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Railway Development in Japan

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History of Railway Development in Japan





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Name	<u>Japan</u> <u>Railway</u> Construction, <u>T</u> ransport and <u>T</u> echnology Agency (JRTT)	
Founded	March 1964 (Including former era as "Japan Railway Construction Public Corporation (JRCC)")	
Employees	1,454 (As of April 2023)	
Characteristics	•The only public agency for railway construction in Japan	
	 Total management of railway construction by inhouse engineers 	
	civil, track, electric, architecture, machinery, etc.	

Railway Facilities Constructed by JRTT



Railway lines by JRTT: Total approx. 3,725 km



Shinkansen HSR



Urban Railway



Subway



Monorail



Maglev (Magnetic levitation train)



Undersea Tunnel

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Development of High-Speed Railways in Japan





Comparison between Vietnam and Japan





Country	Area (km²)	Population (10k people)	Population density (people/km ²)
Vietnam 🛨	331,346 ^{※1}	9,946 ^{※1}	300
Japan 🔴	377,975 ^{%2}	12,495 ^{※2}	331

Source : %1 JETRO as of 2022 %2 Statistics Bureau of Japan as of 2022

Tokaido Shinkansen

- Tokaido Shinkansen (515 km), the first high speed railway in the world, started commercial service in 1964
- The entire route of the Sanyo Shinkansen Line (554 km) was opened in 1975 following the Tokaido Shinkansen Line
- Tokaido/Sanyo Shinkansen Lines were constructed as the quadrupling project of existing railways





History of Tokaido Shinkansen Construction 🧼 JRTT



Difference of Gauge



Conventional Line (narrow gauge)





1,067 mm

Shinkansen (standard gauge)





1,435 mm

High-speed trains cannot run on the narrow gauge railways because of the difference of gauge.

Overview of the Shinkansen Network in Japan





Features of the Shinkansen Network ①: Formation of Backbone









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Characteristics of High-Speed Rail in Japan 🧼 JRTT

The number of fatal accidents after the start of Shinkansen service: Zero (0)

2 <u>Reliability</u>

1 <u>Safety</u>

Train delay: <1 min per train on avarage

3 Frequency Max 17 trains per hour



Tokaido Shinkansen N700 series

(4) Capacity

speed

(5) High

Number of passengers: ≥1 million per day

* Air: Approx. 280K per day (FY2018)

Max speed: <u>320 km/h</u>



Tohoku Shinkansen E5 series



CO2 reduction, strict noise criteria, etc.

Created by editing the materials (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism)

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Annual Change in Shinkansen Passengers





Increase of Maximum Speed of Shinkansen







Noise criteria

Environmental Quality Standards for Shinkansen Railway Noise (Notification No. 46 of the Environment Agency in July, 1975)

Types of local community	Reference value	$\mathcal{D} = M$	70 15	Vacuum cleaner,	
	$< 70 d P (\Lambda)$		10 dB	telephone bell	
	570 UD (A)	r D	80 dB	Piano	
I	≤ <mark>75</mark> dB (A)				
Patterns of local community is designated by prefectural governments					

(I: Mainly residential; II: Commerce and industry)

Noise control measures (ALFA-X)



* Source: JR-EAST website

Pantograph reducing aerodynamic noise

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Shinkansen Construction Scheme





Five Conditions for Starting Construction



Secure prospect of stable financing

Profitability on income and expenditures (benefits the finances of operating body on average over 30 years)

Investment benefits (profit / cost > 1)

Consent of JR as the business entity

Consent of local governments along the railway line to separating management of parallel conventional line

Work can start when all of the above conditions have been agreed.

Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

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Benefits of Shinkansen in Japan (Hokuriku-Shinkansen) 1 🧼 JRTT



Impacts of Shinkansen in Japan (Hokuriku-Shinkansen) 2 🧼 JRTT



Passengers (using Shinkansen)



Tourists (Kanazawa Area)



Land Value

<u>Station Area</u> (2014-2015) +**17%**

Economic Effect

(2015, estimated) USD 454 mil (Consumption by tourists, Ishikawa Prefecture, only)

Source: JTTRI

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Difference of Gauge: (1) Gauge Expansion

Akita Shinkansen



Akita Shinkansen and Yamagata Shinkansen



Difference of Gauge: <a>2 Changing Trains on Same Platform



Nishi Kyushu Shinkansen (Takeo-Onsen Station)



Shinkansen and Cargo Train: Seikan Tunnel



The only zone where cargo trains run on the Shinkansen track in Japan



Shinkansen and Cargo Train: Map of Seikan Tunnel JRTT







On September 26, 1954, Toya-maru (ferry) was capsized by a typhoon, which took the lives of 1,155 people.

