You can experience what 500 km/h feels like!

The Yamanashi Prefectural Maglev Exhibition Center

Introduction to the Maglev Exhibition Center

The Yamanashi Prefectural Maglev Exhibition Center is the only facility in Japan where visitors can see test runs* closely on the Yamanashi Maglev Test Line.

Displaying the test vehicle that recorded the fastest speed ever in the world, the center opened in April 2014 after extensive renovation and expansion of its hands-on experience workshops, including the installation of a diorama of Maglev and a device that allows visitors to have a simulated experience of a levitated run.

In the Maglev Exhibition Hall, you can experience how 500 km/h feels on the three floors of “Learn about Maglev,” “Experience Maglev” and “See the future of Yamanashi.” Visitors can see a running Maglev from all the floors and even experience the wind pressure from the Observation Terrace located on the second floor.

In addition, the Yamanashi Pavilion is equipped with a Gift Shop, Yamanashi Tourism Information and Observation Room, to show visitors all the attractive points of Yamanashi and Maglev.

*Since test runs are not performed every day, please check the dates and time of test runs at the information corner in the center or check the website of the Maglev Exhibition Center.

Website of the Yamanashi Prefectural Maglev Exhibition Center
http://www.linear-museum.pref.yamanashi.jp

History of Maglev Development in Yamanashi

April 3, 1997
- Initiated test runs on the Yamanashi Maglev Test Line.

December 2, 2003
- Recorded 581 km/h (broke the world record of the fastest speed by train).

November 16, 2004
- Performed a test of two trains passing each other at a relative speed of 1,026 km/h.

May, 2011
- Following the approval of an installment project based on the National Shinkansen Network Law, construction instructions were issued to the Central Japan Railway Company (JR central).

September 30, 2011
- Completed test runs on the 18.4-kilometer beginning section on the Yamanashi Maglev Test Line—accomplished an accumulated travel distance of 878,000 kilometers.

August 29, 2013
- Initiated test runs by the LO series of trains on the entire 42.8-kilometer section of the Yamanashi Maglev Test Line.