

Hokkaido Railway Company  
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## **Plan for Opening the Hokkaido Shinkansen Line between Shin-Aomori and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto**

Hokkaido Railway Company and East Japan Railway Company hereby announce that they have finalized the outline for a plan to open the Hokkaido Shinkansen Line between Shin-Aomori and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto. Details are as follows.

### ◆Opening the Hokkaido Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hakodate Hokuto

○Opening date: Saturday, March 26, 2016

○Types/trips: 13 round trips/day

• <i>Hayabusa</i> (Between Tokyo and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto)	10 round trips/day
(Between Sendai and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto)	1 round trip/day
• <i>Hayate</i> (Between Morioka and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto)	1 round trip/day
(Between Shin-Aomori and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto)	1 round trip/day

○Configuration: Series H5 and E5; 10-car trains

◆Details of the Shinkansen operating plan and other details will be announced when finalized.

◆ Limited Express and Other Services on Conventional Lines

- All 12 round trips per day of the *Super Hokuto* and *Hokuto* limited express services will stop at Shin-Hakodate Hokuto Station and meet Shinkansen services to ensure convenience.
- Between Hakodate and Shin-Hakodate Hokuto, 16 round trips per day of a Shinkansen access train service, *Hakodate Liner* (basic 3-car configuration), will be established, and all services will connect with Shinkansen services.
- The *Super Hakucho* and *Hakucho* limited express services (between Shin-Aomori and Hakodate), the *Hamanasu* express service (between Aomori and Sapporo), and the *Cassiopeia* limited express service with sleeper cars (between Ueno and Sapporo) will be terminated subsequent to the opening of the Shinkansen.

◆ Details of the conventional lines operating plan and other details will be announced when finalized.

[The Hokkaido Shinkansen Line Segment to Be Opened and Access Trains]

