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Yokohama Rubber Supplies Official Tires for Macau Grand Prix for the 28th Consecutive Year WTCC Final Race Staged Concurrently

Tokyo - The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that it will supply the official tires for the 57th Macau Grand Prix, to be held November 18 (Thursday) through 21 (Sunday) in Macau, China. Yokohama Rubber has supplied official tires to the race for 28 consecutive years, beginning in 1983. Yokohama Rubber will also support the final race of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) series and other associated races.

First held in 1954, the Macau Grand Prix is the oldest motor race in Asia. The overall event comprises the F3 Macau Grand Prix, the final WTCC race, the Motorcycle Grand Prix and more. Using the public roads of Macau, the Macau Grand Prix calls for tires unlike those used on ordinary circuits. ADVAN racing tires have been recognized as fully meeting the need and have been the designated official tires for many years. F3 is seen as a stepping-stone to F1, and winners of the F3 Macau Grand Prix have included Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher, as well as Japan's Takuma Sato (2001) and Keisuke Kunimoto (2008). This year, 32 top drivers, including four Japanese, will compete in the F3 race. In addition to the F3 Macau Grand Prix, Yokohama Rubber supplies tires to the F3 Championship in Germany, and will supply tires to the All-Japan F3 Championship for three years starting in 2011.

Yokohama Rubber has supplied one-make, specially designed control tires for the world's top WTCC race since 2006. Their excellent performance and consistent quality have been highly evaluated, and it has been decided that the company will supply eco-friendly ADVAN racing tires with improved environmental performance for the race at least through 2012.



Start of F3 Macau Grand Prix in 2009