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Round table 3

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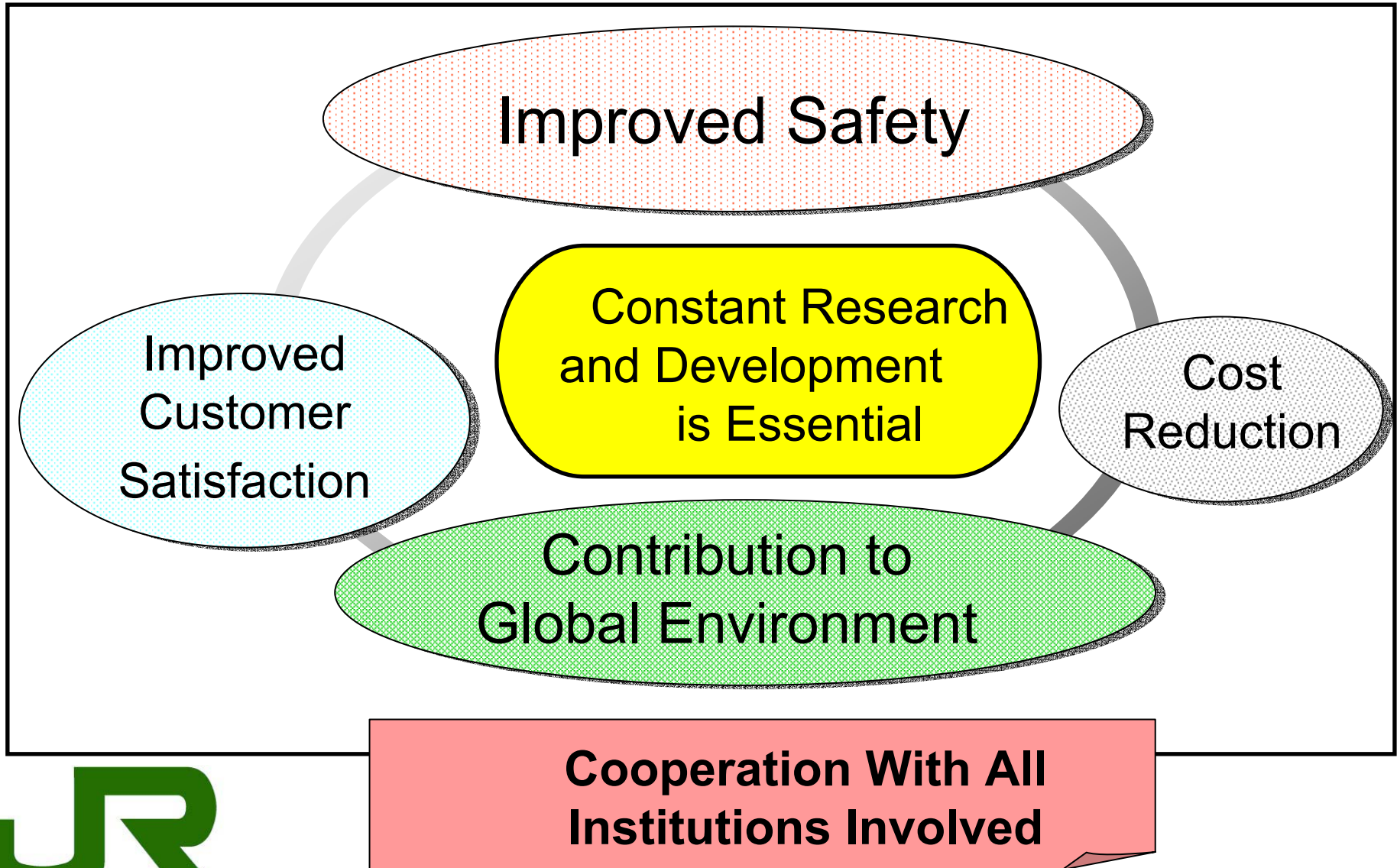




***The Future of Railways***  
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# ***What is Demanded of Railways***



# ***A Vision of Our Future***

## **1. Cooperative Relationship**

It is important that railway companies, business circles, universities and research institutions should come together for a candid exchange of views so that their combined strengths can be brought into full play.

## **2. Independence**

It is important that railway companies should have the ability to maintain and advance proprietary railway technology which they possess as their own business assets and to improve service and cost on their own to meet the needs of customers.

## **3. Sound Management and Technological Innovation**

As energy-efficient mass transportation providers, railways will play an increasingly important role in helping to deal with global environmental problems. It is necessary, more than ever, that railway companies should pursue sound management practices and constant technological innovation.