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In recent years, a number of key science and technology research centers and laboratories have been established within the RIOH, including the Highway Engineering Research Center, the Bridge Technology Research Center, the Road & Transport Safety Engineering Research Center, the Automobile Transport Technology Research Center, the Road and Transport Environmental Engineering Research Center, the Road & Transport Development Research Center, the ITS Engineering Research Center (National ITS Engineering Technology Research Center), the Transport and Logistics Engineering Research Center, the Road Maintenance and Management Research Center, the International Technological Cooperation and Exchange Center approved by the MOT; and the laboratories for Road Engineering Structure and Materials, Road & Transport Safety, Bridge Inspection and Reinforcement, and ITS Technology.

Over the past few decades, the Institute has been leading the design and research on traffic technologies in China, including the development of design and construction specifications. The accomplishments of the Institute are remarkable.