

## Changes in Directors

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West Japan Railway Company

West Japan Railway Company (JR-West) announces the changes in Directors of JR-West effective from 1st February, 2006 as follows:

President, Representative Director and Executive Officer	Masao Yamazaki (currently, Vice President, Representative Director and Executive officer)
Director and Executive Officer	Takeshi Kakiuchi (currently, President, Representative Director and Executive Officer)
Advisor	Shojiro Nan-ya (currently, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Representative Director)
Advisor	Noritaka Kurauchi (currently, Advisor of Sumitomo Electric Industries , Ltd.)

\* This change is dependent on a resolution of the Board of Directors scheduled for 31th January, 2006.

\*\* Provided that an approval of the 19th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders planed to be held in June 2006, and a resolution of the meeting of the Board of Directors held after the close of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders are adopted, Mr. Noritaka Kurauchi assumes the office of the Chairman of the Board of Directors on the date of the meeting of the Board of Directors.