Overview of Suica and ICOCA Compatibility

The following services are available with current IC cards (Suica, ICOCA, and commuter passes of these cards) in the areas where they are valid.

Use at automated ticket gates	You can use prepaid (charged) IC cards to enter or exit stations. Simply touch the card to the card reader of the automated ticket gate.
	 When using ICOCA or ICOCA commuter passes in Suica areas, the initial fare will be subtracted and then your fare will be calculated at the automated ticket gate at your destination by subtracting the remaining cost of the trip. You will not be able to enter the station unless there is enough remaining charge to cover a minimum-fare trip.
	 When using Suica or Suica commuter passes in ICOCA areas, your fare will be calculated by the automated ticket gate at your destination by subtracting the amount corresponding to how far you have traveled. You will not be able to enter the station if you have no remaining charge.
Charging (adding fare)	You can charge IC cards at nearly all stations with machines to recharge cards.
Fare adjustment	If there is not enough fare left on your IC card at your destination, you can charge your card at all stations with fare adjustment machines or pay the balance in cash.
Ticket purchases	You can purchase tickets at all stations where ticket vending machines accept IC cards. Your fare will be subtracted from the charge on your IC card.
Displaying and printing travel records	You can display and print a record of your use of the cards at stations with machines supporting this function. Other railway companies' machines can display and print your 20 most recent travel records.

Instructions and Precautions

- These services require no additional procedure. Simply continue using your current IC card as usual.
- The ticket vending machines that accept IC cards are identified with either of these marks: in Greater Tokyo and the Sendai area, or in the Kinki area.
- The services are available when riding between stations in these areas (Greater Tokyo or the Sendai or Kinki areas). However, a super-express ticket is also required for riding the Shinkansen. Cards cannot be used for travel between two separate areas.
- Refunds, reissuing of lost or damaged IC cards (including filling out a lost-and-found form), and purchase of commuter passes is handled at stations of the IC card issuer.
- ICOCA and ICOCA commuter passes cannot be used for Suica shopping services in Greater Tokyo or the Sendai area.