This note provides important information for customers traveling in the Seikan region (Aomori Prefecture and Hokkaido [South Hokkaido]). The area within which your pass is valid for travel will change when the Hokkaido Shinkansen (between Shin-Aomori and Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto) starts service on March 26, 2016.

### Until Friday, March 25, 2016

- **Tōhoku Shinkansen**: Between Shin-Aomori and Aomori
- **JR Ōu Line**: Between Aomori and Naka-Oguni
- **JR Tsugaru Line**: Between Naka-Oguni and Mimmaya
- **Tōhoku Shinkansen**: Between Aomori and Okutsugaru-Imabetsu
- **JR Ōu Line**: Between Okutsugaru-Imabetsu and Kikonai
- **JR Tsugaru Kaikyō Line**: Between Kikonai and Oshima-Ōno
- **JR Hakodate Line**: Between Oshima-Ōno and To Sapporo

### Starting on Saturday, March 26, 2016

- **Tōhoku Shinkansen**: Between Shin-Aomori and Aomori
- **JR Ōu Line**: Between Aomori and Naka-Oguni
- **JR Tsugaru Line**: Between Naka-Oguni and Mimmaya
- **Tōhoku Shinkansen**: Between Aomori and Okutsugaru-Imabetsu
- **JR Ōu Line**: Between Okutsugaru-Imabetsu and Kikonai
- **JR Tsugaru Kaikyō Line**: Between Kikonai and Oshima-Ōno
- **JR Hakodate Line**: Between Oshima-Ōno and To Sapporo

Your pass is valid for travel on the newly opened Hokkaido Shinkansen (between Shin-Aomori and Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto). However, the pass is not valid for travel in Gran Class cars. The pass for use of ordinary cars is valid only for travel in ordinary cars.

Note 1: Your pass is not valid for travel on routes indicated by broken lines in the above figure. Travel on those routes is subject to separate fares.

Note 2: The station name will be changed to "Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto" on March 26, 2016.

Note 3: Between March 22 and March 25, 2016, the Kaikyo Line (between Naka-Oguni and Kikonai Stations) will not be in operation due to an all-day service suspension.

**Notes**

- Even if you purchased your pass on or before March 25 (by purchasing an MCO and exchanging it for a pass in Japan), it will be treated as described above starting March 26.
- The start of Hokkaido Shinkansen service will not result in the collection of additional fares or fees. Additionally, pass holders will not be eligible to receive fare or fee refunds, or have the validity period extended, as a result of their inability to use JR lines between Kikonai and Goryōkaku, the operation of which will be transferred to South Hokkaido Railway Company.
- Use of South Hokkaido Railway Line is subject to separate fares.

**Stations served by the Hokkaido Shinkansen (on routes scheduled to open on March 26, 2016) and associated train names**

- **Shin-Aomori**: Hayabusa
- **Okutsugaru-Imabetsu**: Hayate
- **Kikonai**: Hayabusa

*The stations served differ depending on each train.*