

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Kyushu Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 08:49, August 22, 2016

Location : Number 2 Motoyashiki level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 62,977 m from the origin at Kagoshima-Chuo station, between Ei station and Irino station, single track, Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line, Ibusuki City, Kagoshima Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Monday, August 22, 2016, while the inbound Diesel 5324D train, started from Nishi-Ei station bound for Ibusuki station, Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line of Kyushu Railway Company, was running at about 44 km/h between Ei station and Irino station, the driver of the train noticed a light motor vehicle entered to Number 2 Motoyashiki level crossing, class four level crossing, then applied an emergency brake, but the train collided with the light motor vehicle.

The driver of the light motor vehicle was dead, and a fellow passenger was injured in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with a light motor vehicle, because the light motor vehicle entered to Number 2 Motoyashiki level crossing, class four level crossing, in the situation that the train was approaching.

It could not be determined why the driver of the light motor vehicle drove the vehicle into the level crossing where the train was approaching, because the driver of the light motor vehicle was dead in the accident.