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One-man DMU local train at Izumo-Yashiro Station on Kisuki Line. The 82-km line was opened in 1934 to connect towns and villages in the Chugoku region of west Honshu with the San'in main line on the Sea-of-Japan coast. It is a rural line running through mountain areas with very steep gradients. Although it never enjoyed good passenger traffic, it is still in service and offers travellers enjoyable views of local countryside. To keep costs as low as possible, most of the stations are unmanned and the large parabolic mirror at the platform end assists the driver-only operation. The abandoned passing loop symbolizes the less frequent services. *(Photo: M. Mashima Photo Office)*

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