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**YOKOHAMA Macau Grand Prix 2013 Race Report Vol.5**

The 60th Macau Grand Prix Final has begun in a partly cloudy but mostly sunny weather like yesterday. On this final day it began with the City of Dreams Macau GT Cup Final from 09:20 am as a start of heated battles for three different category final races.



* **City of Dreams Macau GT Cup**

YOKOHAMA tyre users swept the top grid in City of Dreams Macau GT Cup including Pole Position holder Maro ENGEL driving Mercedes SLS AMG GT3 after the second Qualification Race. The Warm-up Session (10 minutes) was held from 07:55 am before the Final.

Each machine rushed into the course in the limited time right after the session started. Stefan MUCKE (Aston Martin Vantage GT3) marked 2'24"338 as a best lap time, however his rival machine beat him soon after his record and again Maro ENGEL surpassed this time at 2'21"855.

Right after the chequered flag was displayed, another machine marked a faster lap time but in the end, Renger VAN DER ZANDE (Mercedes SLS AMG GT3) marked the fastest lap at 2'21"385 and YOKOHAMA tyre user proved its reliability during the race. Their victory seems to be credible.

The Final Race started from 09:25 am consisting of 12 laps. In the first lap after the start, Alexandre IMPERATORI (Porsche 911 GT3R 4.0) emerged to second place after passing the first corner trailing after ENGEL.

VAN DER ZANDE (Mercedes SLS AMG GT3) emerged to third place at the Mandarin Oriental Bend. YOKOHAMA tyre users dominated the top 3 positions.

However during the opening lap at the San Fransisco Hill, Earl BAMBER (Porsche 911 GT3R 4.0) crashed into the tyre barrier after he bumped with Stefan MUCKE (Aston Martin Vantage GT3) while battling for the fifth and sixth places. Moreover many subsequent machines got involved with this collision, resulting in the safety car cutting into the race early from the start.

The race restarted from the third lap though unbelievably a second crash occurred at the first corner right after the restart and the safety car again entered the race. Finally the race restarted again from the sixth lap.

ENGEL kept his position as the top racer with IMPERATORI and VAN DER ZANDE, forming the top three of the Final. They continued with these positions for a few laps until all of the sudden in the 9th lap, ENGEL's machine slowed down and stopped by the mountain side.

IMPERATORI took over the top position however his machine was blocked when he reached the Melco Hairpin by other machines which were a few laps behind.

Because of this incident, the gap between the top 4 times was lessened and he fell back to third place at the Fisherman's Bend. Eventually IMPERATORI finished in third place.

At the GT ASIA entry which YOKOHAMA Rubber supplies the control tyres, LI Zhi Cong (Porsche 911 GT3R 4.0) battled bravely and won this category in overall fifth position. He brilliantly obtained this year's series title.

Frank YU (Aston Martin Vantage GT3) ranked overall in seventh and claimed second place of 2013 GT ASIA series.

Explanations on the Macau Grand Prix, race information and more are available at

YOKOHAMA’s special Website: <http://www.advan.com/english/event/macaugp/>