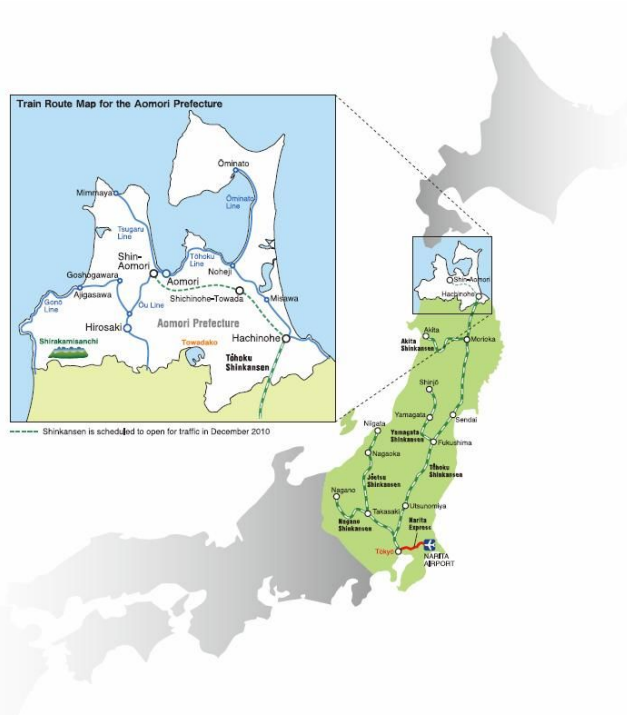


Tohoku Shinkansen "Bullet Train" services to be extended to Aomori City in Dec

Tohoku Shinkansen "Bullet Train" services will be extended to the city of Aomori in December with the opening of a roughly 80 kilometer section in northeastern Japan.

The Dec 4 opening of the section between Hachinohe and Shin-Aomori stations, both in Aomori Prefecture, will enable passengers to travel between Tokyo and Shin-Aomori in about 3 hours and 20 minutes.



New train set Series E5 "HAYABUSA" to debut in Mar 2011

In March 2011, brand-new Series E5 "HAYABUSA (falcon)" will shorten traveling time more 10 minutes with a maximum running speed of 300kph/187mph.

The premium first class named "GranClass" will be also introduced in this series.

HAYABUSA is planned to connect these two cities in 3 hours and 5 minutes with 320kph/200mph in March 2013.

