

Plan for Opening the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line between Nagano and Kanazawa

East Japan Railway Company and West Japan Railway Company hereby announce that they have finalized the outline for a plan to open the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line between Nagano and Kanazawa. Details are as follows.

■Opening the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa

◇Opening date : Saturday, March 14, 2015

◇Types/Trips :

- *Kagayaki* (The fastest operation between Tōkyō and Kanazawa) 10 round trips/day
- *Hakutaka* (Stopping at most stations between Tōkyō and Kanazawa) 14 round trips/day
 (Stopping at most stations between Nagano and Kanazawa) 1 round trip /day
- *Tsurugi* (Shuttle service between Toyama and Kanazawa) 18 round trips/day
- *Asama* (Current Nagano Shinkansen service between Tōkyō and Nagano)

16 round trips/day

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Asama	●	●	●	■	■	●	■	●	●	●	●								

● Stopped at by all services, ■ Passed by some services

◇ Configuration : Series E7 and W7: 12 car trains

* Some *Asama* services operated with Series E2: 8 car trains

◇ Fastest travel times :

- Tōkyō-Kanazawa: 2 hours 28 minutes
- Tōkyō-Toyama: 2 hours 08 minutes

■ Subsequent Termination of Limited Express and Other Services on Conventional Lines

◇ The following train services will be terminated subsequent to the opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa.

- *Hakutaka* Limited Express (Service between Echigo-Yuzawa and Kanazawa, Fukui, or Wakuraonsen)
- *Hokuetsu* Limited Express (Service between Niigata and Kanazawa)
- *Thunderbird* Limited Express (Service between Kanazawa and Toyama, Uozu, or Wakuraonsen)
*One out of the four round trips/day currently between Osaka and Wakuraonsen by the *Thunderbird* Limited Express will remain in service.
- *Shirasagi* Limited Express (Service between Kanazawa and Toyama, or Wakuraonsen)
- *Ohayo Express* Limited Express (Service between Kanazawa and Toyama, or Tomari)
- *Kubikino* Rapid (Service between Niigata and Arai)
- *Myoko* Rapid (Service between Naoetsu and Nagano)

◇ At the same time, the following new train services will begin.

- *Shirayuki* Limited Express (5 round trips/day for service between Niigata and Jōetsumyōkō)*
*Some *Shirayuki* Limited Express services will be between Niigata and Arai
- Limited express service between Kanazawa and Wakuraonsen (5 round trips/day)
- Limited express service between Fukui and Kanazawa (3 round trips/day)
- Rapid service between Niigata and Arai (2 round trips/day)
- Rapid service between Niigata and Itoigawa (1 round trip/day)

■ Specifics of the operating plan and other details will be announced subsequent to the finalization.