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## **HIGH SPEED RAIL: EXPERIENCES FROM JAPAN (2)**

On this Session, Mr. Yamagami will introduce policy development for High-Speed Rail in Japan, and highlight technologies to ensure safety by demonstrating countermeasures for earthquakes.

# Session 4 High-Speed Rail: Experiences from Japan (2)

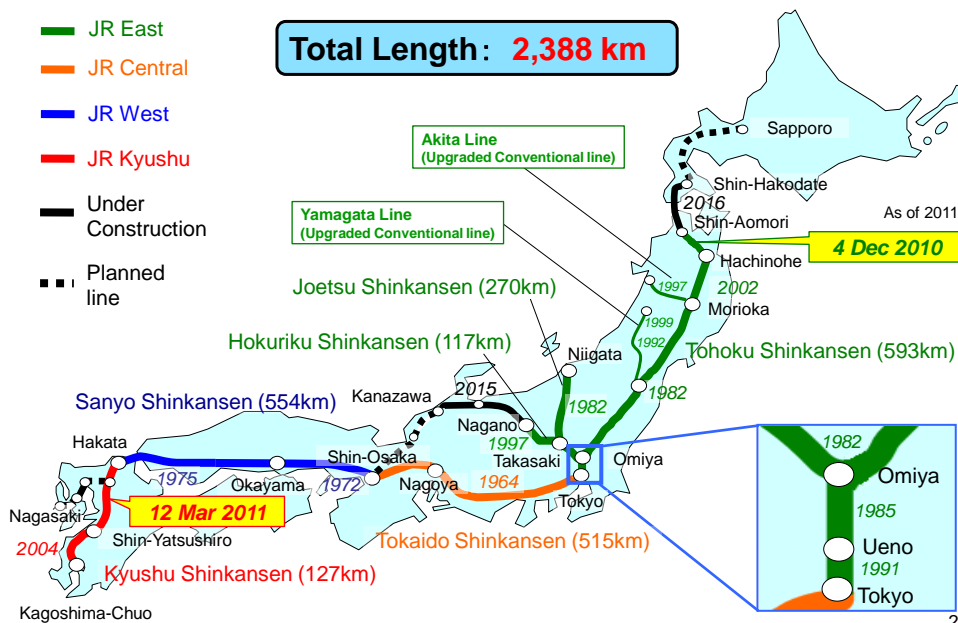
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## Japan's Current Shinkansen Network

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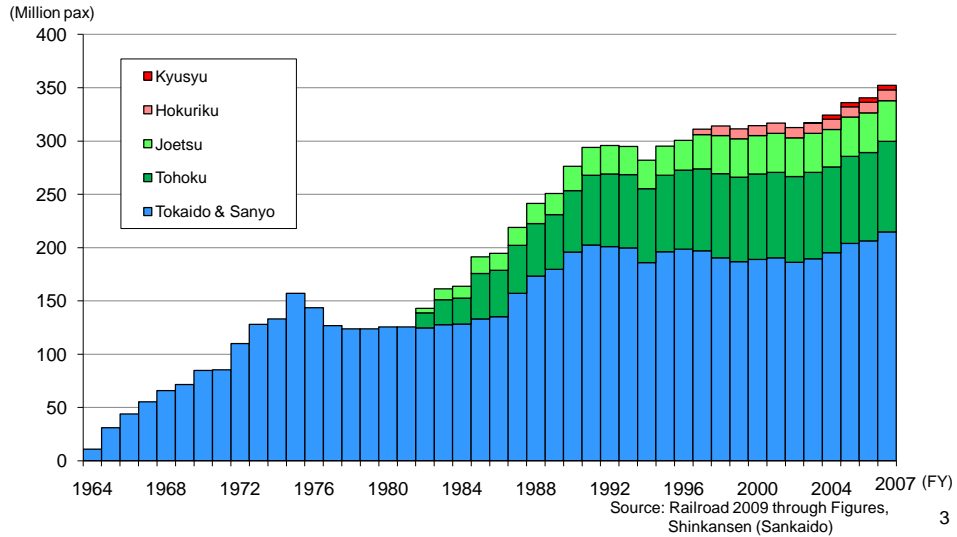
### No. of Shinkansen Passengers



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Annual No. of Shinkansen passengers has been steadily growing since its opening in 1964.

