Key Issues on ITS Deployment and Evaluation

KOCHI 2001 PLAN and KoCoRo ~



"Restoration of Information Society" from Tosa

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Condition of Kochi Prefecture

Aging Society

•Aging ratio (+65) 21.8% (2nd/47)

•1st Pref. showing natural pop.

Decrease



- •Road improvement 39.2% (44th)
- •Road Close 43 times(742hrs)/year

Weak economic

- •Revenue / local tax 21.9% (47th)
- •GDP per capita 2,383Myen (45th)



Critical Transportation Investment Decisions

- ? Highway / Airport Construction
- ? Road Operations and Maintenance
- ? Public Transportation Mobility
- ? Tourism and Traveler Information

Approach to Deployment of ITS

- 1 . ITS projects integrated in the regional comprehensive IT deployment plan.
- 2 . Establishing a core local communication network shared with related agencies
- 3 . P-D-C-A (Plan Do Check Action) circle to utilize ITS evaluation results for the next transportation decision making

Summary of KOCHI 2001 PLAN

KOCHI prefecture offers a new lifestyle in rural regions using information technologies, and conducts experiments and research in many fields.

Concept

Restoration of Information Society for a new lifestyle

Deployment

- Cooperation among industry, university, & government
- for 10 projects

Period

5 year proj<mark>ect Year 1997-2001</mark>

Site

The whole Prefecture

- ? Advanced information system for aged & depopulated society
- ? Activation of industry under industry-university-government cooperation centered on Kochi University of Technology
- ? New local revitalization through advanced informatics

ITS Model Deployment Areas

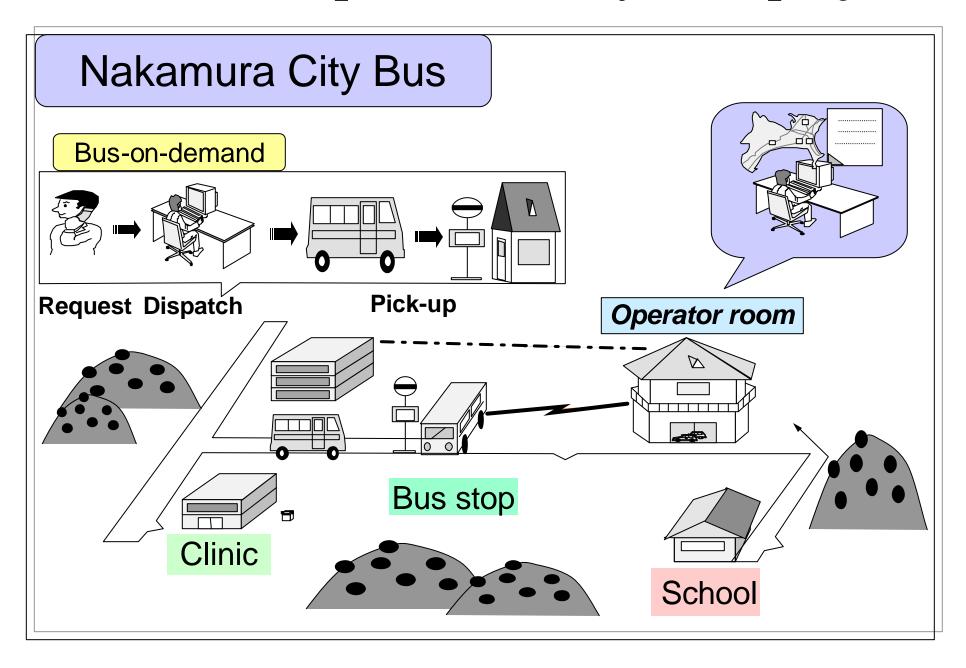
Feasibility Study by Japanese Government

- •Objectives.
 - -ITS Model Deployment and Feasibility Study on Effectiveness of ITS
 - Supporting Selected Regional Efforts as ITS Model
 Deployment

•Model areas:

- Sept. 1998 Five areas selected by F/S Committee
 (Kochi, Toyota, Gifu, Okayama, Tokyo)
- March 2000 Experiments and Evaluation

