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Smartphone-linked traffic lights helping guide visually impaired in Japan

Visually impaired people are seen crossing the road while listening to auditory guidance from smartphones, in the city of Yotsukaido, Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo

The pedestrians had installed the free smartphone app "ShinGO!" by Tokyo-based traffic light manufacturer Nippon Signal Co. The app also includes a vibrating alert function that accompanies the auditory guidance, as well as a feature that enables users to extend the period that a traffic light stays green. (Japanese original by Naritake Machida, City News Department)

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