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East Japan Railway Company

Press Release

JR East announces introduction of new-type electric-diesel railcars to Niigata and Akita areas

Tokyo, 19 May 2015: Today, East Japan Railway Company (JR East) announces the introduction of new-type electric-diesel railcars to the Niigata and Akita areas with a new international tender.

JR East is committed to promoting safety, reliability and comfort in order to improve the quality of transport services and to enhance customers' satisfaction.

With the introduction of these innovative electric-diesel driving systems, JR East will contribute to the modernization of railways and to the revitalization of local economies.

An international tender for 63 new-type electric-diesel railcars for the Niigata and Akita areas will be announced on our website after 6 p.m. (JST) May 19, 2015. We hope to see many applications from all over the world and to engage in dialogues with top class manufacturers.

Background information

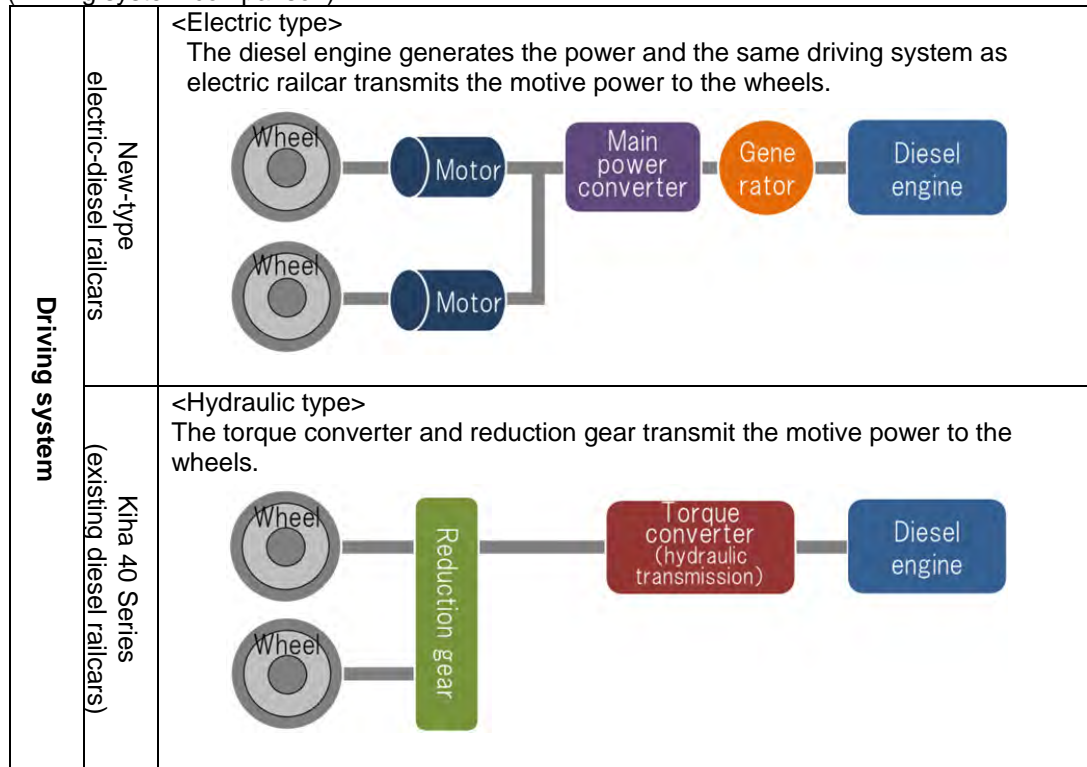
1. Number of railcars to be procured
Total of 63 railcars to be procured comprising:
 - 1-car trainset (19 cars) composed of 19 trains
 - 2-car trainsets (44 cars) composed of 22 trains
2. Planned time of introduction
Niigata area: Between FY2018.3 and FY2020.3
Akita area: FY2021.3
3. Railway lines for introduction
Uetsu Main Line (between Niitsu and Sakata)
Shinetsu Main Line (between Niitsu and Niigata)
Yonesaka Line (between Yonezawa and Sakamachi)
Banetsu Saisen Line (between Aizu-Wakamatsu and Niitsu)
Tsugaru Line (between Aomori and Mimmaya)
Gono Line (between Higashi-Noshiro and Kawabe)
Ou Main Line (between Akita and Higashi-Noshiro,
between Hirosaki and Aomori)



4. Features of railcars

The new railcars will be electric-diesel railcars with motors powered by electrical generators and diesel engines. In order to ensure high-quality, safe and stable transport services, JR East will require the use of a number of electric railcar related technologies that JR East has already adopted and developed.

(Driving system comparison)



5. Tender information

- Tender documents:
Please refer to the following website after Tuesday, May 19, 2015 (6 p.m. (JST)).
English: <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/data/procurement/>
Japanese: <http://www.jreast.co.jp/order/procurement/>
- Due Date for applications:
Friday, July 24, 2015 (4 p.m. (JST))
- Others:
JR East also provides its future procurement information at the above-mentioned website.

6. Note

JR East plans to procure approximately 150 to 250 new-type electric-diesel railcars (including 63 railcars for the Niigata and Akita areas), as replacements for its existing diesel railcars. The international tender of 63 railcars is not a framework agreement; the rest of 150 to 250 railcars will be procured separately.