

## Plan for Opening the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line between Nagano and Kanazawa

East Japan Railway Company and West Japan Railway Company hereby announce that they have finalized the outline for a plan to open the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line between Nagano and Kanazawa. Details are as follows.

### ■Opening the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa

◇Opening date : Saturday, March 14, 2015

◇Types/Trips :

- *Kagayaki* (The fastest operation between Tōkyō and Kanazawa) 10 round trips/day
- *Hakutaka* (Stopping at most stations between Tōkyō and Kanazawa) 14 round trips/day  
 (Stopping at most stations between Nagano and Kanazawa) 1 round trip /day
- *Tsurugi* (Shuttle service between Toyama and Kanazawa) 18 round trips/day
- *Asama* (Current Nagano Shinkansen service between Tōkyō and Nagano)

16 round trips/day

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Tsurugi																		●	●
Asama	●	●	●	■	■	●	■	●	●	●	●								

● Stopped at by all services, ■ Passed by some services

◇ Configuration : Series E7 and W7: 12 car trains

\* Some *Asama* services operated with Series E2: 8 car trains

◇ Fastest travel times :

- Tōkyō-Kanazawa: 2 hours 28 minutes
- Tōkyō-Toyama: 2 hours 08 minutes

### ■ Subsequent Termination of Limited Express and Other Services on Conventional Lines

◇ The following train services will be terminated subsequent to the opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa.

- *Hakutaka* Limited Express (Service between Echigo-Yuzawa and Kanazawa, Fukui, or Wakuraonsen)
- *Hokuetsu* Limited Express (Service between Niigata and Kanazawa)
- *Thunderbird* Limited Express (Service between Kanazawa and Toyama, Uozu, or Wakuraonsen)
  - \*One out of the four round trips/day currently between Osaka and Wakuraonsen by the *Thunderbird* Limited Express will remain in service.
- *Shirasagi* Limited Express (Service between Kanazawa and Toyama, or Wakuraonsen)
- *Ohayo Express* Limited Express (Service between Kanazawa and Toyama, or Tomari)
- *Kubikino* Rapid (Service between Niigata and Arai)
- *Myoko* Rapid (Service between Naoetsu and Nagano)

◇ At the same time, the following new train services will begin.

- *Shirayuki* Limited Express (5 round trips/day for service between Niigata and Jōetsumyōkō)\*
  - \*Some *Shirayuki* Limited Express services will be between Niigata and Arai
- Limited express service between Kanazawa and Wakuraonsen (5 round trips/day)
- Limited express service between Fukui and Kanazawa (3 round trips/day)
- Rapid service between Niigata and Arai (2 round trips/day)
- Rapid service between Niigata and Itoigawa (1 round trip/day)

■ Specifics of the operating plan and other details will be announced subsequent to the finalization.

Limited Express and Rapid services  
at the opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line between Nagano and Kanazawa

