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On the opinion concerned with the Railway accident with casualty
in Shin-Sugita station, Yokohama Seaside Line Co. Ltd.

When designing, manufacturing or remodeling of the automatic operation system and others of the train, which the driver nor the staff to operate the emergency stopping procedures boarded on the forefront of the train in the railway and tramway vehicle, it is important to extract and evaluate the conditions to cause the dangerous incidents without lack before designing, and reflect these measures as the matters of the safety factors, also it is necessary to manage the safety setting target for the whole life cycle including the manufacturing and the operation.

Therefore, the Japan Transport Safety Board expresses its opinions as follows to the Minister of the Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism pursuant to Article 28 of the Act for Establishment of the Japan Transport Safety Board, accompanied with “the recommendation concerned with the Railway accident with casualty in Shin-Sugita station, Yokohama Seaside Line Co. Ltd.” (UN-I-SAN No.99, *hereinafter referred to as "the Recommendation"*) described, as the measures to be implemented in order to prevent the accident, etc., when the automatic operation system spread in the future.

If any measures are taken in response to this opinion, please notify us of the details.

Notes

The Railway Bureau of the MLIT, preparing for the spread of the automatic operation system in the future, study on the institutionalization of individual matters described in the Recommendation, in the view point to prevent the occurrence of the latent causes for the dangerous incidents when designing, manufacturing or remodeling of the system are implemented.