

In Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Tokaido Shinkansen  
**High-Speed Rail Conference**  
~High-Speed Rail Accelerating Toward the Future~

We hereby notify you that the details and the logo for the International High-Speed Rail Conference to be held on October 22, 2014, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Tokaido Shinkansen, have been decided on.

1. Conference name: In Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Tokaido Shinkansen High-Speed Rail Conference ~High-Speed Rail Accelerating Toward the Future~
2. Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014    Venue: Hotel Okura Tokyo
3. Sponsors: International High-Speed Rail Association (IHRA), Central Japan Railway Company, West Japan Railway Company, Kyushu Railway Company
4. Details: Discussions and presentations on the following issues will be held by IHRA representatives and representatives from participating nations.
  - Looking back on the development of high-speed passenger rail systems that are most uniquely defined by their principle of crash avoidance on this 50th anniversary
  - Sharing information about plans and challenges that countries and regions considering to introduce high-speed passenger rail systems have faced.
  - Discussing a prospect of future society pioneered by superconducting magnetic levitation, an innovative technology for high-speed rail.
5. Number of conference participants (tentative): Approximately 300
  - Participants are invitees only.
  - Participants from overseas shall include IHRA advisors and transportation officials from Australia, Canada, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Britain, and the United States.
  - Participants from Japan shall include IHRA regular members and university officials.
6. Logo

