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Narita Rapid Railway Slated to Open in 2010

The Narita Rapid Railway which will link Narita Airport with Tokyo in less than 40 minutes will extend the Hokusou Kodan Line currently running between Tokyo and Inba. Construction will be carried out on the 11km stretch from Inba Nihon Idaimae Station to the Narita Rapid Railway connection point at Tsuchiya and will cost approximately 126.1 billion yen.

Since August 2002, the Narita Rapid Rail Access Co., Ltd., established to construct the new railway, has been conducting environment impact studies in accordance with legislative requirements. Providing the studies continue as planned, construction will begin in fiscal 2005 and the new line will be opened in fiscal 2010.

An old Shinkansen bullet train track will be upgraded for the section between Tsuchiya and Narita Airport. When completed, it will reduce the traveling time between Nippori and Narita Airport (Airport Terminal 2 station) by 15 minutes to 36 minutes, greatly improving access to Tokyo. A combined total of 61 Skyliner and 92 limited express train services will operate daily on the line.

Shibayama Railway

The Shibayama Railway linking Shibayama township with Narita Airport opened on October 27, 2002. The railway runs from Keisei's Higashi-Narita station in the center of the airport, traveling under the airport to the Shibayama-Chiyoda station on the south side next to the Maintenance Area. It is the shortest railway in Japan with a single track extending 2.2km. The line provides direct access from Shibayama-Chiyoda station to Nippori and Ueno as well as to the Asakusa and Keihin Kyuko lines. This has significantly improved access for residents in the south side regions to the airport and to Tokyo for commuting to work and school, and has also provided convenient transportation for airport and Maintenance Area staff.

