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Tokyo Metro type 1000 EMU for Ginza line has been selected as 2013 Blue Ribbon Prize of JRC.
Photo is taken at the Hounancho inspection yard (in Tokyo) on May 2013

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- [p.42 bottom] Nagoya city carried out experimental operation of the steam (JR-West C56 160) hauled train aiming at the activation of Nagoya Rinkai Rwy. Aonami line on Feb. 16 & 17 '13. [left] /Heisei-Chikuho Rwy. between Noogata and Kanada (former JNR Ita line) celebrated its 120th anniversary, and the commemoration train of diesel car (no.412) was operated and starting ceremony was held at Kanada sta. on Feb. 11 '13. [right]
- [p.43 bottom] Watarase-Keikoku Rwy. (in Gumma Pref.) type wa-89(no.101) used since the company establishment would retire, and extra train 《Farewell no.101 diesel car》 was operated on Mar. 31 '13. [left] / As of the train

schedule revision on Mar. 16, JR-East type E6 EMU started commercial operation as Akita-Shinkansen 《Super Komachi》 and coupled with type E5 EMU Tohoku-Shinkansen 《Hayabusa》 between Tokyo and Morioka with maximum speed of 300km/h. **【right】**

【p.45 bottom】 Nagoya Rwy. type 4000 EMU was introduced as a substitute for the retirement of type 6600 EMU which was used since 1978 when the catenary voltage up to 1.5kV of Seto line in 1978.

【left】 /JR-West operated the group extra train 《Memorial Kuroshio》 used type 381 EMU of original JNR color in commemoration of 100th anniversary of the section between Kii-Katsuura and Shinguu of Kisei line (former Shinguu Rwy.) on Mar. 2~3 '13. **【right】**

【p.46 bottom】 Prior to the start of commercial operations of Kinki-Nippon Rwy. type 50000 EMU new sight-seeing exp. 《Shimakaze》, test-ride events for the public were held on Mar. '13. **【left】**

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