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JR Shikoku's Series 1000 DMU local train running near Sanuki Aioi Station on Kotoku Line. The 75-km single-track line was first planned as a private railway to link Takamatsu and Tokushima, but the construction was started by the government railways in 1923. The section between Takamatsu and Shido was first opened in 1925, followed by the completion in 1935. The Asan Mountains between Kagawa and Tokushima prefectures are crossed by steep grades between Sanuki Aioi and Itano stations with Osakayama Tunnel at the summit, and the River Yoshino is crossed by a long bridge just north of Tokushima City. JR Shikoku runs 13 rapid express services daily in each direction, including two serving Okayama via the Honshu-Shikoku bridges over the Inland Sea. (Photo: M. Mashima Photo Office)

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