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(Translation)

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Change in Representative Directors

In regard to the serious incident involving the discovery of cracks, etc., on the Nozomi No. 34 Shinkansen on December 11, 2017, JR-West once again offers its deepest apologies for the significant damage done to trust in the safety of Shinkansen services. At the meeting of its Board of Directors held today, West Japan Railway Company (JR-West) determined matters concerning the change in Representative Directors as follows:

1. Reasons for change

On December 11, 2017, there was a serious incident involving the discovery of cracks, etc., on the Nozomi No. 34 Shinkansen. Accordingly, the change was implemented to rapidly rebuild the Safety Management Systems and achieve the restoration of trust in the Shinkansen and other railway services, as well as to advance the Medium-Term Management Plan and the Safety Think-and-Act Plan, thereby supporting the achievement of sustained growth in the corporate value of the JR-West Group.

2. Newly appointed representative directors

Vice President, Representative Director	Fumito Ogata (currently, Director)
Vice President, Representative Director	Nobutoshi Nikaido (currently, Director)
Vice President, Representative Director	Yoshihisa Hirano (currently, Director)

3. Retirement as Representative Director

Norihiko Yoshie (currently, Vice president, Representative Director)

* Norihiko Yoshie will continue to serve as a director and will focus on safe Shinkansen operations and other matters.

4. Date of inauguration

January 5, 2018

End