

A HISTORY OF JAPANESE RAILWAYS 1872–1999

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Translation Notes

When there is an official English translation for the names of laws, ministries, etc., we have used it. Otherwise, we have translated the Japanese name as faithfully as possible. The names of Japanese people follow the western style of surname last. For brevity, the names of railway and shipping companies omit Company, Corporation, Ltd., etc., unless the omission would cause confusion. Romanized Japanese names in italics are given after first mention of companies, ministries, etc., and repeated whenever necessary. Other Japanese words are italicized at first mention, except words that have become part of English, such as *shinkansen*.

For simplicity, we have omitted the macron (ˉ) indicating a long vowel sound in words such as Tokyo. An apostrophe is used to distinguish syllable-final *n* from *n* at the beginning of a syllable (e.g. San'yō Railway, Shin'etsu main line).

Abbreviations for Frequently Used Source References

- EJRCE: East Japan Railway Culture Foundation (*Higashi Nihon Tetsudo Bunka Zaidan*)
JNR CH: *JNR Centennial History (Nihon Kokuyū Tetsudo Hyakunenshi)*, published by JNR from 1969 to 1974
JNR CPH: *JNR Centennial Photo History (Nihon Kokuyū Tetsudo Hyakunen Shashinshi)*, published by JNR in 1972
JNR RD: *JNR Railway Dictionary (Tetsudo Jiten)*, published by JNR in 1958
JNR RS: *A Hundred Years of Progress in JNR Rolling Stock (Hyakumen no Kokutetsu Sharyō)*, edited jointly by JNR Rolling Stock & Mechanical Engineering Department and Rolling Stock Design Office, published by Koyusha in 1974
JRCC: Japan Railway Construction Public Corporation (*Nihon Tetsudo Kensetsu Kodan*)
JNRSH: Japanese National Railways Settlement Headquarters (*Nihon Kokuyū Tetsudo Seisan Jigyō Hombu*, a department of JRCC established in 1998 to take over the remaining tasks of Japanese National Railways Settlement Corporation)
JRCEA: Japan Railway Civil Engineering Association (*Nihon Tetsudo Shisetsu Kyōkai*)
RTRI: Railway Technical Research Institute (*Tetsudo Sogo Gijutsu Kenkyūjo*)
TM: Transportation Museum, Tokyo (*Kotsu Hakubutsukan*)
TMG TB: Tokyo Metropolitan Government Transportation Bureau (*Tokyo-to Kotsu-kyoku*)
TN: Transportation News Co., Ltd. (*Kotsu Shimbun-sha*)
TRTA: Teito Rapid Transit Authority (*Teito Kosokudo Kotsu Eidan*)

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