Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator: Kanto Railway Co., Ltd.
Accident type: Level crossing accident.
Date and time: About 17:47, June 9, 2014.
Location: Kita-Daiho 8th level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 40,796 m from the origin at Toride station, between Daiho station and Tobanoe station, single track, Joso Line, Shimotsuma City, Ibaraki Prefecture.

SUMMARY
The running train collided with the sedan passing the class four level crossing.
The sedan driver was dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES
It is probable that the accident had occurred because the sedan entered into the Kita-Daiho 8th level crossing, class four level crossing, even when the train was approaching to the level crossing, and collided with the train.
It could not be determined that whether the sedan driver noticed the approaching train visually or not before he moved his sedan into the level crossing, and why the sedan driver moved the sedan into the level crossing as the train was approaching, because the actions taken by the sedan driver just before the accident could not be identified.