



## A Message from the Chairman

The Japan Transport Safety Board has the duty that we contribute to preventing the occurrence of accidents and mitigating the damage caused by them, thus improving transport safety while raising public awareness, and thereby protecting the people's lives by accomplishing appropriate accident investigations which thoroughly unveil the causes of accidents and damages incidental to them, and urging the implementation of necessary policies and measures through the issuance of safety recommendations and opinions or provision of safety information. In order to undertake accident investigations that are truly useful to citizens, we have made concerted efforts to tackle the following issues: "Conducting of appropriate accident investigations," "Timely and appropriate feedback," "Consideration for victims" and "Strengthening the foundation of our organization."

The 2015 Annual Report presents summaries of published reports and ongoing investigation outlines on aviation, railway and marine. Besides, it includes the recommendations and the actions, and statistics over last year.

The last year was a very productive year in terms of both the publication of investigation reports and the commencement of deliberations that became subjects of public concern. We published major investigation reports, such as the B787-8 battery fire, the nose dive of B737, the freight train derailment on Esashi Line, East Japan Railway Company (JR) that occurred in 2012, and the collision between cargo ship Nikkei Tiger and fishing vessel Horieimaru; as well as commenced the investigation on the freight train derailment on Esashi Line, JR and the deliberation of collision between Landing Platform Deck Osumi and pleasure boat Tobiuo that occurred in 2014.

Based on these circumstances, we continue to develop and maintain capability of accident and incident investigations; consequently, we tackle the utilization of investigation result. Moreover, we have been providing online access to the Japan-Marine Accident Risk and Safety Information System to the international maritime industry.

Your understanding of, and cooperation with, our activities is deeply appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norihiro Goto". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Norihiro Goto  
Chairman  
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