

Front Cover : Hankai Tramway type Mo161, #161.

This photo is taken on May 3, '24 at Yamatogawa Yard.

Rear cover : Face of type EH500 AC&DC electric locomotive of Japan Freight Railway. #EH500-34

This photo is taken on Apr. 20, '24 at Higashi Aomori freight Sta.

◆ A photo of Kuzuu station of Branch Line of Tobu Rwy. (in Tochigi Pref.) on May. '72. 2

◆ JRC 2024 Blue Ribbon Prize and Laurel Prize have been selected.

Blue Ribbon Prize is awarded to Tobu Railway Type N100 EMU (nicknamed Spacia X) and Laurel Prizes are awarded to Utsunomiya Right Rail type HU300 and Osaka Metro type 400 EMU. 3

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Japan Freight Railway type EH500. #EH500-55 at Higashi Aomori Freight sta. on April 20, 2024 **[p.32 top]**

Tobu Railway series 100 EMU at Kasukabe Inspction Yard-on March 9, 2024 **[p.32 bottom]**

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The Hakodate main line between Otaru and Oshamanbe is a heave snowy area. For this reason , type DE15 diesel locomotive snow plough trains are sent from Naebo Depot to Otaru in the evening ,and then used to clear snow on the mountain area at night. **[p.35 bottom Left]** Nagoya Railway run special train that used series 1200 EMU, passed Nishi Biwajima Switching Line. **[p.35 bottom right]**

The 6th Renewal Deo731 of Eizan Electric Railway came back to revenue service. This was made like old type Dena 1 appearance. **[p.36 bottom]**

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The new series E8 Shinkansen EMU of JR East debuted for Yamagata Shinkansen “Tsubasa” on the March 16th. The maximum speed has been raised from 275km/h to 300km/h and the travel time between Tokyo and Yamagata has been reduced by about 4minutes. **[p.37 bottom]** The Hokuriku Shinkansen between Kanazawa and Tsuruga was extended on the March 16th, and six new stations were established in the extended section.

Direct Trains between Tokyo and Tsuruga are set up with a total of 14 round trips, by “Kagayaki” and “Hakutaka” **[p.38 bottom]**

At Nankai Railway, as collaboration project with its sister railway MOB of Switzerland, “MOB Rapi:t train” wrapped in the color design of the MOB’s Golden Pass Express, began operation on March 14th. **[p.39 bottom Left]**

On the 23rd, the Kita Osaka Kyuko Railway Nanboku Line extened between Senri Chuo and Minoh Kayano. **[p.39 bottom Right]**. JR Shikoku held a celebration event on the 30th to mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Dosan Line between Susaka and Kusaka the earliest railway in Kochi Pref. A ceremony was held at Kusaka station on the day. **[p.40 bottom Left]**.

Tosaden Kotsu brought new 3003 low floor car, the series 3000 on 25th. **[p.40 bottom Right]**

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