

New Stations on the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line

1. Summary of Hokuriku Shinkansen

The Hokuriku Shinkansen line between Nagano and Kanazawa opened on March 14, 2015.

Completion of this new extension comes nearly 20 years after the original Tokyo to Nagano segment of the line opened on October 1, 1997.

The maximum running speed on the line is 260 km/h, and this means that the trip from Tokyo to Kanazawa, which previously involved transferring onto a conventional Limited Express train and took nearly four hours, can now be completed in just about 2.5 hours.

The Hokuriku region, as represented by Kanazawa, the last stop on the line, is home to an abundance of nature that makes for spectacular scenery along with historic buildings and streets, traditional arts and crafts, and a rich culinary culture highlighted by fresh seafood and Japanese sweets—it is a region of great appeal, and JR-West has promoted its many attractions through tourism promotions and other campaigns.

The opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen line means the heart of the Hokuriku region, Kanazawa, is now just 2.5 hours away from Japan's two major metropolises, Tokyo and Osaka. This new line is expected to increase population flow between the regions and create new distribution routes.

2. Five new stations of JR-West

JR-West operates trains between Joetsu-Myoko and Kanazawa, and including stations that have been added on to that conventional line, five new stations have been established.

① Itoigawa Station:

Design inspired by Japan Sea waves, the Northern Alps, the Geopark fault, and jade stone

② Kurobe-Unazukionsen Station:

Light, endlessly overlapping wave-lines are suggestive of Kurobe's natural setting

③ Toyama Station:

Design centers on snow images and the ever-present of Tateyama cedar trees

Developed as the junction of Shinkansen, Conventional line and LRT

④ Shin-Takaoka Station:

Design based upon the Zuiryuji Temple corridor motif and other local historical elements

⑤ Kanazawa Station:

Features a symbolic road formed by gate-like pillars and incorporating traditional arts and crafts



Hokuriku Shinkansen car(W7)



Kanazawa Station