

FLASH REPORT [JAPANESE GAAP] (CONSOLIDATED BASIS)Company name: **West Japan Railway Company**

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(Figures less than ¥1 million have been omitted.)

1. Results for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (from April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)**(1) Operating results**

Nine months ended December 31

Percentages indicate year-on-year increase/ (decrease).

	Operating revenues		Operating income		Recurring profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
2022	974,845	33.5	69,995	—	59,833	—	87,372	—
2021	729,990	12.0	(79,464)	—	(82,631)	—	(54,021)	—

(Note) Comprehensive Income: Nine months ended December 31, 2022: ¥92,404 million, —%;
 Nine months ended December 31, 2021: ¥(54,350) million, —%

	Profit attributable to owners of parent per share	Profit attributable to owners of parent per share after dilution
	Yen	Yen
2022	358.50	—
2021	(255.63)	—

(2) Financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%
December 31, 2022	3,713,919	1,140,845	27.8
March 31, 2022	3,702,421	1,074,211	26.2

(Reference) Total shareholders' equity: December 31, 2022: ¥1,032,979 million, March 31, 2022: ¥968,939 million

2. Dividends

Year ended / ending March 31

	Dividends per share				
	June 30	September 30	December 31	Year-end	Total
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
2022	—	50.00	—	50.00	100.00
2023	—	50.00	—		
2023 (Forecast)				50.00	100.00

(Note) Revision of dividends forecast for this period: None

3. Forecasts for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023

Percentages indicate year-on-year increase / (decrease).

	Operating revenues		Operating income		Recurring profit	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Fiscal year	1,309,000	27.0	30,000	—	13,500	—

	Profit attributable to owners of parent		Profit attributable to owners of parent per share
	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Fiscal year	58,500	—	239.88

(Note) Revision of earnings forecast for this period: None

Notes

(1) Significant changes in subsidiaries during the subject period (Transfer of particular subsidiaries following a change in the scope of consolidation): None

(2) Adoption of simplified accounting practices and special accounting policy for quarterly financial reporting: None

(3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, restatements

1) Changes based on revision of accounting standards: Yes

2) Changes other than 1) above: None

3) Changes in Accounting Estimates: None

4) Restatements: None

(Note) For details, please refer to Notes Related to Summary Information on page 7 of the accompanying materials.

(4) Number of shares outstanding (Common stock)

	Nine months ended December 31, 2022	Year ended March 31, 2022
1) Number of shares issued and outstanding (including treasury stock):	244,001,600	244,001,600
2) Number of treasury stock	315,906	129,719
		Nine months ended December 31, 2021
3) Average number of shares outstanding for each period (cumulative term):	243,715,380	211,325,712

* Financial results are not subject to auditing.

Notes

1. The forward-looking statements in this document, including forecasts, etc., are based on information available to the Company at the time of this document's release and on certain assumptions considered reasonable. Actual results, etc., might differ significantly due various factors. Regarding the forecast of financial results, please refer to "Qualitative Information on Consolidated Forecasts" on page 6.

2. Supplementary materials for the financial statements are posted on our homepage. The Company plans to hold a presentation for analysts on January 31, 2023. The Company plans to post the presentation materials on its homepage after the presentation.

1. QUALITATIVE INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS FOR THE SUBJECT PERIOD

In the subject period (April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022), there were recoveries in customer usage and consumer spending due to a decline in the influence of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Due to these and other factors, operating revenues were up 33.5% from the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥974.8 billion. Operating income was ¥69.9 billion, and recurring profit was ¥59.8 billion. In addition, due to special taxation treatment in accordance with the business adaptation plan approved in April, ¥43.5 billion in unrecorded deferred tax assets related to losses carried forward was recorded. As a result, profit attributable to owners of parent was ¥87.3 billion.

