

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Toyama Chihou Tetsudou Inc.

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 19:58, June 19, 2015

Location : Kitaura level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 2,040 m from the origin at Terada station, between Chigozuka station and Tazoe station, single track, Tateyama Line, Tateyama Town, Naka-Niikawa District, Toyama Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Friday, June 19, 2015, the local 349 train, composed of 2 vehicles, starting from Dentetsu-Toyama station bound for Iwakuraji station via Terada station, of Toyama Chihou Tetsudou Inc., was running at about 60 km/h between Chigozuka station and Tazoe station. The train driver noticed a pedestrian passing Kitaura level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake. But the train hit the pedestrian.

The pedestrian was dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident occurred as the train passed Kitaura level crossing, class four level crossing, the lower part of the front center of the train hit the pedestrian, because the pedestrian had entered into the level crossing.

It is somewhat likely that the pedestrian passed the Kitaura level crossing where the train was approaching because the pedestrian did not notice the approaching train, however, it could not be determined the reasons why the pedestrian did not notice the approaching train, because the pedestrian was dead by the accident.