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Quote

Safety at level crossings is our priority

Safety is always a priority in Turkish State Railways (TCDD) which is a deep-rooted establishment performing train operations from east to west and south to north of Turkey over a century.

We, as TCDD, are investing heavily on this field and these investments for the safety of level crossings will be continued in the future, as well.

We pay great attention to both technical improvement and modernisation of level crossings and to awareness rising activities for pedestrians, in particular the children, as well as drivers.

Awareness brings along the correct behaviour

Accidents occurring at the level crossings are completely resulted by the human errors. Because trains do not interfere with others' way, but run on their own path.

Due to the fact that braking distance of the trains, depending on its weight, is 10 times more than the cars, trains are not able to stop on time when they encounter the pedestrians and vehicles trying to pass the level crossing inattentively. Thus, together with our partners, we are willing to draw the attention of people to proper actions while approaching or passing the level crossings.

International Level Crossing Awareness Day - ILCAD

Led and coordinated by UIC with various partners (among others UNECE) and many other partners; various activities and campaigns are organised every year to make people perceive the wrong and dangerous behaviours at level crossings and to raise the users' awareness that the accidents could be prevented by respecting the rules of passing the level crossings.

*We are proud and glad to host the organisation of “**International Level Crossing Awareness Day**” with the participation of representatives from over 40 countries in historical Haydarpaşa Station in İstanbul, a world city which connects Asian and European continents by rail under the sea.*

I wish “zero” accidents at level crossings...Mr. Yildiz said.