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Type Approval and Recall Division  
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## World's First International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) Certificate Issued

– For the International Spread of Safe and Secure Vehicles –

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) has issued the world's first certificate under the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) System to vehicles submitted by Toyota Motor Corporation (commonly known as Yaris).

The International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) System, established in July 2018 by the United Nations World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), aims to standardize and simplify the procedure for type approval of motor vehicles between countries\*.

On December 11, 2019, the world's first certification of type approval using this system was granted by the MLIT to vehicles of Toyota Motor Corporation (known as Yaris).

The issued certificate will eliminate the need to examine the vehicle for basic safety and environmental performance in 56 countries and one region, mainly in Europe, which are contracting countries to IWVTA like Japan. This is expected to facilitate the automaker's sale and distribution in those countries and region and enhance its international competitiveness.

The MLIT will continue encouraging automakers to make good use of this system.



(Attachment 1) Outline of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)

(Attachment 2) Outline of International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) System

(Attachment 3) IWVTA Criteria applied in this certification (27 Regulations)

Toyota Yaris (Photo courtesy of Toyota Motor Corporation)

\*Specifically, in addition to the existing system of mutual recognition of approval (MRA) for individual devices and parts of a vehicle, IWVTA upgrades the MRA to that of the whole vehicle, ensuring the safety and environmental performance of the basic structure of a vehicle.