#### ○ Annual change in No. of Shinkansen passengers



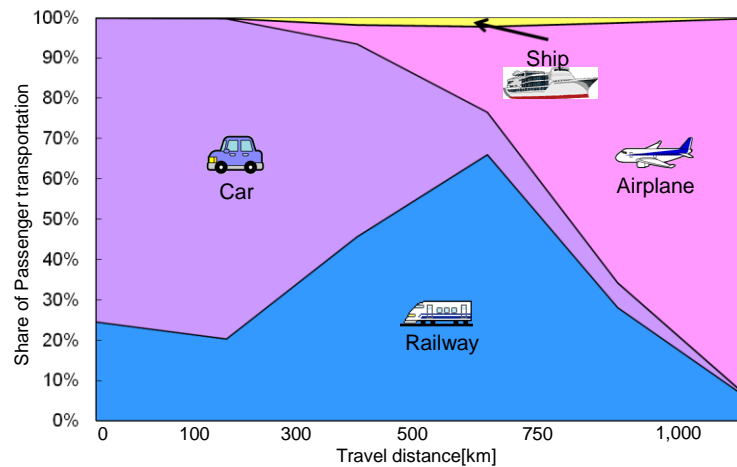
### 2. Share of Railway



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#### Share of Passenger Transport Modes According to Distance

The distance zone that Shinkansen demonstrates its competitiveness: 300~750km (travel time:2~4hrs.)



# I . Construction Scheme of Shinkansen

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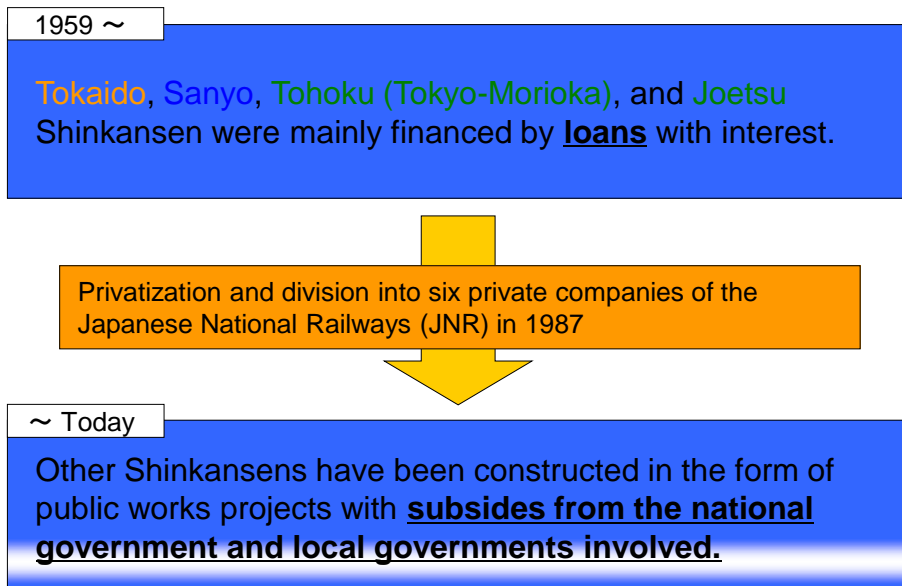


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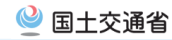
## Development of Shinkansen Construction Scheme



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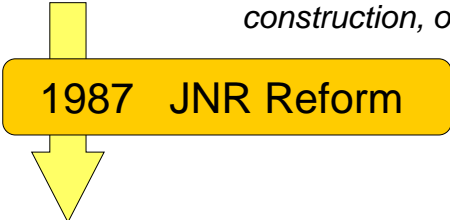
Privatization of Japanese National Railways



