

East Japan Railway Company

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## **Filing of Notice to Abolish Railway Operations on the Iwaizumi Line**

Since announcing a policy in March 2012 to abandon restoration of the Iwaizumi Line as a railway line, and instead secure transportation for the region with buses, East Japan Railway Company (JR East) had been negotiating and fostering mutual understanding with Iwate Prefecture and the municipalities of Miyako City and Iwaizumi Town along the line.

These parties recently reached an agreement on the alternative transportation and other terms for abolishing the Iwaizumi Line. As a result, JR East today filed a notice on abolishing operations on this line with the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. The notice was filed pursuant to Article 28-2 (Abolition of Business) of the Railway Business Act.