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## Foreword

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The Business Promotion Division of Railway Technical Research Institute (RTRI) promotes a wide range of research projects for the government, the Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency, railway operators and other organizations. These research projects are significant especially because: (1) the results of RTRI's research and the know-how gained from it benefit society; (2) the research leads to the acquirement of basic information on client needs and technical data that can be used to formulate new research and development goals; and (3) the projects provide economic benefits to RTRI itself.

We recently installed within the Business Promotion Division two new sections - one in charge of promoting the maintenance of railway structures, the other in charge of examining railway use. These two new sections will keep communications open between clients such as railway operators and the research units within RTRI. Since the maintenance and management of railway structures is extremely important to railway operators, the section in charge of promoting railway structure maintenance has been equipped to provide them with as much support as possible. As of April 2006, this section has a chief and three staff members. They are meeting with railway operators to discuss what RTRI can do to help them maintain and manage their railway structures.

In addition to promoting the maintenance and management of railway structures, the Business Promotion Division is keen to carry out other activities that will be helpful to its many clients.



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