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Hiromasa Tanaka is a Senior Advisor at Central Japan Railway Company (JR Central, also known as JR Tokai). He has served at Japan National Railways and its successor JR Central for over 45 years. He served as Executive Vice President of JR Central between 1998 and 2001. During this period, he was responsible for the Taiwan High-Speed Rail Project in addition to Tokaido Shinkansen operations. In the course of his career with Japan National Railways, he served as Chief of the Railway Section at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific from 1984 to 1990.

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JR Central commenced operations in April 1987 upon the privatization and dissolution of Japan National Railways. The core of JR Central's operation is the Tokaido Shinkansen, the main transportation artery linking Japan's principal metropolitan areas of Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. The Tokaido Shinkansen is the world's first high-speed rail and has achieved an unparalleled 45 years history of safe and reliable transportation.

JR Central is proposing the "N700-I Bullet" system based on the Tokaido Shinkansen system as a solution for the high-speed rail market in the United States.