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**YOKOHAMA’s “ADVAN” Racing Tyres Selected as Control Tyre for Asia’s Top Formula Race Series**

Tokyo - The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that its “ADVAN” racing tyre had been selected as sole control tyre for the Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series from 2016. The supplied tyres will be the “ADVAN A005” for use in dry conditions and the “ADVAN A006” for use in wet conditions. Both tyres use YOKOHAMA’s proprietary Orange Oil compounding technique to achieve outstanding environmental performance while ensuring superior grip performance. The control tyre sizes will be 250/620R13 for front tyres and 360/620R13 for rear tyres (Note: 250 and 360 refer to tyre width and 620 to the outer diameter size, both in millimetres).

The Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series is Asia’s highest level racing series for formula cars, the purest form of racing car. The series began in 1996 as the Japanese Championship Formula Nippon series and was re-launched in 2013 as the Japanese Championship Super Formula in recognition of the series’ growing reputation around the world, especially in Asia. YOKOHAMA has been an enthusiastic supporter and participant in formula car races in Japan since 1980’s All-Japan Formula 2 Championship series. The Company also began participating in the All-Japan F3000 Championship in 1987. YOKOHAMA participated in the initial Formula Nippon series in 1996, but a different tyre maker began supplying the control tyres in 1997. In 2016, Japan’s top formula car racing series will be run on YOKOHAMA tyres for the first time in 20 years.

YOKOHAMA has served as the official tyre supplier for many other top-level racing series in Japan and overseas. Overseas, the Company has been the official tyre supplier for the FIA World Touring Car Championships for 10 straight years since 2006, the Macau Grand Prix’s feature Formula 3 race for 33 straight years, the FIA Formula 2 Championship, and the German Formula 3 Championship. In Japan, YOKOHAMA is the official tyre supplier for a wide variety of racing series, including the Japanese Formula 3 Championship, the Super Taikyu Series, the Super-FJ, and the FP-Junior category of the JAF Junior Karting Championship. The selection of YOKAHAMA as the sole supplier of control tyres for the Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series was based not only on the high performance of the “ADVAN” tyres but also on the high evaluation of YOKAHAMA’s comprehensive capabilities, including on-circuit tyre-changing services and a stable production capacity for high-performance tyres.



*“ADVAN A005” tyre on a Super Formula racing car*

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*“ADVAN A005” rear tyre*

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*“ADVAN” racing tyre on a Super Formula racing car and Racing tyre service trailer*