

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Kanto Railway Co., Ltd.

Accident type : Level crossing accident.

Date and time : About 12:17, October 27, 2014.

Location : Kojima No.1 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 35,124 m from the origin at Toride station, between Sodo station and Shimotsuma station, single track, Joso Line, Shimotsuma City, Ibaraki Prefecture.

SUMMARY

The running train collided with a motorized bicycle entering into the class four level crossing.

The driver of the motorized bicycle was dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident occurred by the collision of the train with the motorized bicycle entered into the Kojima No.1 level crossing, the class four level crossing, without stopping at the entrance of the level crossing, although the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the reason why the motorized bicycle entered into the level crossing where the train was approaching was that the driver of the motorized bicycle could not notice the train approaching to the level crossing. However, the precise causes could not be determined because the field of vision etc. of the driver of motorized bicycle just before the accident was not identified.