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Press release

Fujikyuko Co. Ltd
Fuji-Q Highland



Guinness Record Pending Steepest Drop At 121° – A New Roller Coaster

TAKABISHA

Opening July 16, 2011



Computer rendering



Attraction Logo

Fuji-Q Highland Amusement Park, located at the north side of Mt. Fuji and operated by Fujikyuko Co. Ltd (Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi Pref.; CEO: Koichiro Horiuchi), is celebrating this summer with a brand-new attraction *Takabisha*, a majestic 3-billion-yen roller coaster, set to open on July 16 (Sat). It will join the ranks of *Fujiyama*, *Dodompa*, and *Eejanaika* to become one of the Big Four Coasters at Fuji-Q.

Takabisha boasts two types of high-speed thrills: unbeatable acceleration powered by linear motors, and unstoppable gravitational force thanks to the world's steepest vertical drop. Thrill-seekers will enjoy linear motor-accelerated lightning speed, while the sky-facing ascent takes them to breathtaking heights, where a cliffhanging suspense awaits at the peak. The Guinness World Record (application pending) steepest drop – at 121° – is sure to deliver nerve-racking experience to screaming riders. Once certified, this will be the 14th Guinness World Record set by Fuji-Q, and also the latest one belonging to a roller coaster since the opening of Fujiyama in 1996. The sensational ride is also built with numerous features, including a pitch-black section and a total of seven twists.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82XlZT5Mwck>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kOEWgenasE>

【 Facts About *Takabisha* 】

- **Expected Opening Date** July 16, 2011 (Saturday)
 - **Construction Cost** ~ 3 billion yen (estimate)
 - **Track Length** ~ 1000 m
 - **Maximum Speed** 100 km/h
 - **Steepest Drop** 121 degree * Guinness World Record pending
 - **Ride Time** ~ 112 s
 - **Maximum Capacity** 8 persons / car (Front: 4 / Back: 4)
 - **Restrictions** No person shorter than 130 cm, under 10 years of age, or above 61 years of age shall be admitted.
 - **Admission Fee** 1,000 yen (Free Pass applicable)
 - **Features**
 - ◇ *Vertical Ascent* – Sky-facing ascent to a towering 43m peak
 - ◇ *Down-facing Cliffhanger* – A moment of suspense right before riders prepares for a nosedive
 - ◇ *Record-smashing Drop* – Breakneck free-fall at Guinness World Record* 121 degree
 - ◇ *Linear Acceleration* – Linear motor system propels riders into 100 km/hr in 2s through a 63m tunnel
 - ◇ *Ride in the Dark* – Ride begins in a pitch-black area and features indoor sections.
 - ◇ *Septuple Twist* – Enjoy a total of seven twists in the whole course
 - ◇ *8-Person Single Car* – Unlike *Fujiyama's* connected cars, the single-car design ensures smoothest twists n' turns
- * application pending

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【 About Fuji-Q Highland 】

- 1. Opening Hours**

Weekdays	9:00 ~ 17:00
Sat., Sun. and Holidays	9:00 ~ 18:00

* Extended opening hours in summer
- 2. Closing Dates** June 7, July 12 (opens every day in August and September)
- 3. Ticket**

<i>Admission</i>	Adult 1,200 yen	Child 600 yen	
<i>Free Pass</i>	Adult 4,800 yen	Student 4,300 yen	Child 3,500 yen

* New fares starting from July 16 (see attachment)
- 4. Transportation**

By car

From Shinjuku:	Take Chuo Expressway to Kawaguchiko I.C. (approx 80 min)
From Tokyo:	Take Tomei Expressway to Gotenba I.C., then Higashifujigoko Road (approx 90 min)

By bus

From Shinjuku:	Chuo Express Bus Fujigoko Line (approx 100 min) (Reservation needed. Call 03-5376-2222 or 0555-72-5111)
From Tokyo:	Tomei Express bus (approx 150 min) (Reservation needed. Call 0555-72-2922)

By train

Take JR Chuo Main Line to Otsuki Station. Transfer to Fujikyuu Line to Fuji-Q Highland.

(approx 50 min)

5. Enquiries

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