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The Railway Technology Research Institute (RTRI) is always keen to provide information on technical advances in railway systems in Japan, and we know how important the Internet is in getting that information to people worldwide.

RTRI's use of the Internet goes back to 1987, when we began R&D as a juridical foundation. That was when we first participated on a trial basis in JUNET, a research-oriented computer network for Japanese academic organizations. In those early days, our Internet activities were basically limited to e-mail and electronic news services, but even so it was a momentous step for us.

RTRI's intention is to be a research institute open to the world. In April 1995, after a number of test runs, we began offering full-fledged information services online, to promote more exchanges among researchers worldwide and to provide information from Japan's rail technology research center. Our server was the first in the world to offer a wide range of information on railway technology.

We now offer technical information covering many areas, focusing especially on major results of RTRI's research and development. Much of this information can be found in our English-language "Quarterly Report of RTRI," and back numbers since June 2005 are now available online, free of charge.

We intend to continue using the Internet to present the latest information on railway technology, and invite you to visit our webpages often.