



Japanese Railway Scenery 2

A two-car DMU train crossing a bridge on JR East Tadami Line. The line was first opened from Koide on the Joetsu Line to Oshirakawa in 1942 to transport sand for steel making. After the war, it was extended deep into the mountains to build hydroelectric power dams. It finally reached Aizu-Bange, linking villages in the mountains with towns in the Aizu Basin. It is one of the most scenic railways in Japan, but suffers heavy losses every year, as well as serious natural disasters. Despite difficulties, it still serves one of the most remote areas on the main island of Honshu. *(Photo: M. Mashima Photo Office)*

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