

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Hokkaido Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 16:27, June 20, 2017

Location : Jinjadoro level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 40,450 m from the origin at Fukagawa station, between Owada station and Fujiyama station, single track, Rumoi Line, Rumoi City, Hokkaido

SUMMARY

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017, while the inbound local 4932D train, started from Rumoi station bound for Fukagawa station, Rumoi Line of Hokkaido Railway Company, was running between Owada station and Fujiyama station, the driver of the train noticed a motor vehicle entering to Jinjadoro level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train collided with the motor vehicle.

The driver of the motor vehicle was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with a motor vehicle because the motor vehicle entered to Jinjadoro 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 motor vehicle entered to the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching, in relation with that the approaching train was difficult to see for the driver seated in the motor vehicle. But it could not be determined the precise situations because the driver of the motor vehicle was dead in the accident.