In regard to the influence of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the outlook includes uncertain elements. Nonetheless, the entire Group will continue to advance initiatives to enable customers to use our services safely and with peace of mind. In addition, the Group will approach the government's nationwide travel discount campaign, the relaxation of border control measures, etc., as opportunities, and will work to foster tourism demand and to promote usage.

Furthermore, while maintaining safety, we will continue working to implement structural reforms, such as cost reductions, and to restore our financial foundation.

(1) Qualitative Information on Consolidated Business Results

Consolidated Results for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (April – December 2022)

Operating revenues:	¥974.8 billion
Operating income:	¥69.9 billion
Recurring profit:	¥59.8 billion
Profit attributable to owners of parent:	¥87.3 billion

The results by business segment are as follows.

a. Transportation Operations

With consideration for the train accident on the Fukuchiyama Line on April 25, 2005, JR-West Group remains firm in its resolve to never again allow such a serious accident to occur, and will continue to make concerted efforts to face with sincerity all persons affected by the accident, and enhance its diligent efforts to improve safety. In accordance with the “JR-West Group Railway Safety Think-and-Act Plan 2022,” which is now in its final fiscal year, we are promoting initiatives to enhance safety from tangible and intangible perspectives and working to advance the establishment of frameworks for safety management.

In addition, we will work to implement measures to achieve a recovery in demand in line with the circumstances in each area and new measures addressing changes in behavioral patterns and customer awareness.

In the Transportation Segment, usage increased due to a recovery in railway demand. As a result, segment operating revenues increased 35.8% year on year, to ¥552.0 billion, and operating income was ¥31.0 billion.

b. Retail Business

The Retail Segment recorded higher sales at convenience stores, department stores, etc. In addition, due to such factors as the government’s nationwide travel discount campaign, which had the effect of increasing travel demand, sales increased at VIA INN accommodation-oriented hotels, which are included in this segment, and at souvenir shops. Due to these and other factors, segment operating revenues were up 33.9% year on year, to ¥124.0 billion, and operating income was ¥3.4 billion.

c. Real Estate Business

In the Real Estate Segment, in shopping center management operations, favorable sales were recorded at such facilities as MAROOT, a commercial facility that opened in March at a site southwest of Toyama Station. In addition, in real estate sales and leasing operations, sales to investors increased. Due to these and other factors, segment operating revenues were up 11.9% year on year, to ¥111.6 billion, and operating income was up 14.5%, to ¥27.5 billion.

d. Other Businesses

In the Other Businesses Segment, higher sales were recorded in the hotel business due to such factors as the government’s nationwide travel discount campaign, which had the effect of increasing travel demand. In the travel business, increases were recorded in domestic travel revenues and in revenues from incidental business, such as vaccination-related operations that were consigned to Nippon Travel Agency. Due to these and other factors, segment operating revenues were up 42.8% year on year, to ¥187.0 billion, and operating income was ¥5.1 billion.

(2) Qualitative Information on the Consolidated Financial Position

The Group's total assets at the end of the third quarter of the subject fiscal year (December 31, 2022) amounted to ¥3,713.9 billion, an increase of ¥11.4 billion from the end of the previous fiscal year (March 31, 2022). This was due mainly to an increase in inventories.

Total liabilities amounted to ¥2,573.0 billion, a decrease of ¥55.1 billion from the end of the previous fiscal year. This was due mainly to a decrease in loans payable.

Total net assets amounted to ¥1,140.8 billion, an increase of ¥66.6 billion from the end of the previous fiscal year. This was due mainly to an increase in retained earnings.

(3) Qualitative Information on Consolidated Forecasts

At this point the Group's consolidated results for the subject period are generally in line with expectations, and accordingly there is no change to the details of the consolidated results forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, that were announced on November 1, 2022.

Note: Forecasts are based on certain assumptions considered reasonable at the time of this announcement, and are subject to change.

