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YOKOHAMA Marks 30th Consecutive Year as Sole Tire Supplier for Macau Grand Prix

Final Rounds of WTCC, GT ASIA to be Staged Concurrently on Control Tire from YOKOHAMA

Tokyo - The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that it will supply “ADVAN” racing tires to the 59th Macau Grand Prix. This event will take place in Macau (China) from November 15 to 18. This will be YOKOHAMA’s 30th consecutive year as exclusive tire supplier to the Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix. The final rounds of the 2012 FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) and GT ASIA will be staged concurrently, for which YOKOHAMA will also supply control tires, and many vehicles in supporting events, including a local touring car race, will also be equipped with YOKOHAMA tires. YOKOHAMA has thus indeed become an essential presence at the Macau Grand Prix.

Known throughout the world, the Macau Grand Prix is run on public roadways in the central area of Macau. YOKOHAMA has been the supplier of control tires since 1983 when Formula 3 vehicles meeting international regulations were adopted. Tires for the event must be suitable for public roadways, different from those used on racetracks. Formula 3 Grand Prix – the heart of the Macau Grand Prix – has traditionally been a stepping-stone to Formula 1 and many who performed well in it are now found among the elite Formula 1 drivers. This year 30 drivers who finished in top positions in various Formula 3 championships will participate. WTCC is the greatest form of touring car race in the world, authorized by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA). It has been decided that YOKOHAMA will supply tires for it through at least 2015, meaning ten consecutive years. GT ASIA, which cars run in MACAU GT CUP, is an international competition held in Japan, Malaysia and Macau for primarily FIA GT3 regulation cars.

Explanations on the Macau Grand Prix, race information and more are available at YOKOHAMA’s special Website: <http://www.advan.com/english/event/macaugp/index.html>



Start of Formula 3 Grand Prix (2011)



Run on regular roadways in the city, the Macau Grand Prix draws large crowds every year.