

《应对疫情冲击 日本新干线乘客海鲜一起运》

受新冠肺炎疫情影响，日本新干线乘客大幅减少。为了降低影响，JR东日本从8月26日起一连三天进行试验，利用东北新干线空座将海鲜从仙台车站直接送往东京车站，以检验是否能够将这种运输模式商业化。



Commuters wearing protective masks head to work amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Osaka, Japan in this photo taken by Kyodo on May 21, 2020. [Photo/Agencies]

Since the number of passengers on the Shinkansen has dropped significantly due to the new coronavirus, JR East has begun an experiment to transport fresh seafood from Miyagi prefecture to Tokyo for the first time using the seats on the Shinkansen.

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Due to the impact of the new coronavirus, the number of passengers on the Tohoku Shinkansen is only 30% of the same period last year as of last week.

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For this reason, JR East was the first to conduct an experiment to transport local specialty products to Tokyo using vacant seats.

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On the 26th, squirts and oysters from Miyagi prefecture, which were landed on the morning of the same day, were transported to the Tohoku Shinkansen departing Sendai Station before 11:00 am.

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In the first car used for transportation, the two rows of seats were faced to each other, and the seafood was put in a special box to keep the air cool so that the freshness of the seafood was preserved.

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The Shinkansen arrived at Tokyo Station in about two hours, and was served as sashimi and vinegared food at the seafood restaurant on the premises after 2:00 pm.

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According to the fishermen who participated in the initiative, when it comes to transportation by truck, it often arrives in Tokyo the next day, but if you use the Shinkansen, you can shorten the time until it is provided at restaurants by a whole day.

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Tsuyoshi Hamada of the JR East supply chain management project said, "Since the Shinkansen is strong in speed and punctuality, we want to contribute to the community by carrying local products."

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An East Japan Railway Co Shinkansen bullet train approaches Omiya Station in Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture, Japan, July 27, 2012. [Photo/VCG]

The use of the Tohoku Shinkansen has dropped significantly due to the impact of the new coronavirus, and the number of passengers in May, when the emergency was announced, dropped to 10% of the same period last year.

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Since then, the number of passengers has been gradually recovering, but last week it remained at about 30% of the same period last year, and it is expected that this situation will continue for a long time.

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For this reason, JR East is extensively considering measures to compensate for the decline in revenues from the railway business, and as one of them, has begun an experiment to transport local specialty products to Tokyo by the Shinkansen.

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JR will continue to verify the time required for transportation from the production area and aim to put it into practical

use while also observing the reaction of passengers on the train.

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Hiromitsu Ito, president of the fishery industry Kaiyu, said, "Since freshness is the key to marine products, I think this is an epoch-making thing that will revolutionize logistics."

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