

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator	West Japan Railway Company
Accident type	Level crossing accident
Date and time	About 14:35, March 6, 2017
Location	Senzoku No.1 level crossing, class 4 level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, at around 18,433 m from the origin in Iwakuni station, between Kuga station and Suo-Takamori station, single track, Gantoku Line, Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Monday, March 6, 2017, while the inbound Local 2234D train, started from Tokuyama station bound for Iwakuni station of West Japan Railway Company, was running between Kuga station and Suo-Takamori station, the driver of the train noticed a passerby riding bicycle just before reaching Senzoku No.1 level crossing, class 4 level crossing, then applied the emergency brake, but the train collided with the passerby.

The passerby was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident occurred as the train collided with a passerby riding bicycle in Senzoku No.1 level crossing, class 4 level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, because the passerby riding bicycle had entered the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching.

It is probable that the passerby did not come to a stop just in front of the level crossing and entered the level crossing without confirming the approaching train well, in the situation that the train was approaching. However, it could not be determined the reason why the passerby had entered the level crossing, because the passerby was dead in the accident.