

Brunel Award

The aim of the Brunel Award is to promote the aesthetic quality of architecture, rolling stock, graphic arts, corporate identity and uniforms, as well as good design in all railway activities. There were 225 entries from 21 railways around the world. The competition was established in 1985 in the UK by the Watford Conference of European Railway Architects and Designers to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Great Western Railway (GWR). It was named after the world-famous Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806–59) who built the GWR from London to Bristol. Other previous competitions have been held in Austria, the Netherlands, Spain and the USA.

Selection of Brunel-Award Winning Railway Objects in Japan

First participation of Japanese railway operators was from 1989 3rd competition in the Netherlands due to JR East's having sponsored Railway Design and Quality Conference in the same year. Since then, Japan has won continuously especially in the rolling stock division, reaching a level of designs in Europe and North America.



JR Hokkaido's Art Project in JR Tower at Sapporo Station (2005).
Designed by art director Ms Yuki Kikutake.

(JR Hokkaido)



JR East's Series 253 *Narita Express* serving Tokyo and New Tokyo International (Narita) Airport (1992).
Designed by Mr Yasutaka Suge of GK Industrial Design.

(JR East)

JR East's *Eki kara Map* showing neighbourhood around railway stations (1989). Designed by Mr Haruhiko Suzuki of Japan Graphic Map.



(JR East)

JR West's Series 281 *Haruka* limited-express train (1994). Co-designed by rolling-stock manufacturer Kinki Sharyo and Mr Kazuo Kimura (see pp.6-8).



(JR West)

JR Kyushu's Series 787 *Tsubame* limited-express train (1994). Designed by Mr Eiji Motooka of Don Design Associates. Mr Mitooka serves as Design Advisor of JR Kyushu.



(JR Kyushu)



JR Kyushu's Series 883 *Sonic Nichirin* limited-express train (1996). Also designed by Mr Mitooka of Don Design Associates.



JR Kyushu's Series 885 *Kamome* limited-express train (2001). Also designed by Mr Mitooka of Don Design Associates.



JR Kyushu's Series 815 for local services (2001). Also designed by Mr Mitooka of Don Design Associates.

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Jury's Special Prize Won by JR East

Jury's Special Prize is chosen by internationally respected professionals evaluating the submitted projects. Japanese railway operators have received many prizes in various categories.



Entrance of Tokyo Station Gallery at Tokyo Station (1989)

(EJRCF)



JR East's Iwaki-Hanawa Station on Suigun Line (1996).
Designed by Mr Kuniaki Ito (see *JRTR* 28 pp.4-17). (JR East)



JR East's Series 651 *Super Hitachi* limited-express train (1989). Designed by Transportation Design Organization, members include Mr Kimura, Mr Tetsuo Matsumoto of Isamu Kenmochi Design Associates and Tetsuo Fukuda of A&F. (JR East)



JR East's Series 255 *Sazanami* limited-express train (1994). Designed by Mr Suge of GK Industrial Design. (JR East)



JR East's Series E217 commuter train (1996). Also designed by Mr Suge of GK Industrial Design. (JR East)



JR East's Saitama Shin Toshin Station on Tohoku main line (2005). Designed by architect Mr Edward Suzuki. (JR East)



JR East's full-colour LED departure timetable for conventional line (2005). Designed by Shin-Yosha Corporation. (JR East)

Jury's Special Prize Won by JR Hokkaido, JR Central, JR West, Kintetsu and Minatomirai Line



JR Hokkaido's Shin Chitose-kuko Station ticket gate (1994). Co-designed by Denmark State Railways and Yasui Architects & Engineers, Inc. (JR Hokkaido)



JR Central's Series 285 *Sunrise* sleeper express train (1998). Co-designed by Kinki Sharyo and Mr Kimura. (JR Central)



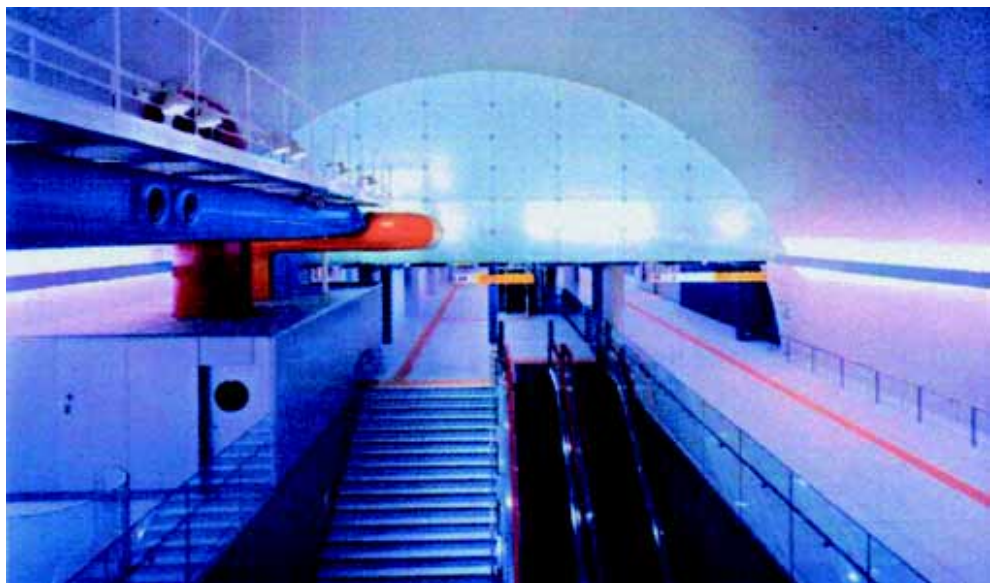
JR West's Series 500 shinkansen trainset (1998). Co-designed by Alexander Neumeister of Neumeister and Partner, Mr Kimura and Kinki Sharyo. (JR West)



JR West's Kyoto Station (2001).
Designed by Hiroshi Hara of Atelier Phi.
(JR West)



Kintetsu's Series 23000 *Ise-Shima Liner*
limited-express train (1994).
Co-designed by Mr Kimura, industrial
designer Mr Masamichi Tezeni (1935–
2005), Professor Emeritus Rikuhei
Yamauchi of Kyoto Institute of
Technology and Kinki Sharyo. (Kintetsu)



Minatomirai Station on Minatomirai Line
at Yokohama (2005). Designed by
architect Mr Kunihiro Hayakawa. (JR TT)