

Dear members

The City of Kanazawa is working on various projects to be more skilled as the Creative City of Kanazawa.

We'd like to inform about the "Hokuriku-Shinkansen, 'Practical use of Kanazawa Craft' research association" this time. The Kanazawa line will be started to operate from 2014.

The line of Hokuriku-Shinkansen train starts at Tokyo via Nagano, Joetsu, Toyama, Kanazawa, Fukui and terminates at Sin-Osaka. This line will be extended up to 700km and the City of Kanazawa is ranked as a "Golden Route of Tourism" which is a Japanese representative sightseeing spot.

Hokuriku-Shinkansen is a major national project which is the central pillar of the rapid transportation system. A positive effect on the economy by increasing in nonresident population, bustle of the city and CO₂-reduction are to be expected.

"Hokuriku-Shinkansen, 'Practical use of Kanazawa Craft' research association" consists of Professors of Kanazawa College of Art, specialists of Craft and Design, was established to discuss about the efficient use of Kanazawa traditional crafts for the trim of new carriages of Hokuriku-Shinkansen.

The association had a several meetings since they had first meeting on April last year to draw up the design concept, basic plan, specific proposal. They submitted this proposition to the core organization; West Japan Railway Company on the other day.

The design concept was created on the theme of "Arrange the aesthetic sense of Kanazawa traditional craftsmanship into modernistic design" and adopted Dark Red and Dark reddish purple as poster colors among Kaga-Five-Colors. A floor covered with a dark reddish colored carpet, dark red colored headrests, doors are decorated with Kaga-Yuzen silk dyeing and gold leaf, and arrange the lacquer for armrests.

We truly hope the proposal of the Creative City of Craft, Kanazawa will be accepted, and it will contribute to the diffusion and the activation of Kanazawa traditional crafts all over the world.

The Creative City of Kanazawa would like to promote the various activities practically.

We are grateful for the cooperation you bestowed on us.

I wish all the best and success more and more.

Yours sincerely

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