2. NOTES RELATED TO SUMMARY INFORMATION

(1) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, restatements
(Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement)

The “Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement” (ASBJ Guidance No. 31, June 17, 2021; hereinafter, “Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement”) has been applied since the beginning of the first quarter of the subject fiscal year. In accordance with transitional treatment as prescribed in Paragraph 27-2 of the “Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement,” the Group has decided to apply new accounting policies as prescribed in the “Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement” in future statements.

Therefore, there is no impact on the quarterly financial statements for the subject fiscal year.

3. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

	Millions of yen	
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	319,843	294,678
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	42,579	43,070
Railway fares receivable	30,906	34,902
Accounts receivable	90,441	65,609
Securities	79	34
Inventories	145,884	191,681
Other current assets	88,902	74,621
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(588)	(540)
Total current assets	718,048	704,059
Non-current assets:		
Property, plant and equipment:		
Buildings and structures	1,234,911	1,217,875
Machinery and transport equipment	385,046	388,087
Land	782,009	778,562
Construction in progress	150,783	158,031
Other property, plant and equipment	57,029	49,869
Total property, plant and equipment	2,609,781	2,592,426
Intangible assets	31,268	35,760
Investments and other assets:		
Investments in securities	97,520	101,685
Net defined benefit asset	3,134	3,537
Deferred tax assets	197,964	232,181
Other investments and assets	48,499	49,179
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(4,936)	(5,697)
Total investments and other assets	342,181	380,886
Total non-current assets	2,983,232	3,009,073
Deferred assets:		
Share issuance cost	1,140	786
Total deferred assets	1,140	786
Total assets	3,702,421	3,713,919

	Millions of yen	
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2022
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	57,134	50,328
Short-term loans payable	14,229	15,370
Current portion of bonds	25,000	100,000
Current portion of long-term debt	71,572	56,572
Current portion of long-term payables for acquisition of railway properties	1,167	1,205
Accounts payable	105,944	75,444
Accrued consumption tax	8,371	21,239
Accrued income tax	9,535	6,303
Prepaid railway fares received	30,404	35,089
Advances received	62,336	99,426
Allowance for bonuses	23,480	13,274
Allowance for loss on disaster	1,205	1,130
Allowance for point program	654	653
Other current liabilities	164,860	161,193
Total current liabilities	575,898	637,232
Non-current liabilities:		
Bonds	949,990	869,991
Long-term debt	578,435	558,398
Long-term payables for acquisition of railway properties	98,681	98,069
Deferred tax liabilities	1,145	2,014
Allowance for large scale renovation of Shinkansen infrastructure	25,000	28,125
Allowance for environmental safety measures	5,880	3,875
Allowance for loss on liquidation of railway belts	16,627	16,023
Net defined benefit liability	238,077	221,263
Other long-term liabilities	138,471	138,080
Total non-current liabilities	2,052,311	1,935,842
Total liabilities	2,628,209	2,573,074

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	Millions of yen	
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2022
NET ASSETS		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock	226,136	226,136
Capital surplus	183,812	183,751
Retained earnings	561,874	624,953
Treasury stock, at cost	(482)	(1,378)
Total shareholders' equity	971,341	1,033,463
Valuation and translation adjustments:		
Net unrealized holding gain on securities	(1,270)	734
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	—	5
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(1,131)	(1,222)
Total Valuation and translation adjustments	(2,402)	(483)
Non-controlling interests	105,272	107,865
Total net assets	1,074,211	1,140,845
Total liabilities and net assets	3,702,421	3,713,919

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Consolidated Statements of Income

