JR East Will Pursue Its Unlimited Potential for Self-evolution to **Achieve Sustaining Growth** at This Major Turning Point in Time

Now that 25 years have passed since JR East was established upon the privatization of JNR, the Company has reached the threshold of moving into the next quarter of a century. More than ever, JR East needs to focus on the missions it must accomplish to evolve further as a Group. This report features a three-part portrayal of how JR East is drawing on its strengths in pursuit of its unlimited potential to innovate, presented in three sections comprising A Message from the Management, An Interview with the President, and Key Challenges Over the Next Three Years.





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