



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

October 2, 2020

The Honorable Yoshihide Suga
Prime Minister of Japan
1-6-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo 100-8968
Japan

Dear Prime Minister Suga:

Congratulations on your recent election as Prime Minister of Japan. I have visited your beautiful country several times and have been impressed on each visit. I have also built strong connections with Japanese government and business leaders both in Japan and in Texas.

During my last visit to Japan in September 2019, Central Japan Railway Company (JRC) executives briefed me about the Shinkansen N700 system before we traveled on the Shinkansen from Nagoya to Tokyo. This is the same system which will be used in Texas.

It is important for you to know that the Texas Central high-speed train system (JRC's Tokaido Shinkansen) has received all the necessary permits to begin construction on a bullet train between Dallas and Houston. This venture has my full support as Governor of Texas, and I am hopeful that final negotiations of this project with Japan can be concluded so that construction can begin. Public support and momentum are on our side, and this project can be completed swiftly.

If your office needs any assistance, please contact Robert Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Economic Development Corporation. His email is robert@businessintexas.com and his direct office number is 1-(512) 981-6736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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