

# Here are some pointers on how to enjoy this special exhibition, *A Railway Story in the Sky!*

## Inner circuit

Continue with the outer circuit, overleaf!

Here you can hear announcements from our ambassadors, Reiji Nakagawa and Rena Matsui!



### G Library of train schedules

These walls are filled with train schedules from 1964 up until the present. Have a go at finding the cover of the timetable for the month in which you were born. Two large train schedules in a row is an extraordinarily rare sight, since JR launched in April 1987.

**Don't miss** Through all of these train schedules gathered in one place, you can feel how railway culture and history has evolved over the years, as well as the differences between the two types of train schedules.



Train schedules fill the walls!

### F Uniforms from the 7 JR companies all in one place!

On display here are station master uniforms from the 7 JR companies, as well as bullet train crew uniforms from 5 JR companies. The more you look at them, the more you can see how each one has a unique, individual design. Which one is your favorite?

**Don't miss** Don't forget to look down at your feet! JR cargo workers wear safety shoes when working outdoors.

### E First life-sized replica of the Twilight Express!

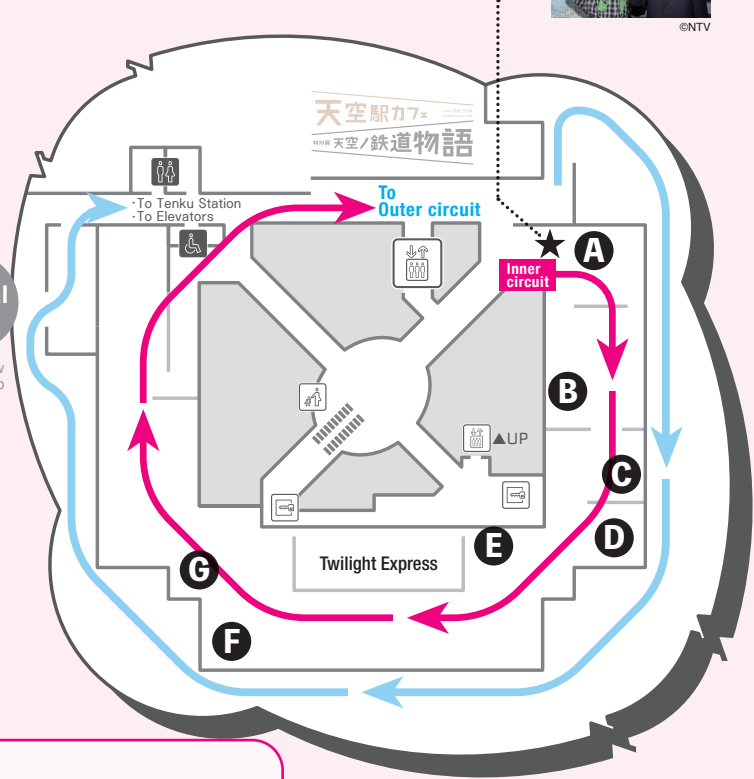


Unveiled here for the first time is a life-sized replica of the Twilight Express created by residents of the city of Itoigawa in Niigata Prefecture. Generously supported by JR West, this undertaking seeks to support reconstruction efforts in the wake of the serious fires that erupted in Itoigawa in December 2016. The result is an impressive recreation, thanks to the skills of local craftsmen and the use of Niigata wood. The interior furniture and decorations (except the tableware) are all items that were actually used in the train cars, and will be exhibited inside Itoigawa GeoStation GeoPal after this exhibition closes.

Check them out by peeking through the windows!



**Don't miss** Notice anything about the stained glass panels inside the cars? They feature lilies, the symbol of the city of Itoigawa, and kingfishers.



Special shop

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### A Travel back in time to Ueno Station in 1964!



Green for trains bound for Tohoku, yellow for Joetsu, pink for Shinetsu, and blue for Joban. At the time, Ueno Station was the point of entry for students coming to Tokyo from Tohoku and other regions en masse in search of employment, their hearts swelling with anticipation. Take a moment here to digest the giant visuals and videos that speak of an entire era.



### B Those treasured blue train headboards



The late 1970s saw an unprecedented boom in "blue trains": the popular westbound overnight sleeper trains that left Tokyo in the evenings. Gathered here are all kinds of different headboards found on the front of these blue trains and other locomotives, transcending their various eras. Fans of these trains at the time would actually memorize the departure times: "16:30 Sakura, 16:45 Hayabusa, 17:00 Mizuho."

### C The first (!) big reunion since Japan National Railway's breakup and privatization

April 1987, right smack in the middle of Japan's bubble economy. On the occasion of the breakup and privatization of Japan National Railway, a matter of great national concern, we have put together a valuable collection of train headboards that each rail company used to affix to the front of their trains. It took almost two years to search for and hunt down these train headboards for this exhibition. Who knows, this may very well be the last time that headboards from these 7 rail companies are gathered all in one place.

**Don't miss** Notice anything about how the names of the 7 JR companies are written? Something about the 鉄 ("tetsu") character?

### D The enigma behind two of the train headboards

The towing locomotives on Honshu, Hokkaido, and the region between Aomori and Hakodate at the time were all different. For this reason, the lead car was changed at certain stops like Aomori and Hakodate. Each of these cars had a different name plate.

**Don't miss** Notice anything different between these two identical headboards at the top and bottom...? The dented, dirt-encrusted headboard at the top that has traversed the length and breadth of the bitterly cold northern country is enough to trigger a pang of sorrow.

