# JAPAN'S LIGHT-RAIL TRANSIT



### Classification of Urban Transportation Systems

Urban Public Transport	
Mass Transit	Urban Railway/Subway
Medium Capacity Transit	Monorail
	Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) *
	Light Rail Transit (LRT) ** (grade separated)
	Guideway Bus System
	Short Distance Transport Systems
Small - Medium Capacity Transit	Light Rail Transit (LRT) *** (at grade, within road right-of way)
Small Capacity Transit	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) ****
regionally called as: New Transport System (NTS) in Japan, Automated	Bus System (Ordinal; Demand-typed)

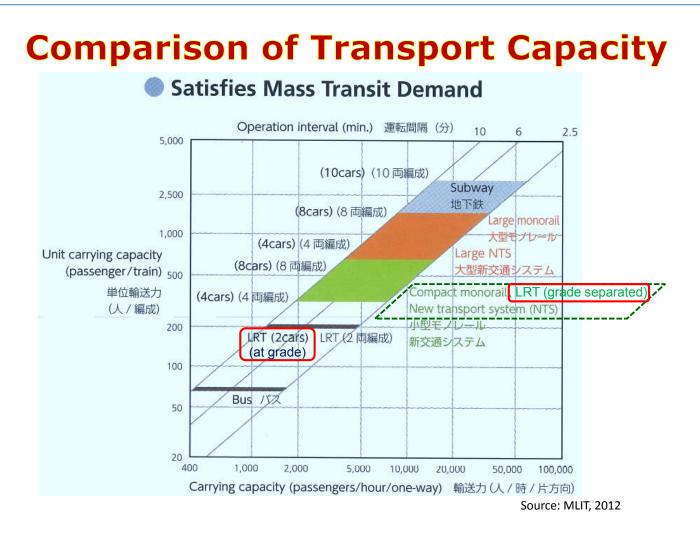
\* AGT is regionally called as: New Transport System (NTS) in Japan, Automate People Mover (APM) in North America.

\*\* such as LRTs in Metro Manila, Philippines

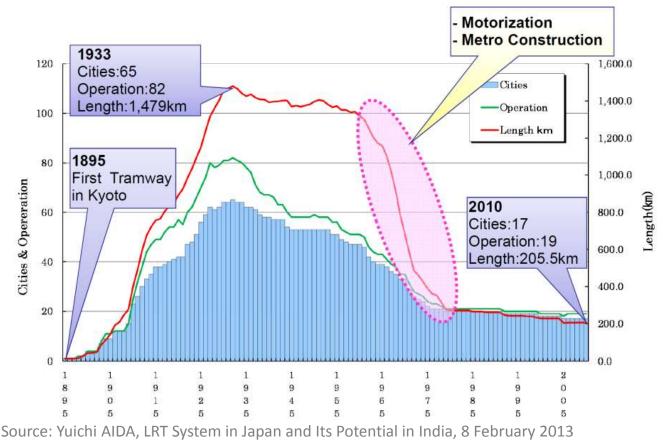
\*\*\* LRT is locally called such as Streetcar, Tram, Tramway, Light Rail or Light Railway. \*\*\*\* BRT is regionally called as Key Route Bus in Japan.

Source: MLIT, 2012

Others (inclu. Mini-bus, Para-Transit)



#### **Transition of LRT in Japan**



### What are Roles of LRT ?



LRT provides passengers **quicker and more regular moving**, and realize **modal change** from private cars and other transport modes.

The **Toyama PORTRAM**, currently reconstructed LRT which had transformed from JR Toyama-port line, has realized to increase the **number of daily users by 2.2 times in weekdays and 5.3 times in weekend**; especially the number of **aged users of more than 60-year-old increased by 3.5 and 7.4 times** in each period.



#### LRT of the next generation, is more **environmentfriendly** public transport system and more **accessible to aged and physically or socially handicapped passengers**.



### Current Status of Japan's LRTs RAKKURU

Operated by Hakodate City Tram Department <u>The Ordinal Car has Reformed to LRV</u>



## PORTRAM

#### Operated by Toyama Light Rail Co., Ltd.



Source : Toyama Light Rail Co., Ltd. ⇒ http://www.t-lr.co.jp/about/portram.html

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#### Operated by Okayama Electric Tramway Co.,Ltd.



Source : Okayama Electric Tramway Co., Ltd.

#### **Greenmover Max** Operated by Hiroshima Electric Railway Co.,Ltd. Car length = 30.5 meters, longest in Japan



Inner Urban area

Outer Urban area

Source : Hiroshima Electric Railway Co.,Ltd.

#### **HEARTRAM** Operated by Tosa Electric Railway Co.,Ltd.



Source : Tosa Electric Railway Co., Ltd.

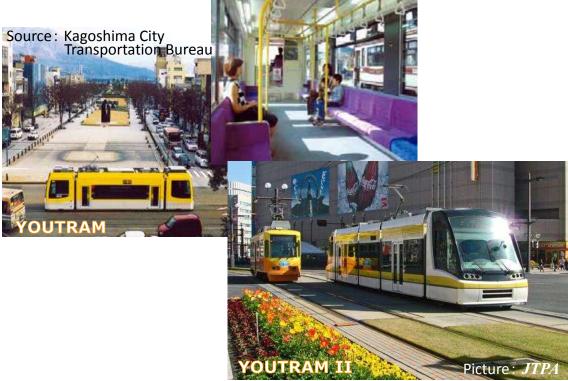
## **Type-0800**

#### Operated by Kumamoto City Transportation Bureau Introduced Japan's first LRV



Source : Kumamoto City Transportation Bureau

### YOUTRAM I & II Operated by Kagoshima City Transportation Bureau



## LRT grade separated



System Overview	
Speed	Max 65km/h
Number of Cars	73 cars
Passenger	28,500 pphpd *
Capacity	(600 thousand/day)

\* Passengers per hour per direction

Scope by Japan's maker: System Integration, Train, E&M System, Civil, Maintenance



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## Japan's Maker has:

- Completed Successfully a Full Turnkey Project
- taken a role as System Integrator
- Provided continuously Higher Service Availability since opening in 1999
- Provided more than 10 years of Maintenance by promoting Technical Transfer & Localization





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LKI Operation Mobile phone Instruction with Tablet PC thru GPS for handicapped passengers

with Stroller





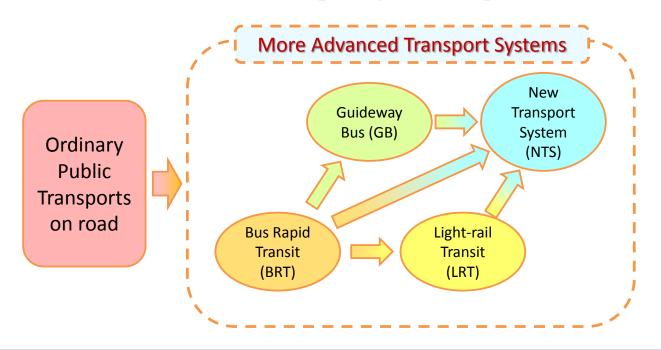
#### **Reference: Information Services in Tokyo**



Information Services for Handicapped persons

Source: MLIT, http://www.tokyo-ubinavi.jp/index\_en.html

### Ideas for Shifting Transport Modes to More Advanced Systems following increasing in passenger needs



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