Nine months ended December 31

	Millions of yen	
	2021	2022
Operating revenues	729,990	974,845
Operating expenses:		
Transportation, other services and cost of sales	690,618	776,700
Selling, general and administrative expenses	118,836	128,149
Total operating expenses	809,455	904,850
Operating income (loss)	(79,464)	69,995
Non-operating revenues:		
Interest income	14	28
Dividend income	2,217	981
Transfer from administrative fee of contracted construction	229	132
Equity in earnings of affiliates	997	1,150
Subsidies for employment adjustment	8,840	1,837
Other	3,767	3,129
Total non-operating revenues	16,066	7,260
Non-operating expenses:		
Interest expense	16,096	15,722
Other	3,135	1,700
Total non-operating expenses	19,232	17,422
Recurring profit (loss)	(82,631)	59,833
Extraordinary profits:		
Gain on sales of non-current assets	23,049	6,148
Gain on contribution for construction	6,465	7,439
Compensation income for expropriation	191	456
Other	3,279	757
Total extraordinary profits	32,986	14,801
Extraordinary losses:		
Loss on deduction of contributions received for construction from acquisition costs of property, plant and equipment	5,945	6,899
Loss on reduction for expropriation	191	455
Loss related to novel coronavirus	1,804	—
Other	2,530	2,917
Total extraordinary losses	10,471	10,272
Profit (loss) before income taxes	(60,116)	64,361
Income taxes- Current	5,377	8,142
Income taxes- Deferred	(12,833)	(34,196)
Total income taxes	(7,456)	(26,054)
Profit (loss)	(52,660)	90,416
Profit (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	1,361	3,043
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	(54,021)	87,372

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Nine months ended December 31

	Millions of yen	
	2021	2022
Profit (loss)	(52,660)	90,416
Other comprehensive income:		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	(1,242)	2,202
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(0)	6
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	(353)	(100)
Share of other comprehensive income of associates accounted for using equity method	(93)	(120)
Total of other comprehensive income	(1,690)	1,987
Comprehensive income	(54,350)	92,404
Comprehensive income attributable to:		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent	(55,794)	89,291
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	1,444	3,113

Business Segment Information

Nine months ended December 31

		Billions of yen		
		2021	2022	Change from the same period of the previous period
Transportation	Operating revenues	406.5	552.0	145.5
	Operating income (loss)	(93.7)	31.0	124.7
Retail	Operating revenues	92.6	124.0	31.4
	Operating income (loss)	(6.5)	3.4	10.0
Real Estate	Operating revenues	99.8	111.6	11.8
	Operating income	24.0	27.5	3.4
Other Businesses	Operating revenues	131.0	187.0	56.0
	Operating income (loss)	(5.5)	5.1	10.7

Notes:

1. Revenues by each segment are from third parties.
2. Number of consolidated subsidiaries: 60 companies; number of companies accounted for by the equity method: 5 companies

(3) Note on Assumptions for Going Concern

Not applicable

(4) Note in the Event of Major Change in Shareholders' Equity

Not applicable

(5) Other

(Additional Information)

Accounting estimates related to the influence of the novel coronavirus pandemic

In regard to accounting estimates, such as assessments of the recoverability of deferred tax assets for the subject period, etc., we are assuming that in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 there will be a gradual recovery in usage conditions in the railway business, which is our core business. In addition, we are assuming that the results of Group companies will recover in basically the same manner. However, there are many uncertain elements in regard to actual consumption trends, etc., and it is possible that there will be an influence on results in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, and subsequent fiscal years.

Reference Materials

1. NON-CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2022	Change
	Billions of yen	Billions of yen	Billions of yen
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Total current assets	483.8	453.0	(30.8)
Non-current assets:			
Non-current assets for railway operations	1,912.8	1,898.8	(13.9)
Construction in progress	120.5	122.1	1.5
Investments and other assets	672.1	730.8	58.6
Total non-current assets	2,705.5	2,751.8	46.3
Deferred assets	1.1	0.7	(0.3)
Total assets	3,190.5	3,205.6	15.1