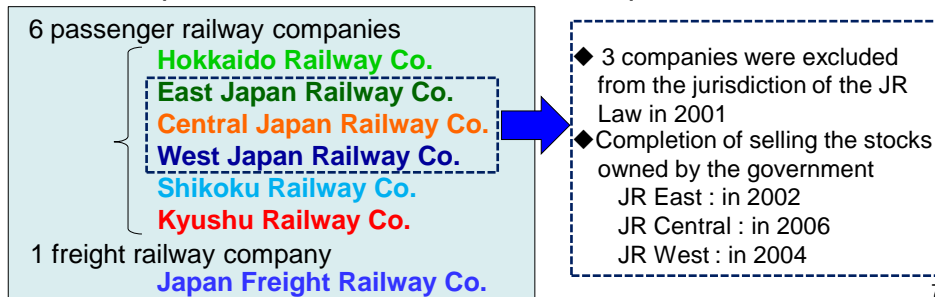
Japan National Railways(JNR)

(public company)

construction, ownership and operation



JNR was privatized and divided into 7 companies.

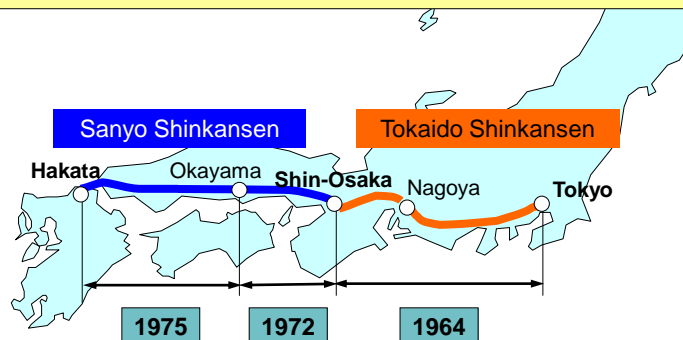


Development of Shinkansen Construction Scheme



○ Construction schemes of the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen

- **No special scheme** existed for Shinkansen construction.
- The construction cost was fully covered by **loans** with interest.
- For the Tokaido Shinkansen, a **World Bank (IBRD) loan** of \$320 million was provided, which accounted for 8.6% of the total construction cost of \$3.7 billion.

