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**YOKOHAMA Macau Grand Prix 2013 Race Report Vol.1**

The Macau Grand Prix 2013 has held its 60th Memorial Race from Nov. 9th - 10th and Nov. 14th - 17th. The YOKOHAMA Rubber has been supplying control Tyres since 1983 for the Macau Grand Prix which is famous for a City Area Race in the world. YOKOHAMA tyre has set the stages for the fierce battles for the 31st anniversary year of F3, WTCC (FIA World Touring Car Championship) and GT ASIA.

The majority of the machines will use YOKOHAMA tyres in other category races which will be held this weekend. Furthermore lots of YOKOHAMA tyre users performed high quality races in supported races like the CTM Macau touring Car Cup last week. YOKOHAMA tyre user Billy LO won the Hotel Fortune MAC/HKG Interport Race last week. YOKOHAMA tyre is the most reliable high quality tyre supplier in the car racing field.

YOKOHAMA brought over 3200 tyres this year for the Macau Grand Prix 2013. Several categories have a Tyre Competition and YOKOHAMA needs to provide more tyres because the users are increasing as well. This is happening because YOKOHAMA has earned a majority of the users' trust through their experiences with YOKOHAMA tyres. As Macau Grand Prix is the City area Race, the road surface was repaired in the mountain side between sector 2 and sector 3, resulting in a smoother surface than last year. Also YOKOHAMA has improved their tyres for the F3 category so that they can supply compound function with better a warm up for all of the machines on the racing track.

On November 14th, the second week of the Grand Prix, the category races F3, WTCC and GT ASIA which are just like the main event started.

* **Suncity Group Macau Road Sport Challenge**

"Suncity Group Macau Road Sport Challenge" is battled for glory by Mitsubishi Lancer, Subaru Impreza, Nissan GT-R or other Japanese racing cars. 25 out of 35 racers used YOKOHAMA tyres and challenged the practice.

17 minutes after the start, the grand marshal stopped the practice with a red flag to collect the car and then IP Un Hou crashed 5 minutes before the ending, so the red flag was called by the marshal again and the practice was stopped and never resumed.

As a result, LEI Kit Meng marked the best lap at 2'41"204 with Lancer EVO8. Samuel HSIEH with Impreza finished in second and the third winner is Tatsuya Tanigawa with Mazda RX-8. All top 3 used YOKOHAMA tyres during the practice session.



* **City of Dreams Macau GT Cup**

The City of Dreams Macau GT Cup was held as a GT AISA Final. Several machines were using other brand tyres however we had 19 YOKOHAMA equipped machines in GT ASIA and moreover 26 out of 33 machines from this category proudly used YOKOHAMA tyres.



There was a 30 minute free practice session today but a huge crash happened in the middle of the session and a red flag was immediately called by a marshal for a 10 minute break. All drivers didn't get a chance to drive enough laps to check their machines but unfortunately time was up.

Maro ENGEL (Mercedes SLS AMG GT3) marked second best time at 2'22''698 and Earl BAMBER (Porsche GT3R 4.0) finished in third at 2'23"034 and they were both using YOKOHAMA tyres.

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* **FIA WTCC - Guia Race of Macau - Presented by Star River Windsor Arch**

YOKOHAMA offered control tyres throughout the season in the FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC). 33 machines were entered in the Final race here at Macau and a Test Session was held on Thursday. When the session started, Tiago MONTEIRO (Honda Civic WTCC), Norbert MICHELISZ, #1 Robert HUFF (SEAT Leon WTCC) and Yvan MULLER (Chevrolet Cruze) performed a neck to neck race. Yukinori TANIGUCHI (Chevrolet Cruze/NIKA RACING) crashed into a guardrail at the 1st corner at 14:07 pm during the session.

A red flag was called in the middle of the session but the race reopened 12 minutes before the end the race. Robert HUFF marked the best time at 2'32"147, second was Norbert MICHELISZ, and third was Yvan MULLER.

* **Star River Windsor Arch Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix**

The world’s fastest drivers gathered in the F3 category, and this F3 Macau Grand Prix is the actual world play-off. 23 machines were entered and there was a 45 minute first Free Practice drive in the morning, and a 30-minute first Qualifying session drive in the afternoon.

Rain was sprinkling on and off during the Free Practice drive from 10:55 am so the condition wasn't stable however every driver vigorously drove lap after lap. F3 European Championship #3 ranking Alex LYNN won the best time at 2'14"495. Last year Macau Champion, Antonio F. DA COSTA finished in second.

The weather improved and in the Qualifying drive at 2:40 pm, Alex LYNN had a crash in the early stage. Then All Japan F3 Champion Yuichi NAKAYAMA crashed and a red flag was called in to stop the qualification. Then the marshal closed the rest of the qualification. As a result, Felix ROSENQVIST who won the second position at last year's Macau Grand Prix got a provisional pole position at 2'12"751 and the second grid is Antonio F. DA COSTA.

For further information, please visit YOKOHAMA’s special Website: http://www.advan.com/english/event/macaugp/