Request for the construction of the safe land route (Seikan Tunnel) connecting Honshu and Hokkaido considerably increased.



* Source: Disaster archive, Mainichi Shinbun





JRTT started the construction in 1964 and it took 24 years to open in 1988.

Shinkansen and Cargo Train: Longitudinal Section of Seikan Tunnel





Shinkansen and Cargo Train: Reformation of Seikan Tunnel





Train traveling speed in Seikan Tunnel

- O Cargo train: 100 km/h
- O Shinkansen: 160 km/h

210 km/h is available in the period of fewer cargo operation

Shinkansen and Cargo Train: Time Allocation



- This system enables Shinkansen to run at a high speed by separating operation time between cargo trains and Shinkansen trains
 The high-speed travel time is assigned only to Shinkansen to run at 210 km/h in Seikan Tunnel
 The system works in specific periods when few cargo trains run such as new-year holidays



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Urban Railways (1): Urban Railways of Tokyo Metropolitan Area





Urban Railways ②: Characteristics of Income Structure of Railroad Companies JRTT

- For <u>3 JR companies in Honshu, approximately two-thirds of revenue</u> comes from the traffic.
- In major private railroad companies, non-traffic business accounts for over 70% of their income, providing the development of various businesses.

Proportion of traffic and non-traffic



Source: Financial results for the fiscal year ending March 2019, etc. of each company

(Note) The segmental ratios were calculated by the Railway Bureau from published official data on a consolidated basis. Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency 39

Urban Private Railways ③: Case of Hankyu and Hanshin





Source: Hankyu Hanshin Holdings, Inc.

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Urban Private Railways ④: Case of Hankyu and Hanshin

In Japan, many privately-owned urban railway companies have been operating with 100% private capital since their establishment. They develop cities along their lines and provide services that support the lives of their customers throughout their lives.





Urban Private Railways 5: Case of Hankyu and Hanshin



In 2023, the Hanshin Tigers, owned by Hanshin Electric Railway, became the champion of Japanese professional baseball.



Source: Hankyu Hanshin Holdings, Inc.





Urban Railway Development Method ①: Main Method for Financing Railway Development



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TOD (Transit Oriented Development) = Public Transportation -Oriented Development

Urban development which aims to promote public transit, not to increase automobile dependency

Method	Details	Example
Tax on land or fixed assets	Tax revenue increase due to a rise in the value of land with railway development (Post burden based on results)	 Estate tax Urban planning tax Real estate acquisition tax
Beneficiary liability	Burdens for expected benefits from railway development (Advance burden on assumptions)	 Midosuji Line Yokohama MM21 Business Rate Supplement (England) Development costs imposition (Canada) Impact fee (U.S.)
Land readjustment	Reorganize lands of multiple owners to provide spaces for railway construction	 Tokyu Den-En-Toshi Line Tsukuba Express Line
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Urban Railway Development Method 2: Beneficiary



Minatomirai Line construction financing methods including beneficiary liability (City of Yokohama)

A part of railway business costs are collected from large-scale landowners (beneficiaries) as burden charge

Outline of Minatomirai (MM21) area redevelopment

- Redevelopment of old shipyards, cargo yards, etc. Development of offices, hotels, parks, and amusement facilities
- Development area: 186 ha (of which, reclaimed land: 76 ha)

Outline of Minatomirai Line

- Construction started in 1992 and commercial service in 2004
- Publicly owned / privately operated (operated by Tokyu Corporation)
 4.1 km, 6 stations (all underground)
- 4.1 km, 6 stations (all underground) Details of operating costs (source: City of Yokohama)

Capital fund (local governments, etc.)	27 billion yen
Beneficiary	74 billion yen
JRTT	129 billion yen
Borrowings, etc.	27 billion yen
Total	257 billion yen
Beneficiaries:	

MITSUBISHI ESTATE, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Yokohama City, Urban Renaissance Agency, etc.



