

## Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : West Japan Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 09:30, October 8, 2016

Location : Nakada Number 1 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 457,907 m from the origin at Kobe station, between Yotsutsuji station and Shin-Yamaguchi station, double track, San-yo Line, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture

### SUMMARY

On Saturday, October 8, 2016, while the outbound local 3313M train, started from Iwakuni station bound for Shimonoseki station, San-yo Line of West Japan Railway Company, was running between Yotsutsuji station and Shin-Yamaguchi station, the driver of the train noticed a light motor truck entered to Nakada Number 1 level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train collided with the light motor truck.

The driver of the light motor truck was dead in the accident.

### PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with a light motor truck, because the light motor truck entered to Nakada Number 1 level crossing, class four level crossing, in the situation that the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the light motor truck entered to the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching because the driver did not notice the approaching train, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the driver of the light motor truck was dead in the accident.