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- 1. How Japan developed after WW II
 - (1) Population Growth

72 million (1945) \rightarrow 100 million (1967) \rightarrow 127 million (2015)

- (2) Concentration to 3 major metropolitan areas (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya)
- 2. How Japan developed its urban railway network
 - (1) Many problems to be solved

Traffic congestion and Crowded trains, Motorization,

Environmental Problems, Traffic Safety

- (2) Constructors / Operators (National/Public/Private)
- (3) TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
- 3. Today's railway network in Japan
- 4. New Challenges: How to realize more useful railways for passengers
 - (1) Barrier-free, Universal design
 - (2) Seamless mobility, IC cards, MaaS (Mobility as a Service)
 - (3) Crowded trains, Train delays