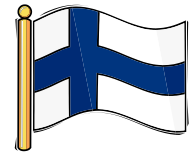


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Press Release

Nabtesco's AIRJET to help Finland's Trains to Overcome Snow

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Liikennevirasto (Finnish Transport Agency) and the Japanese company Nabtesco, which manufactures railcar brakes and door equipments, have installed a prototype of Nabtesco's AIRJET equipment in Helsinki. The AIRJET equipment uses compressed air to blow away snow on switching points of railways that are struggling with service disruption due to heavy snowfall. Liikennevirasto and Nabtesco have also started a feasibility study for future development in this area. AIRJET was jointly developed by Nabtesco and East Japan Railway Company (JR East) in an effort to maintain on-time operation of trains in areas with heavy snow.

Ambassador of Japan to Finland, Mr. Kenji Shinoda recently visited the installation site of the AIRJET in Helsinki, together with a delegation from Nabtesco and JR East, and witnessed the high quality performance of AIRJET.

The Embassy of Japan welcomes these developments as a success story of Japan-Finland win-win business partnership in railway industries, which positively contribute to the strengthening of overall economic and business relations between Japan and Finland.

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