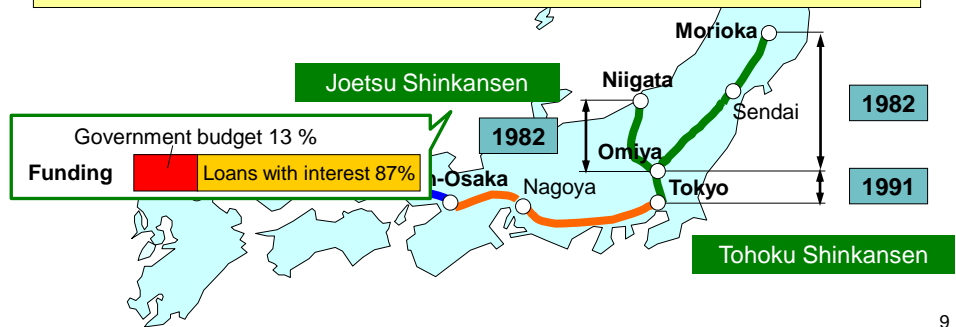


Development of Shinkansen Construction Scheme



○ Construction scheme of the Tohoku and Joetsu Shinkansen

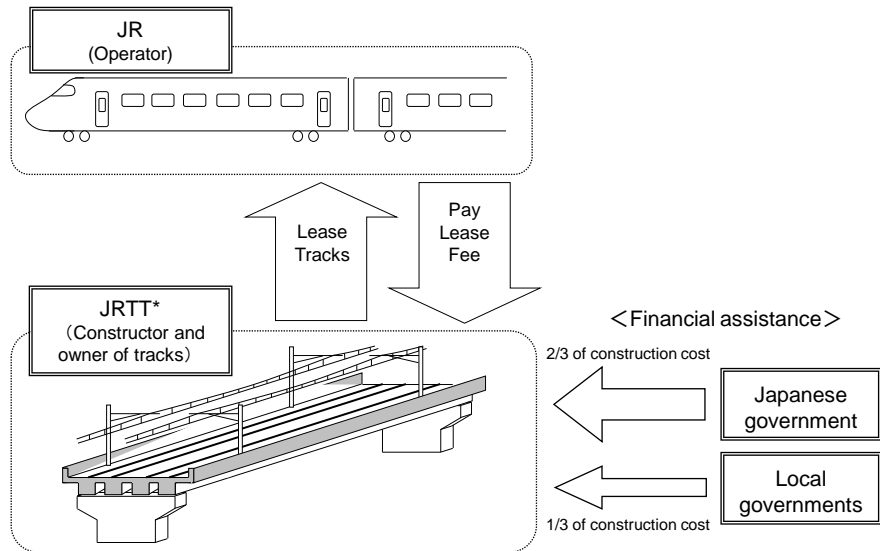
- Tohoku Shinkansen (Tokyo-Morioka) & Joetsu Shinkansen (Omiya-Niigata) were constructed by **JNR & Japan Railway Construction Public Corporation (JRCC)** under the **Nationwide Shinkansen Railway Development Law, enforced in 1970**.
- Government funding was partially used for the construction costs, however, a large part of the cost was still covered by **loans with interest**.



Development of Shinkansen Construction Scheme



○ Construction-operation separation schemes



\*JRJT: The Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency

## II . Safety of Shinkansen: Earthquake Countermeasures



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Safety of Shinkansen



**Safety**

■ A safety record of no passenger fatalities in 46 years of operations

**ZERO**

1964




Present Time

Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



Great East Japan Earthquake



**<Date and time of occurrence>**  
March 11, 2011

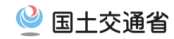
**<Strength of the earthquake>**  
Magnitude 9.0 on the Richter scale  
(The strongest in the history of Japan)

**<Number of casualties>**  
22,943 (As of June 20, 2011)

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Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



<Damage to the Tohoku Shinkansen Line>



Broken, leaning, or cracked electrification masts

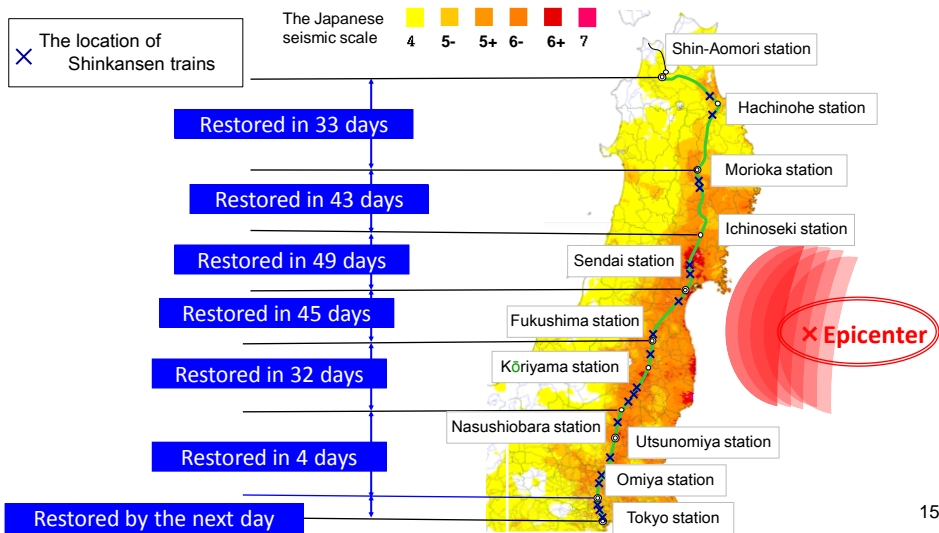


Severed power lines

### Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



Shinkansen services were completely restored 49 days after the earthquake occurred.



