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Series 885 EMU limited express *Kamome* (seagull) running near Tara Station on JR Kyushu's Nagasaki main line. The first railway line reached Nagasaki in 1898 via Haiki as the private Kyushu Railway, which was nationalized in 1907. The shortcut from Hizen-Yamaguchi to Isahaya was completed by 1934. Nagasaki is famous as the only trading port to accept Dutch and Chinese missions during the 200 years of National Seclusion, and also as a place where Christianity was practiced in secret defiance of the Tokugawa shogunate's strict ban. The city grew from the mid-19th century to become a centre of heavy industry, deep-sea fishing and foreign trade but was almost completely devastated by the second A-bomb in August 1945. JR Kyushu runs 24 *Kamome* services in each direction between Hakata (Fukuoka) and Nagasaki. (Photo: M. Mashima Photo Office)

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