

# Shinkansen Investment before and after JNR Reform

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# **Outline of Presentation**

- 1) Shinkansen Projects in JNR Era
- 2) Shinkansen Projects after JNR Reform
- 3) Through-Train Operation in Japan
- 4) Investment & Performance of Shinkansen Lines

# Shinkansen Projects by JNR



# JNR Reform in April 1987

JR-Hokkaido Shinkansen operation was divided into JR East, JR Central and JR West **JR-East JR-West JR-Central** 

JR-Kyushu

# Projects after JNR Reform (1)



# Projects after JNR Reform (2)



### Line Length and Transport Volume



Source: Institute of Transportation Statistics (1995), MLIT (2013)

### **Construction of New Shinkansen Lines**



## **Usage Fees**



: Expected Revenue



: Expected Expenses



Usage fees of new Shinkansen Lines



### Through-Train Operation in Japan (1)



# Through-Train Operation in Japan (2)



#### **Clear Separation of Operational Responsibility**

### Through-Train Operation in Japan (3)



3 minute train headway



### **Transport Volume of the Lines**

(Unit: million passenger km)



Source: MLIT (2013), JR West (2013), JR Central (2007; 2013a)

# Passenger Traffic Density (1)

#### Passenger Traffic Density (passengers/day)

= Transport Volume (Passenger km)/ (Operating Line Length × Operating Days)



# Passenger Traffic Density (2)

### Table: Traffic Density of Shinkansen Lines in 2011

(Unit: thousand passengers / day)

No.	Name of Shinkansen Line	Traffic Density
1	Tokaido	219.6
2	Sanyo	71.8
3	Tohoku	50.8
4	Joetsu	39.6
5	Hokuriku	17.8
6	Kyushu	17.3

Source: Calculation based on MLIT (2013), JR West (2013), JR Central (2013a)

# Passenger Traffic Density (3)



# Shinkansen Commuters



The sale of Shinkansen commuter passes is increasing.

Shinkansen expanded the commutable districts around Metropolitan areas.

### **Revenue from Shinkansen & Conventional Lines**



Source: JR East (2012), JR Central (2013a), JR West (2013)

#### **Revenue from Shinkansen has increased largely.**

### Management of JRs and Shinkansen Lines

#### (Table) Share of Revenue and Rolling Stock Kilometers

	Shinkanse Transport F	n Share of Revenue *1	Shinkansen Share of Rolling Stock Kilometers *2		
	1987	2011	2011		
JR East	22%	28%	20%		
JR Central	87%	91%	81%		
JR West	42%	46%	37%		

\* 1: Shinkansen revenue / total transport revenue

\* 2: Shinkansen rolling stock kilometers / total rolling stock kilometers

Source: Calculation based on JR East (2012), JR Central (2013b), JR West (2013)

### Management of JRs and Shinkansen Lines

#### (Table) Share of Revenue and Rolling Stock Kilometers

		Shink Increasi			Shinkansen Share of Rolling Stock Kilometers *2		
		1987	201	1		2011	
Shinkansen is a better revenue earner				28%	>	20%	
ner rolling stock kilometer			91%	>	81%		
				46%	>	37%	

- \* 1: Shinkansen revenue / total transport revenue
- \* 2: Shinkansen rolling stock kilometers / total rolling stock kilometers

Source: Calculation based on JR East (2012), JR Central (2013b), JR West (2013)

# **Final Comment**

- 1) This report primarily discussed Shinkansen's effects on operating companies.
- 2) Shinkansen operation has large impacts on the social and economic development.
  - Ex.) raising real estate value, easing highway congestion, stimulating job creation, etc.
- In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the project, it is necessary to include these social and economic benefits.

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# Thank you for your attention

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