

## **Opening of the Ueno-Tokyo Line to Set in Motion a Major North-South Artery in Tokyo** -Overview of the Opening Date and Direct Services on the Line-

East Japan Railway Company (JR East) is preparing to open the Ueno-Tokyo Line in order to enhance its railway network in the Tokyo metropolitan area.

After the line opens, passengers will have direct access from the Utsunomiya, Takasaki and Joban lines to Tokyo Station and Shinagawa Station, and from the Tokaido Line to Ueno Station. The resulting elimination of transfers will shorten travel times and dramatically improve convenience for passengers.

Please look forward to the Ueno-Tokyo Line opening soon as a major north-south artery connecting “Tokyo,” the center of Japan’s politics and economics, and “Ueno,” the city of arts and culture.

### 1. Opening Date of the Ueno-Tokyo Line

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

### 2. Overview of the Direct Services

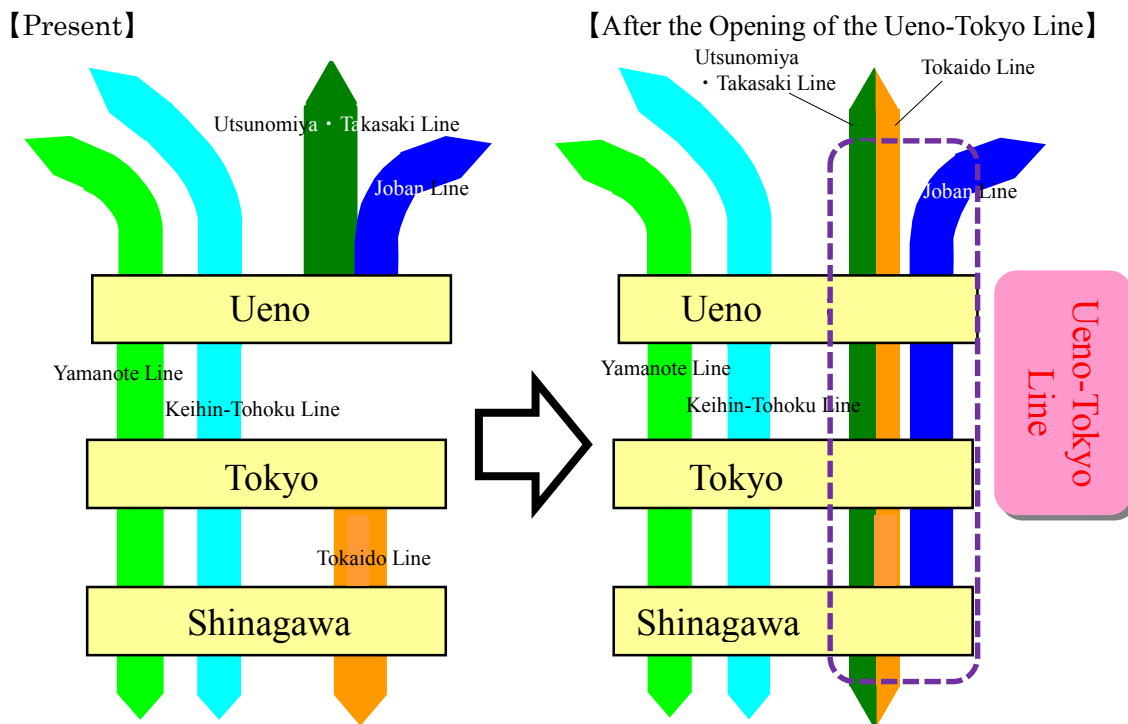
- **Direct services will begin between the Utsunomiya and Takasaki lines and the Tokaido Line in both directions.**
- **Direct services on the Joban Line will extend to Shinagawa Station.**  
(\*Direct services on the Joban Line will be available from the peak commuting hours in the morning (from around 8 a.m. at Tokyo Station))
- **Frequency of direct services during the peak commuting hour in the morning (from around 8 to 9 a.m. at Tokyo Station) will be 5 trains each on the Utsunomiya, Takasaki and Joban lines.**  
(\*The number of south-bound trains headed for Tokyo Station and Shinagawa Station from each line)  
(\*Direct services on the Joban Line during peak commuting hours in the morning will be limited to trains operating as rapid service from Toride Station further south)
- **All limited express trains on the Joban Line during the daytime, and some during the evening and night hours, will arrive and depart from Shinagawa Station.**
- **Some local trains during the daytime from Tsuchiura Station, and all trains in the evening and night hours operating as rapid service from**

## Toride Station further south on the Joban Line will arrive and depart from Shinagawa Station.

\*Above are details of the operating framework on weekdays. The operating framework on Saturday, Sunday and holidays will be based on weekdays.

\* Specific operating frameworks will be announced as they are decided.

### Operating Framework after the Opening of the Ueno-Tokyo Line



### 3. Names of New Limited Express Trains on the Joban Line

- **Name of limited express trains for the fastest operation: Hitachi**
- **Name of limited express trains stopping at most stations: Tokiwa**

### 4. Other Improvements

- **Along with launching the Hitachi and Tokiwa limited express trains on the Joban Line,**

#### **(1) New seating services will be offered to passengers.**

(\*JR East will strive to enhance seating services by making all seats on ordinary cars available for reservation, as well as introducing a service that will let passengers without reservations sit in the unoccupied seats)

#### **(2) Limited express charges will be simplified and made easier to understand.**

#### **(3) Economical services such as the “eki-net Ticketless Service” will be introduced.**

Apart from these improvements, train schedules such as for the direct services will be revised to increase convenience.