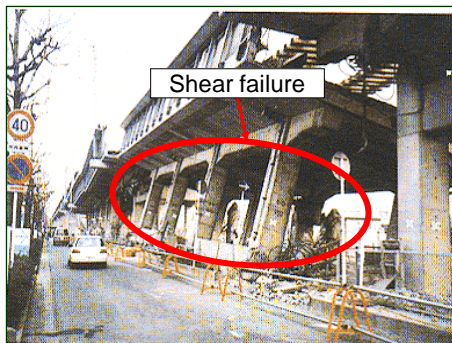
### Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



#### ○Anti-seismic reinforcement

The damage to viaducts in Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (occurred on 17 June 1997)

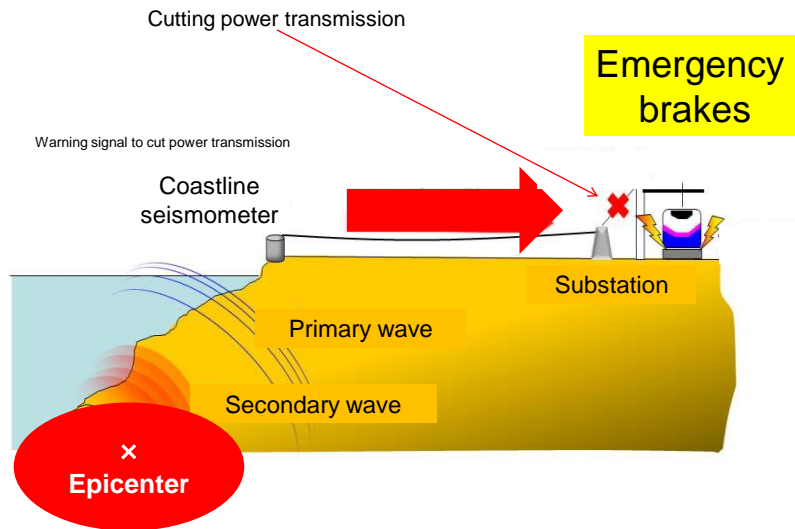
No damage to reinforced viaducts in Great East Japan Earthquake (occurred on 11 March 2011)



Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



Early Earthquake Detection System



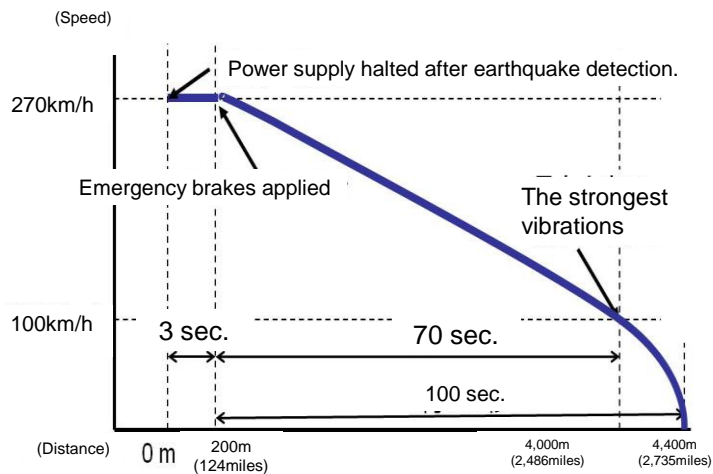
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Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



Early Earthquake Detection System

<A Tohoku Shinkansen train running through the Sendai Area>



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### Earthquake Countermeasures for Shinkansen



#### ○Deviation/Derailment Preventive Measures

##### L-shaped car guide

Measures for preventing a derailed train from widely running off the tracks, using a L-shaped car guide installed with the bogie, which gets stuck onto the rail.

##### Shinkansen Car Bogie

