

Taiwan's first bullet train enters service

Taiwan's high speed rail system is welcoming its first paying passengers, after years of delays. The \$15 billion system, based on Japanese *Shinkansen* technology, is expected to bring about a transportation revolution on the densely populated island

TAIWAN HIGH SPEED 700T

Maximum operating speed	300km/h
Carriages	12 (1 business class)
Seating	989 (66 business class)
Length of train	304 metres
Weight	500 tonnes
Travel time: Taipei to Kaohsiung	90 minutes (currently 4-6 hours)

In first year network will move 60,000 passengers a day between eight stations