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**N** Sample special collaboratively produced menu items at the Tenku Station Cafe after taking in the exhibition!



At the Tenku Station Cafe, local specialties from across Japan are served in cases inspired by train doors. In addition to these freshly prepared "door bentos," you can also sample original station soba dishes, regional variations of udon noodles, and desserts.

**M** Let's drop by the special shop, too! Here you can find original goods that are only available here.

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Special shop

A smorgasbord of original goods made specially for this exhibition, as well as other items from railway companies all across the country. The catalogue for this exhibition will also go on sale in late January.



JR北海道商品化許諾済  
JR東日本商品化許諾済  
JR西日本商品化許諾済

**L** Take a break in a space filled with nostalgic subway-related items in this Tokyo Metro x Gacha Gacha Cafe collaboration

Take a breather to rest and recharge in this coffee shop while watching videos of Tokyo Metro and Toei subway trains.

POINT ① You're definitely a Tokyo Metro guru if you can name all 13 subway lines on these subway logo balloons! POINT ② The huge S-shaped object at the entrance was actually displayed in the office building of the Teito Rapid Transit Authority (now Tokyo Metro).

POINT ③ Nostalgic automated ticket machines and ticket gate machines from the old days!

**Don't miss**

This is the only place where you can find gacha gacha puzzle toys that you can assemble to create a three-dimensional model of all 13 subway lines in the Tokyo metropolitan area. Don't miss the chance to get your hands on one!



**K** Come and sit down! Photo opp! A recreation of the world that appears in that anime!

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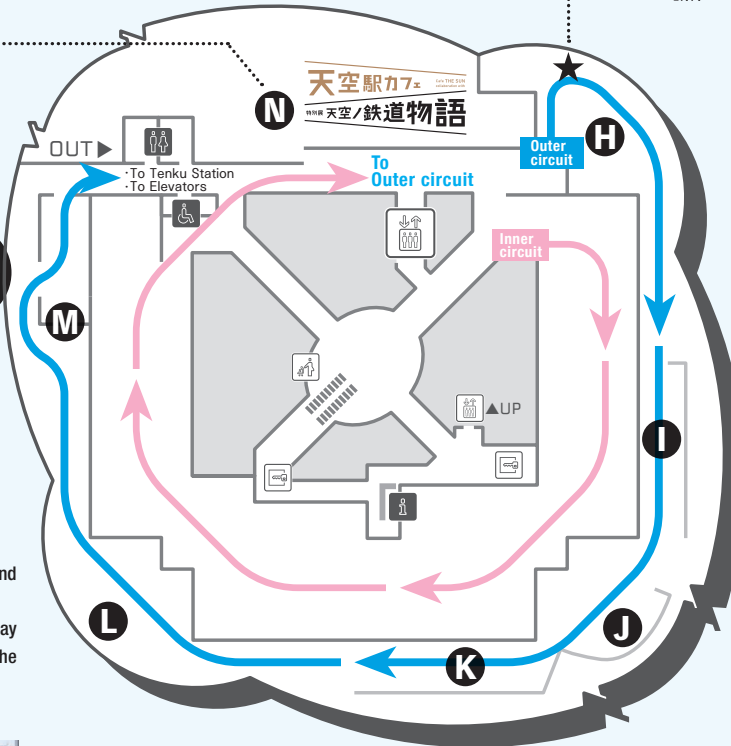
POINT ① Come take a photo while sitting in a real train seat from the Anpanman Train that wins the hearts of children as it plies JR routes in Shikoku.

POINT ② A recreation of the imaginary Tokyo Station that appears in Mamoru Hosoda's summer 2018 hit Mirai. You can even sit on the real skeleton seat of the black bullet train that appears in the film!

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**H** Welcome to Tenku (Sky) Station appearing for a limited time only! The world of Galaxy Express, traced in the night sky

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At Tenku Station, visitors can get an AR (augmented reality) experience of a No. 1 locomotive meticulously built out of cardboard, and various train cars pulling into the station. After sunset, enjoy a series of phantasmal images specially created for this exhibition that are projected onto the night landscape, as well as Tenku Station and the world of Galaxy Express unfolding at an altitude of some 250m above sea level.



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**I** Let's get up close and personal! Kids will be thrilled! The fascinating doors of railway trains

Featured here is a wall-projected installation of all 19 Japanese national rail companies, and all 29 types of train doors. Something strange will happen when you try touching the doors. Have a go, maybe you'll find the door of a train that you normally take! As time passes, the space transforms into a station platform! And wait, are those trains actually pulling up as we speak...?

**Don't miss** Notice anything about the benches?

The benches in this space were actually used in the stations of Seibu Railway. Have fun watching the trains that pass in front of you while sitting on these station benches.

**J** A collection of treasures related to the story of the Sky Railway

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On display here is a model of the Seikan connecting ferry, a well-loved icon for most of the 1980s that made its last journey in 1988 with the opening of the Seikan Tunnel, which connects Aomori Prefecture on the main Japanese island of Honshu with the northern island of Hokkaido. You can also listen to the music that was actually played onboard the ferry. Also on display are various rare items related to the train routes of old, newly opened train lines, and auspicious signboards for station names.

**Don't miss** Check out the Seikan connecting ferry, and the station signboards!

The Seikan connecting ferry used to be run by JR. It plied its route with the railway cars onboard. This exhibition of various station signboards even contains some that might lead you to fall in love...



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