Activities of JTSB

Consideration for victims

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.
Victims and their Families Liaison Office
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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.

Regional Offices and Jurisdictions
(The jurisdictions are divided only for the investigation of marine accidents/incidents)

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Safety investigation into the causes of aircraft, railway and marine accidents/incidents, and the prevention of their recurrence
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 process or the findings of the accident investigation, 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.

**JTSB Mission**

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 lives of
- accomplishing appropriate investigations which thoroughly unveil the causes of accidents and
damages incurred 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 Principles**

- Conduct of appropriate accident investigations
- Timely and appropriate feedback
- Strengthening the foundation of our organization
- Consideration for victims

**History**

- Jun. 1949 Establishment of Japan Marine Accident Inquiry Agency (JMAIA)
- Jul. 1971 Crash of a Toa Domestic Airlines aircraft in Mt. Yokotsudake, north of Hakodate, 68 fatalities
- Jul. 1971 Malar collision between an All Nippon Airways aircraft and a Self-Defense Forces aircraft in Shizuoka Prefecture, 152 fatalities
- Jan. 1974 Establishment of Aircraft Accidents Investigation Commission
- May 1991 Collision between a Shigakogen Railway passenger train and a West Japan Railway (JR-West) passenger train, 42 fatalities and 928 injuries
- Mar. 2000 Derailment and collision of Tokyo Rapid Transit Authority passenger trains on the Hibiya Subway Line, 5 fatalities and 64 injuries
- Oct. 2001 Establishment of Aircraft and Railway Accidents Investigation Commission (ARAIRC)
- Apr. 2015 Derailment of a JR-West passenger train on the Fukuchiyama Line, 107 fatalities and 562 injuries
- Mar. 2015 The supplementary diet resolution in 2006 amendment of the related law (Expansion of the scope of air accident investigations, as well as the establishment of the system and the functions)
- May 2008 Amendment of International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) was adopted (separation of 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
- Apr. 2012 Merging of ARAIRC with the cause-identification part of JMAIA
- Additions of ships as scope of investigation
- Amendment of authority
- Creation of new system permitting recommendations to parties concerned with causes
- Permanence of appointment and holding staff members of secretariat and independently establishing rules
- Provision of information to victims
- Provision of information on accident investigations and so forth in a timely and appropriate manner

**Investigation Procedure**

- Appointment of investigators and fact-finding investigation
- Interview with persons concerned / Examination of them (including the collection of documents and physical evidence)

**Dissemination of Information**

**JTSB Digests/Annual Reports**

With the aim of fostering awareness of safety, and preventing similar accidents from occurring, we issue "JTSB Digests," "Annual Reports," "Regional Office Analysis" and "Safety Awareness Leaflet." These publications introduce you to statistics-based analyses, summary of the investigation reports, must-know causes of accidents and regional specific subjects.

We also issue the English version of "JTSB Digests" and "Annual Reports" as part of our efforts to disseminate information overseas.