





# Japan's TOD as a tool of spatial / territorial management

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## Fukuoka city-region





- 5.5 million population
- 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>: OK for daily commuting / shopping

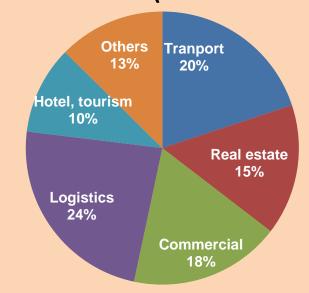
## **NNR in Fukuoka**



#### **Company profile**

Name	Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd. (NNR)
Founded	Dec 17,1908
Capital	JPY 26.2 billion (USD 237.8 million)
operating revenue	JPY 166.6 billion (USD 1.514 billion) as of 2018, USD 1 = JPY 110
Group companies	86 companies and 1 incorporated educational institution (as of 2019)

## **Consolidated operating revenue (2018) JPY 396.9 billion (USD 3.608 billion)**



- ☐ Founded in 1908.
- □ Urban commuter train (106.1km) + 3,100 buses, 1 million passengers daily.
- ☐ Also housing, office, hotel, commercial, leisure, etc.

### **NNR in Fukuoka**





NNR's success > Fukuoka's growth
> NNR's further growth
NNR's DNA to contribute to Fukuoka's
growth from a long-term point of view



# Const. of railroad + housing dev. in outskirts + commercial dev. at the terminal



- Growing demand for high-standard residences in 1920s
- Hankyu Railroad to initiate in Osaka
- New life style: work in office in CBD, shopping in weekends, daily shopping near the nearest station
- Shorter-term cost recovery through real estate and commercial business to mitigate long-term large investment in railroad business
- New business model replicated by other private railroad companies incl. NNR
- Land value capturing needs to be devised

## Const. of "New Towns" and strengthening of railroads



- Huge demand for housing during Japan's high-pace economic growth in 1920s in large cities
- Const. of new towns in suburbs supported by strengthening of existing railroads through various PPP
  - Public sector led new towns through PPP
  - Private sector led supported by the public sector
- Negative impact of urban sprawl; and challenge of "shrinking" cities

## Urban renovation and railroad's roles



## 1. Large-scale urban redevelopment near terminal stations

- Shift of economy: greater demand for office, commercial spaces → promotion of sub-centers within large cities
- Privatization of Japan National Railroad in 1987 → unlocking large stock of low-use land → large-scale urban renovation

#### 2. Recent trends

- Uplifting of urban railroad → positive impact to urban revitalization through reconnecting divided areas
- Proactively leveraging role of a station in promoting nearby area rather than addressing separately

## **Area-management along railroad line**



 Integration of series of stations and nearby areas as one area
 "Bean Pod" concept



- Branding such an area as the place which people are proud of
- Railroad company as the key coordinator in consultation with numerous local entities

#### Conclusion



- Essence of Japan's TOD
  - ✓ Existence of a committed operator who takes responsibility for the success of the catchment area
  - ✓ Integration of transport network operation and urban development in the area

- Possibilities in other countries
  - ✓ Different socio-economic situation → adjustment required in accordance with different context
  - ✓ Fostering a committed operator (be it private of public) may be one of the keys to success



### Reference

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Excellent reference particularly in terms of a historical overview of the integration of railroad development and urban development







## Thank you

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