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2022	Change
	Billions of yen	Billions of yen	Billions of yen
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current liabilities:			
Current portion of long-term debt	97.6	157.7	60.0
Accounts payable	514.6	539.8	25.1
Total current liabilities	612.3	697.5	85.2
Non-current liabilities:			
Bonds and long-term debt	1,627.0	1,526.4	(100.6)
Accrued retirement benefits	206.0	188.6	(17.4)
Other long-term liabilities	56.6	56.2	(0.3)
Total non-current liabilities	1,889.7	1,771.3	(118.3)
Total liabilities	2,502.0	2,468.9	(33.1)
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock	226.1	226.1	—
Capital surplus	181.1	181.1	0.0
Retained earnings	283.6	330.9	47.2
Treasury stock, at cost	(0.0)	(0.9)	(0.8)
Total shareholders' equity	690.8	737.2	46.4
Valuation and translation adjustments	(2.4)	(0.5)	1.9
Total net assets	688.4	736.7	48.3
Total liabilities and net assets	3,190.5	3,205.6	15.1

2. NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Nine months ended December 31

	2021	2022	Change from the same period of the previous period	
	Billions of yen	Billions of yen	Billions of yen	%
Operating revenues:				
Transportation	365.1	510.3	145.1	39.8
Transportation incidentals	9.7	10.8	1.0	11.3
Other operations	19.7	20.2	0.5	2.8
Miscellaneous	36.1	40.0	3.8	10.7
	430.7	581.4	150.7	35.0
Operating expenses:				
Personnel costs	134.8	138.3	3.4	2.6
Non personnel costs:				
Energy costs	29.4	42.3	12.8	43.7
Maintenance costs	89.5	88.6	(0.8)	(1.0)
Miscellaneous costs	113.6	126.1	12.5	11.0
	232.6	257.1	24.5	10.6
Rental payments, etc.	20.0	19.9	(0.0)	(0.3)
Taxes	28.5	30.2	1.7	6.0
Depreciation	94.3	91.7	(2.5)	(2.7)
	510.2	537.4	27.1	5.3
Operating profit (loss)	(79.5)	44.0	123.5	—
Non-operating revenues and expenses, net:				
Non-operating revenues	8.2	5.4	(2.7)	—
Non-operating expenses	17.3	16.6	(0.7)	—
	(9.1)	(11.1)	(2.0)	—
Recurring profit (loss)	(88.6)	32.8	121.4	—
Extraordinary profit and loss, net:				
Extraordinary profit	29.4	16.1	(13.3)	—
Extraordinary loss	7.5	8.8	1.2	—
	21.8	7.2	(14.6)	—
Profit (loss) before income taxes	(66.7)	40.1	106.8	—
Income taxes	(14.4)	(31.5)	(17.1)	—
Net profit (loss)	(52.3)	71.6	124.0	—

Passenger-Kilometers and Transportation Revenues

	Millions of Passenger-Kilometers				Billions of yen			
	Passenger-Kilometers				Transportation Revenues			
	Nine months ended December 31		Change		Nine months ended December 31		Change	
	2021	2022	Amount	%	2021	2022	Amount	%
Shinkansen								
Commuter Passes	623	658	34	5.6	8.0	8.4	[(0.1)] 0.4	[(1.9)] 5.2
Non-Commuter Passes	6,657	11,185	4,528	68.0	150.0	247.8	[(99.1)] 97.7	[(28.6)] 65.2
Total	7,280	11,843	4,563	62.7	158.1	256.3	[(99.3)] 98.2	[(27.9)] 62.1
Conventional Lines								
Commuter Passes	14,669	15,194	524	3.6	90.5	93.8	[(14.0)] 3.3	[(13.0)] 3.7
Non-Commuter Passes	6,323	8,598	2,275	36.0	116.5	160.1	[(57.1)] 43.6	[(26.3)] 37.5
Total	20,993	23,792	2,799	13.3	207.0	254.0	[(71.2)] 46.9	[(21.9)] 22.7
Kansai Urban Area								
Commuter Passes	11,983	12,461	478	4.0	74.2	77.2	[(11.8)] 2.9	[(13.3)] 4.0
Non-Commuter Passes	4,675	6,207	1,531	32.8	83.8	113.3	[(37.9)] 29.5	[(25.1)] 35.2
Total	16,658	18,669	2,010	12.1	158.0	190.5	[(49.7)] 32.4	[(20.7)] 20.6
Other Lines								
Commuter Passes	2,686	2,732	45	1.7	16.3	16.6	[(2.2)] 0.3	[(11.9)] 2.1
Non-Commuter Passes	1,647	2,391	743	45.1	32.6	46.7	[(19.2)] 14.1	[(29.2)] 43.3
Total	4,334	5,123	789	18.2	48.9	63.4	[(21.5)] 14.4	[(25.3)] 29.6
Total								
Commuter Passes	15,292	15,852	559	3.7	98.5	102.3	[(14.2)] 3.7	[(12.2)] 3.8
Non-Commuter Passes	12,980	19,784	6,803	52.4	266.5	408.0	[(156.3)] 141.4	[(27.7)] 53.1
Total	28,273	35,636	7,363	26.0	365.1	510.3	[(170.5)] 145.1	[(25.1)] 39.8

