karatsu, Kyushu, advocates street should be for people, especially for kids.



やっとかぶるようになったヘルメット！親子でそろえた。樹木や田舎の緑に赤色が映える。よく遊びに行く友だちも、ヘルメットを買ったそうだし。(撮影：高橋 崇、6月18日) 記事本文

Mr. and Mrs. Ozawa visited Mr. Hatoyama, Minister of Law, in June 2008. Ozawa's parents were killed by a drunk and speeding driver, and their younger brother and sister were seriously injured. Ozawa's appealed to the Minister to take stronger stance against drunk driving and to disclose information about police inspection of criminals, including a criminal who supplied alcohol to the driver.



In July 2008, members of four traffic victims' organizations, i.e. Traffic Accidents Victims (TAV) Association, Association to Send Voices of Victims' Families, Traffic Victims Association of Hokkaido, and Association for the Disclosure of Police Inspection Documents, visited Mr. Hatoyama, Minister of Law, for early disclosure of police inspection.



Mr. Ichiko Suzuki's son Yosuke was killed in 2005. Yosuke's car was crashed by a sport car. Mr. Suzuki was upset when the criminal driver was given suspended sentence. He then started his own inspection, which was his fight against the criminal, police, prosecutors, and judges. Mr. Suzuki wrote his essay in the pamphlet of voices of families of victims, which was published by the Supporting Center for Crime Victims of Shizuoka. The title of the pamphlet is "The Flower of Orange", since Shizuoka is well known by its orange firming. The white yellow flower on the cover of the pamphlet is that of an orange.

