

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Kanto Railway Co., Ltd.

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 17:17, September 12, 2016

Location : Inoue Number 1 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 44,950 m from the origin at Toride station, between Kurogo station and Otago station, single track, Joso Line, Chikusei City, Ibaraki Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Monday, September 12, 2016, while the outbound local 5129 train, started from Moriya station bound for Shimodate station, Joso Line of Kanto Railway Co. Ltd., running between Kurogo station and Otago station, the driver of the train noticed a person riding bicycle went into Inoue Number 1 level crossing, class four level crossing, then sound a whistle and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train hit the person riding bicycle.

The person riding bicycle was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train hit a person riding bicycle because the person riding bicycle went into Inoue Number 1 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, in the situation that the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the person riding bicycle went into the level crossing, in the situation that the train was approaching, related with that the person riding bicycle could not find the approaching train until he approached beside the prop of crossing warning sign due to trees, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the person riding bicycle was dead in the accident.