Notes:

1. Luggage revenues are not included.
2. Figures in parentheses for transportation revenues are comparisons with calendar year 2019 (prior to the application of the revenue recognition standard) and are provided for reference.

3. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Consolidated Basis

	Nine months ended December 31		Change from the same period of the previous period		Plan for fiscal year ending March 31, 2023
	2021	2022	Billions of yen	%	
	Billions of yen	Billions of yen			
Capital expenditures	119.9	119.4	(0.5)	(0.4)	—
Capital expenditures, excluding contributions received for constructions	111.7	105.6	(6.1)	(5.5)	245.0
Contributions received for constructions	8.1	13.7	5.5	68.6	—

Non-Consolidated Basis

	Nine months ended December 31		Change from the same period of the previous period		Plan for fiscal year ending March 31, 2023
	2021	2022	Billions of yen	%	
	Billions of yen	Billions of yen			
Capital expenditures	87.1	90.2	3.0	3.5	—
Capital expenditures, excluding contributions received for constructions	79.0	76.5	(2.4)	(3.2)	164.0
[Safety-related capital expenditures]	[43.5]	[33.0]	[(10.4)]	[(24.0)]	[73.0]
Contributions received for constructions	8.1	13.7	5.5	68.6	—

Major Capital Expenditures (non-consolidated)

New rolling stock (W7 series), safety/disaster-prevention measures (earthquake countermeasures, rail grinder car), etc.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

- This report contains forward-looking statements that are based on JR-West's current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about its business, industry, and capital markets around the world.
- These forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Generally, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may", "will", "expect", "anticipate", "plan" or similar words. These statements discuss future expectations, identify strategies, contain projections of results of operations or of JR-West's financial condition, or state other forward-looking information.
- Known or unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. JR-West cannot promise that the expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements will turn out to be correct. JR-West's actual results could be materially different from and worse than expectations.
- Important risks and factors that could cause actual results to be materially different from expectations include, but are not limited to:
 - expenses, liability, loss of revenue or adverse publicity associated with property or casualty losses;
 - economic downturn, deflation and population decreases;
 - adverse changes in laws, regulations and government policies in Japan;
 - service improvements, price reductions and other strategies undertaken by competitors such as passenger railway and airlines companies;
 - infectious disease outbreak and epidemic;
 - earthquake and other natural disaster risks; and
 - failure of computer telecommunications systems disrupting railway or other operations
- All forward-looking statements in this release are made as of January 2023 based on information available to JR-West as of January 2023 and JR-West does not undertake to update or revise any of its forward-looking statements or reflect future events or circumstances.
- Compensation for damages caused by the accident on the Fukuchiyama Line that occurred on April 25, 2005, is NOT considered in this report.