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Curriculum Vitae

Satoshi SEINO has been president and CEO of East Japan Railway Company since 2006. Prior to his present post, Seino was appointed executive vice president in 2002, executive director in 2000 and member of the board in June 1996. He was assigned to JR East in 1987, with the break up and privatization of JNR, which he had joined in 1970. Seino was born in 1947 in Sendai.

Company Profile

JR East was born out of the break up and privatization of Japanese National Railways and inherited the railway network in the eastern half of the main island of Honshu. In 1993, JR East was the first JR company to list on the stock exchange and was fully privatized in 2002 when the government offered all remaining shares to the market. Daily traffic has risen to 16 million passengers and number of trains to 13,000, both the highest in the world. In addition to rail operations, JR East is engaged in retail, shopping center, office building and hotel businesses, mainly in the stations. Consolidated annual turnover is 2.7 trillion yen (\$27 B, FY2009).

Summary

At its outset, the JR East Shinkansen headed in only two destinations. With extensions, the current network radiates in five directions. The characteristics of the Shinkansen is high speed, service frequency, traffic capacity and through operation. The Shinkansen network also raises the commercial value of the stations, contributing to the stable management of company and the prosperity of the cities that it serves. The above experience and knowhow would allow JR East to respond to the various requirements of the planned HSR project in the United States.