Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator: East Japan Railway Company

Accident type: Level crossing accident Date and time: About 16:25, July 29, 2016

Location: Ainoya-Momogashira level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 59,873 m from the origin at Oyama station, between Kunisada station and Iwajuku station, single track, Ryomo Line,

Midori City, Gunma Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Friday, July 29, 2016, while the outbound local 463M train, started from Takasaki station bound for Oyama station of East Japan Railway Company, was running between Kunisada station and Iwajuku station, the train driver noticed a person riding bicycle entering into Ainoya-Momogashira level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train hit the bicycle.

The person riding bicycle was dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident occurred as the train hit the person riding bicycle who had entered into Ainoya-Momogashira level crossing, class four level crossing, where the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the person riding bicycle entered into the level crossing without noticing the approaching train, however, it could not be determined the reasons why the person riding bicycle had entered into the level crossing where the train was approaching, because the person riding bicycle was dead.