

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : East Japan Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 16:01, November 10, 2016

Location : Number 2 Shinmachi level crossing, class three level crossing equipped with road warning device but without automatic barrier machine, at around 64,675 m from the origin at Kobuchizawa station, between Nakagomi station and Otabe station, single track, Koumi Line, Saku City, Nagano Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, while the inbound Test 9222D train, started from Komoro station bound for Kobuchizawa station, Koumi Line of East Japan Railway Company, was running between Nakagomi station and Otabe station, the driver of the train noticed a pedestrian staying in Number 2 Shinmachi level crossing, class three level crossing, then sound a whistle and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train hit the pedestrian. The pedestrian was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident had occurred as the train hit a pedestrian, because the pedestrian went into Number 2 Shinmachi level crossing, class three level crossing equipped with road warning device, in the situation that the road warning device was in warning operation.

It is somewhat likely that the pedestrian entered to the level crossing where the road warning device was in warning operation, related with the deterioration of hearing ability of both ears of the pedestrian.

In addition, it is somewhat likely that the pedestrian could not recognize red flash lights when the pedestrian went into the level crossing, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the pedestrian was dead in the accident.