Accident with human death caused by the collision between the train and a pedestrian, at the class 4 level crossing ~

Railway operator: Central Japan Railway Company
Accident type: Level crossing accident
Date and time: At about 16:10, October 3, 2018
Location: Miyamae level crossing, class 4 level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, at around 133,499 m from the origin in Toyohashi station, between Moto-Zenkoji station and Ina-Kamisato station, single track, Iida Line, Iida City, Nagano Prefecture

<SUMMARY>

While the inbound 562M train, started from Komagane station bound for Toyohashi station, was running between Moto-Zenkoji station and Ina-Kamisato station at a velocity of about 53 km/h, the driver of the train noticed a pedestrian entering Miyamae level crossing, then the driver applied an emergency brake and had been sounding a whistle, but the train hit the pedestrian. The pedestrian was dead in the accident. Here, the pedestrian had no problem in eyesight and hearing ability, but the pedestrian was in the status as mentally unstable and was hospitalizing.

<PROBABLE CAUSES>

- It is certain that the accident occurred as the train hit the pedestrian because the pedestrian entered Miyamae level crossing, class 4 level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, in the situation that the train was approaching.
- It could not be determined why the pedestrian entered the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching, because the pedestrian was dead in the accident.

<MEASURES TAKEN AFTER THE ACCIDENT>

- Miyamae level crossing has been closed since February 4, 2019, in cooperation with the construction works to form the sidewalk by widening the neighboring Zakouji level crossing road, and is scheduled to be abolished by the end of June 2019.