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Special Re-edit! The first season of the animation “SHINKALION” returns to TV!

The TV animation “SHINKALION Special Timetable Version”

**begins broadcasting on the network of six broadcast stations
affiliated with TV TOKYO starting Sunday, April 5, 2026**

TOMY Company, Ltd.



TOMY Company, Ltd., based in Katsushika-ku, Tokyo, will start broadcasting “SHINKALION **Special Timetable Version**,” the specially re-edited first season of the TV animation “SHINKALION” series, during the vehicle informational kids variety program “Tomypia World Norinori Times!!” from Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. on the network of six broadcast stations affiliated with TV TOKYO. In addition, in connection with the TV animation, “SGX01 SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA” (SRP: JPY 4,950/tax included) and others for a total of five types of new toys will be released on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at toy stores, toy sections of department stores/mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for TOMICA/PLARAIL products “TOMICA PLARAIL SHOP,” online stores, and TOMY Company’s official online store “TOMY MALL” (takaratomymall.jp/), etc. Pre-orders through “TOMY MALL” begin today, Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

The “SHINKALION” series* is an animation and toy series that depicts battles and drama where real Shinkansen trains transform into robots. It follows the story of young boys chosen as SHINKALION operators who confront unknown enemies to protect the peace and safety of Japan. The dream combination of Shinkansen and robots fascinates children, and with collaborative stories featuring the “Evangelion” series, it has become popular content that captivates not only children but adults as well.

The “**Special Timetable Version**” is specially re-edited by Director Takahiro Ikezoe, who directed the first season of the TV animation, by selecting scenes from the first season. The popular transformation scenes, thrilling battle scenes, and moving iconic scenes are included, making it enjoyable not only for those who watched the animation when it was originally aired, but also for those watching it for the first time. The animation will also be available for streaming on TOMY Company’s Official YouTube channel “Takara Tomy Channel” (www.youtube.com/takaratomychannel) following the TV broadcast.

In connection with the broadcast of the TV animation, SHINKALION from the first season will reappear in the toy series as new models with upgraded features. The new transformation mechanism, inspired by the transformation scenes in the animation, allows for more detailed action owing to an increased number of movable parts (such as the hip joints, waist, and wrists) compared to the DXS series released during the broadcast of the first season of the TV animation in 2018. Five products will be launched in the first wave, including “SGX01 SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA,” “SGX02 SHINKALION E6 KOMACHI,” and “SGX03 SHINKALION E7 KAGAYAKI.” They are equipped with the “Link Combination” mechanism that allows two SHINKALION to combine, enabling users to play by recreating the combination scenes from the animation. Looking forward, new products are scheduled to be steadily launched as the animation story unfolds.

Program Summary of the TV Animation “SHINKALION Special Timetable Version”

**The first season of the animation “SHINKALION” returns to TV,
directed by Takahiro Ikezoe and specially re-edited!**

The popular transformation scenes, thrilling battle scenes, and moving iconic scenes come back to life!



Name of Animation:	TV animation “SHINKALION Special Timetable Version”
Broadcast Date and Time:	To be broadcast during the “Tomypla World Norinori Times!!” program every Sunday from Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
Broadcast Stations:	Network of six broadcast stations affiliated with TV TOKYO Note: After being broadcast, missed episodes will be available for streaming on TOMY Company’s official YouTube channel “Takara Tomy Channel.” [Takara Tomy Channel] www.youtube.com/takaratomychannel
SHINKALION Official Website:	www.shinkalion.com/
Animation Introduction Video:	youtu.be/63rDRtJhl6o
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[Story]

The Shinkansen Ultra Evolution Institute developed “SHINKALION” to protect the peace and safety of Japan from mysterious giant monstrous beings created by the “Black Shinkansen.” Children with high matching rates with SHINKALION become operators and join forces with members of the Institute to confront formidable enemies! What is the true goal of the “Black Shinkansen”? Can the children protect the peace and safety of Japan...? Change! SHINKALION!

[Video Production]

Director: Takahiro Ikezoe SHINKALION Special Timetable Version Production: SMDE

Starting April 2026, “Tomypla World Norinori Times!!” gets a huge boost!

The popular broadcast of “Tomypla World Norinori Times!!” will get a huge boost on Sunday, April 5, 2026, when the first episode of the TV animation “SHINKALION Special Timetable Version” begins airing.

A new segment will start, focusing more on Shinkansen and emergency vehicles (police, ambulance, fire), showcasing Shinkansen trains and emergency vehicles, which are very popular among various types of vehicles, as well as related professions every week.

Official Website:

www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/tomiplaworld/norinoritimes/



* About the “SHINKALION” series

The “SHINKALION” series is a project based on the original story by three companies, namely JR East Marketing & Communications, Inc., Shogakukan-Shueisha Productions Co., Ltd., and TOMY Company, Ltd. It was launched under the PLARAIL brand of railway toys in September 2015. SHINKALION transform from real Shinkansen trains into robots, and the Shinkansen mode is the same size as standard PLARAIL, allowing them to be rolled by hand along PLARAIL tracks. TV animation began airing in 2018. Releases include the TV animation “SHINKALION” (2018), the TV animation “Shinkalion Z-Liners” (2021), and the movie version “SHINKALION the Movie” (2019). The TV animation “SHINKALION CHANGE THE WORLD” was broadcast in 2024.

Product Information



“SGX02 SHINKALION E6 KOMACHI”



“SGX01 SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA”



“SGX03 SHINKALION E7 KAGAYAKI”

■ **Back with an upgrade! Recreating the animation while playing is possible with increased range of motion!** “PLARAIL SHINKALION” is a series of toys that can be played with by transforming from SHINKANSEN MODE (train) to SHINKALION MODE (robot). The SGX series will feature SHINKALION from the first season reappearing as new models with upgraded features. The new transformation mechanism, inspired by the transformation scenes in the animation, allows for more detailed action owing to an increased number of movable parts (such as the hip joints, waist, and wrists) compared to the DXS series released during the broadcast of the first season of the TV animation in 2018. With a size of approximately 150 mm in length they are easy to play with, allowing owners to enjoy recreating scenes from the show.

■ **The combination of two SHINKALION through “Link Combination” expands the scope of play!**

The toys also allow the owner to enjoy combining two SHINKALION, known as “Link Combination” in the TV animation. The combination of “SHINKALION” is flexible, allowing customers to expand the scope of play by mixing and matching SHINKALION models that are scheduled to be released in the future.



Combination image

■ **The packaging design is reminiscent of the “DXS Series” released in 2018.**

The SGX series features product packaging reminiscent of the DXS series that was sold during the broadcast of the first season of the TV animation in 2018.



Product Package

<Product Outline>

“SGX01 SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA”

“SGX02 SHINKALION E6 KOMACHI”

“SGX03 SHINKALION E7 KAGAYAKI” (SRP: JPY 4,950 each/tax included)

“SGX SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA & E6 KOMACHI Link Combination Set”

“SGX SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA & E7 KAGAYAKI Link Combination Set”

(SRP: JPY 9,900/tax included)

Launch Date in Japan: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Recommended Age: 3 years and up

Sales Channels: Toy stores, toy sections of department stores/mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for TOMICA/PLARAIL products “TOMICA PLARAIL SHOP,” online stores, and TOMY Company’s official online store “TOMY MALL” (takaratomy.com), etc.

Dimensions: Approx. W 120 x H 150 x D 80 mm (in SHINKALION mode) *Example: SGX01 SHINKALION E5 HAYABUSA size

Product Website: www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/plarail/shinkalion/

Product Video: youtu.be/vTvscpSIFTE

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