Demand Responsive Bus Systems project



Experimental Results

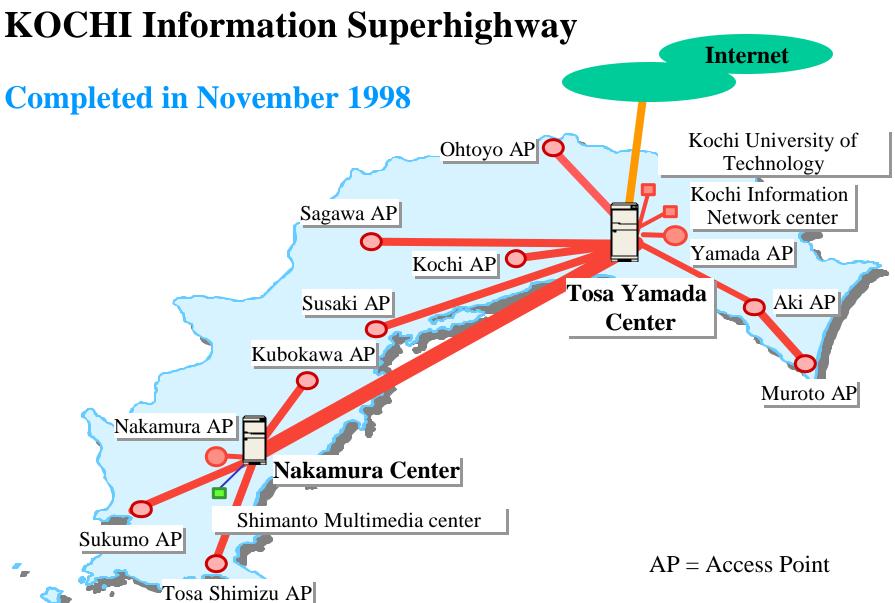
- 1. Four to Five times more users than that before the experiment: 7 users/day? 30 users/day
- 2.Questionnaire results showed that users highly evaluated the new bus service.

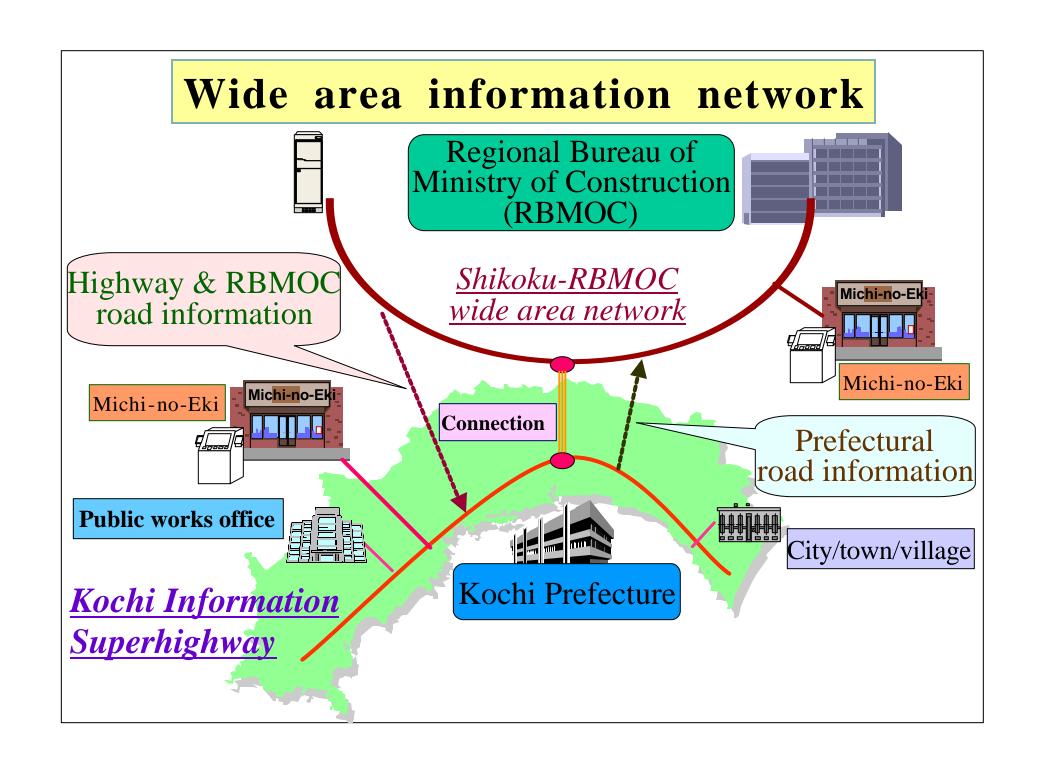
Problems and issues

- 1. Better cost Performance is necessary for the continuous operation

 Despite of largely increased users, bus business could not get out of the red.
- 2. Experiment cooperated with town development projects
 Shopping malls joining a new bus service system
 Experiment of park-and-bus-ride

Network Configuration of





ITS Projects in Kochi based on the P-D-C-A Cycle

? Reflecting the evaluation results to KoCoRo'99

- Sharing road management information
- Information offering by the means of internet, browser phone etc.
- Experiment of demand-responsive bus system utilizing IT
- ITS model deployment district



Action

Plan

? Execution of KoCoRo'97

- Offering information at the station



? Planning of KoCoRo'97

to the "Road Station"

- Develop information provision systems



Internet



Check

? Evaluation of KoCoRo'97

- Information services were highly evaluated.
- Various means of offering information were needed.
- New public transportation systems were needed.

Information provision via the Internet ~ traffic regulation (example)

