Recent Research and Development on Maintenance Technology of Railway Structures

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The Structural Technology Division has been researching practical technology related to maintenance of railway structures. The principal subjects of the research activity consist of high quality inspection technologies, sharp reduction of maintenance cost, and effective repair technologies for railway structures. This paper describes the recent trend of maintenance technology, several examples of the research results, and subjects of the research and development under way in the Railway Technical Research Institute.