Safety investigation into the causes of aircraft, railway and marine accidents/incidents, and the prevention of their recurrence
We contribute to
- preventing the occurrence of accidents and
- mitigating the damage caused by them,
thus improving transport safety while raising public awareness, and thereby protecting the people’s lives by
- accomplishing appropriate accident investigations which thoroughly unveil the causes of accidents and damages incidental to them, and
- urging the implementation of necessary policies and measures through the issuance of safety recommendations and opinions or provision of safety information.

**JTSB Mission**

**History**

**Jun. 1949  Establishment of Japan Marine Accident Inquiry Agency (JMAIA)**

**Aircraft Accident**
- Jul. 1971 Crash of a Toa Domestic Airlines aircraft in Mt. Yokotsudake, north of Hakodate, 68 fatalities
- Jul. 1971 Midair collision between an All Nippon Airways aircraft and a Self-Defense Forces aircraft in Shizukuishi Town, Iwate Prefecture, 162 fatalities

**Jan. 1974  Establishment of Aircraft Accidents Investigation Commission**

**Railway Accident**
- May 1991 Collision between a Shigaraki Kougen Railway passenger train and a West Japan Railway (JR-West) passenger train, 42 fatalities and 628 injuries
- Mar. 2000 Derailment and collision of Teito Rapid Transit Authority passenger trains on the Hibiya Subway Line, 5 fatalities and 64 injuries


**Railway Accident**
- Apr. 2005 Derailment of a JR-West passenger train on the Fukuchiyama Line, 107 fatalities and 562 injuries

- Mar. 2006 The supplementary diet resolution in 2006 amendment of the related laws (Expansion of the scope of work in accident investigations, as well as the enhancement of the system and the functions)

- May 2008 Amended International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) was adopted (separation of the investigation to identify causes in a marine accident from any proceeding to apportion blame or liability)
  Entry into force in January 2010

**Oct. 2008  Establishment of Japan Transport Safety Board**

- Merging of ARAIC with the cause-identification part of JMAIA
The JTSB conducts investigations to determine the causes of aircraft, railway and marine accidents, serious incidents*1 and damage caused by the accidents. Based on the findings of the accident investigations, the JTSB provides recommendations or opinions to heads of relevant administrative organs or parties relevant to the causes, concerning the measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of accidents and to mitigate damage caused by the accidents.

**Dissemination of Information from JTSB**

**JTSB Digests**

With the aim of fostering awareness of safety, and preventing similar accidents from occurring, we issue “JTSB Digests.” This publication introduces you to statistics-based analyses and must-know cases of accidents.

We also issue the English version of “JTSB Digests” as part of our efforts to disseminate information overseas.

**Japan-Marine Accident Risk and Safety Information System (J-MARISIS)**

In order to further enhance the safety of maritime transport, the J-MARISIS is provided on the website to display information on accidents and risk information on a map interface.

A global version that enables the search of investigation reports by accident investigation authorities overseas, as well as a mobile version for smartphones and tablets, are also available for use.
International activities

International organizations are involved in the development and operation of systems for investigating aircraft and marine accidents. In conducting such investigations, the cooperation and collaboration of accident investigation authorities of the relevant states is required.

In addition to facilitating smooth cooperation and collaboration with other states, various international conferences are also organized in order to enhance the effectiveness of measures to prevent the recurrence of accidents, such as by sharing information on accidents and investigation methods. The Japan Transport Safety Board participates in these conferences actively.

Outreach lectures

Outreach lectures are conducted to broadly convey and communicate information about the work carried out by the Japan Transport Safety Board and to create an opportunity for collecting honest opinions and feedback from the general public.

Members of the staff are dispatched to schools and various seminars as lecturers to conduct sessions on contents that are useful for preventing and mitigating damage from aircraft, railway, and marine accidents. Please refer to the website of the Japan Transport Safety Board for application procedures.

http://www.mlit.go.jp/jtsb/demaekouza.html
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~Assistance to victims and their families, or the bereaved~

JTSB provides information on accident investigations for victims and their families, or the bereaved and responds to their voices. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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