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The Crackdown on Illegal Parking

In accordance with road traffic law reforms, there have been big changes in the crackdown on illegal parking since June 1st. The key points are as follows:

- There is a major emphasis on negligent, dangerous, and obstructive parking. Even if only parked for a short time, every car parked illegally is an obstruction to traffic and can potentially become the cause of an accident. So, regardless of whether the car is parked for a long time or a short time, the use of verification stickers is to ensure traffic is safe and smooth.
- A fine system for illegal parking has been introduced where in cases when drivers who park illegally and do not pay the fine, the owner of the car is ordered to pay a fine for the same amount. Also, repeat offenders who receive several parking fine notices will be restricted from using their vehicle for a specified period of time.

In addition to the law, liability for the use and maintenance of the car lies with the "user" - usually the person identified as the user of the car on the registration papers.

- Within Maebashi, Maebashi East, Takasaki, and Ota, both parking inspectors and police patrol the area and put a verification sticker on those cars parked illegally.

Parking inspectors have attended a training course run by the Public Safety Commission on road traffic rules, and have Parking Inspector Qualification Certificates. They work within the public guidelines focusing on assigned areas and times taking into account opinions and requests from citizens of the region.

- A system has been introduced where car registration (or shaken) is rejected if parking fines are not paid. Those who don't pay will receive a reminder notice from the Public Safety Commission and be subject to forcible collection of the unpaid amount. Also, if you have outstanding parking fines, you will not be able to complete your car registration (or shaken).

For more information, contact the Gunma Police Headquarters Traffic Enforcement Division within the Transport Centre on 027-253-0110.