Minatomirai Line website https://www.mm21railway.co.jp/info/route_map.html

Urban Railway Development Method ③: Land Readjustment Project



Although the amount of land decreases after the readjustment, landowners have no loss because their land value will rise from better accessibility. Created by JTTRI based on the materials of MLIT

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JRTT

Urban Railway Development Method ④: Development of Areas Along Tokyu Den-En-Toshi Line





Urban Railway Development Method (5): **Development of Areas Along Tokyu Den-En-Toshi Line**





https://www.tokyu-cnst.co.jp/company/brandmessage.html

Urban Railway Development Method 6: Development of Areas Along Tokyu Den-En-Toshi Line





Urban Railway Development Method ⑦: Development of Areas Along Tokyu Den-En-Toshi Line





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Sustainability 1: Population Trends of Japan





^{*} Source: Cabinet Office "Annual Report on the Ageing Society 2023"

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Sustainability 2: New Technology Application to Track Maintenance



Conventional inspection method





Male walk along the site at night

During the limited time after the last train,
Secure the necessary personnel for inspection (e.g., inspector, scorer, lookout),
Inspect the track while considering safety measures against freight train, etc. even after the last passenger train

Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism



Sustainability ③: New Technology Application to Track Maintenance



Currently

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Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Sustainability ④: Consideration of Automated Driving **JRTT** Technology Without a Driver on Railway

Background

 <u>It is increasingly difficult to secure and educate drivers or maintenance operators</u>. <u>Especially,</u> <u>the lack of staff members is a serious problem</u> in <u>local railway companies</u>.

Current status of automated cruise

[Automated operation system of new transportation, etc.]

- <u>Elevated tracks</u>
- Without level crossing
- Platform screen doors

[General lines with level crossings, etc.]

- No cases because the routes were <u>constructed based</u> on crew's driving.
- Especially, in local railways, a large investment in automated driving operations is difficult.



Elevated structure

Platform doors

On land (non-elevated structure) Level crossing

Platform without platform doors

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Sustainability (5): Classification by Modes of Train Operation (Grade of Automation)



Grade of automation (Definition according to IEC (JIS)*)	Image of modes (Main tasks of crew	of train operation s are referred in [])	Implementation state of Japan
GOA0 On Sight Train Operation (TOS)			Streetcar
GOA1 Non-automated Train Operation (NTO)		Driver (and conductor)	General train lines with railroad crossings, etc.
GOA2 Semi-automated Train Operation (STO)		Driver [starting a train, operating emergency brakes, evacuation guidance, etc.]	Some subway lines, etc.
GOA2.5 (Automated operation with a conductor for emergency brakes, etc.) ⇒Not defined in IEC and JIS		Conductor deployed in the front car of the train [operating emergency brakes, evacuation guidance, etc.]	No cases
GOA3 Driverless Train Operation (DTO)		Conductor on board [evacuation guidance, etc.]	Some monorail
GOA4 Unattended Train Operation (UTO)		No conductors on board	New transportation systems
 * IEC 62267 (JIS E 3802): Defined i (IEC: International Electrotechnic technologies) GOA: Grade Of Automation TOS: On Sight Train Operation; N DTO: Driverless Train Operation; 	n Automated Urban Guided Tr al Commission; an organization TO:Non-automated Train Ope UTO:Unattended Train Opera	ransport n that develops international sta ration; STO : Semi-automated Tr ition	andards for all electrical, electronic and related Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism rain Operation;

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Sustainability (6): Consideration of Automated Driving Technology (GOA2.5) for Railways



Current status: GOA1 or 2

Train operation by a driver



* A driver operates the master controller handle (corresponds to the accelerator) by his left hand, and the brake handle by his right hand.

GOA2.5

Automatic operation

with a conductor Train operation by staff without a driver's license is now possible, making operation more efficient and labor-saving.



- * An operator only places his left hand on the emergency stop button.
- * Scheduled to start in March next year on the JR Kyushu Kashii Line

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Overseas Projects



Taiwan HSR



Survey for Sweden



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I hope that the relationship between Vietnam and JRTT will be deepened even more!

