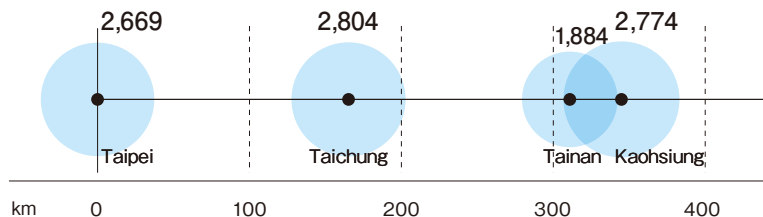


Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR)

The Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR) is the first example of the exportation overseas of a Shinkansen system based on the principle of "Crash Avoidance". After commencing limited operation in January 2007, the THSR commenced commercial operation between Taipei and Zuoying in March of the same year. With the THSR stretching from Taipei in the North, Taiwan's political and economic center, along the West Coast where most of the population resides, to Zuoying in the South, Taiwan's society, economy, and the lifestyle of its people has dramatically changed. When the THSR first opened, transport volume was approximately 15 million people per year. This number has grown annually and in 2017 yearly transport volume exceeded 60 million passengers. In December 2015, Miaoli, Changhua and Yunlin stations were opened, and in July 2016 Nangang Station was opened for commercial operation. The THSR continues to evolve as a means of transportation deeply rooted in the lives of the Taiwanese people.



Distribution of Major Cities on the Line



Statistics Yearbook, Ministry of Interior, ROC(2018)
Population unit: 1,000' s people

Basic Information

Operating segment	Nangang—Zuoying
Inauguration	January 2007 (Banqiao-Zuoying) March 2007 (Taipei-Banqiao) December 2015 (Miaoli, Changhua, Yunlin) July 2016 (Nangang-Taipei)
Operating distance	350km
Maximum operating speed	300km
Minimum travel time	1h45min
Trains/day	142 trains/day
Number of stations	12

* Train number is calculated based on the annual number of trains.

Passenger Ridership

