

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Matsuura Railway Co., Ltd.

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 11:04, March 23, 2017

Location : Nakiri-cho level crossing, class three level crossing equipped with road warning device but without automatic barrier machine, at around 91,492 m from the origin at Arita station, between Kita-Sasebo station and Naka-Sasebo station, single track, Nishi-Kyushu Line, Sasebo City, Nagasaki Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Thursday, March 23, 2017, while the outbound local 331D train, started from Imari station bound for Sasebo station, Nishi-Kyushu Line of Matsuura Railway Co. Ltd., was running between Kita-Sasebo station and Naka-Sasebo station, the driver of the train noticed a pedestrian went into Nakiri-Cho level crossing, class three level crossing, 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 the Nakiri-Cho level crossing, class three level crossing equipped with road warning device, in the situation that the road warning device was in warning operation according to the approaching train.

It is somewhat likely that the pedestrian went into the level crossing in the situation that the road warning device was in warning operation, in relation with the situation that the pedestrian had been lost hearing sense. Also, it is somewhat likely that the pedestrian could not recognize red flashing lights when the pedestrian entered to the level crossing, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the pedestrian was dead in the accident.