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YOKOHAMA Sole Tire Supplier for Macau Grand Prix for 31st Consecutive Year

Concurrent Final Rounds of WTCC, GT ASIA Also Supported by YOKOHAMA

Tokyo – The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that it will again supply “ADVAN” racing tires to the 60th Macau Grand Prix, to be held in Macau, China. This year marks YOKOHAMA’s 31st year as the exclusive tire supplier for the Formula 3 race. The Macau Grand Prix event also includes the final rounds of the 2013 FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) and GT ASIA, for which YOKOHAMA will also supply control tires, as well as numerous other support races, with many of the participating vehicles equipped with YOKOHAMA tires. YOKOHAMA therefore continues to be an essential partner of the Macau Grand Prix. The support races will be held on November 9–10, and the Formula 3, WTCC and GT ASIA races will be held from November 14 to 17.

The Macau Grand Prix, run on public roads in the city center, is one of the world’s most famous road races. YOKOHAMA began supplying control tires for the race in 1983, when Formula 3 vehicles meeting international regulations were adopted. Because the race is held on public roadways, participating cars require tires that provide high performance on surfaces and conditions typical of normal driving conditions, which are quite different from those found on circuit racetracks. The Formula 3 race, the main event of the Macau Grand Prix, is considered to be the decisive race of the F3 season, as it often determines the F3 world champion. Many past winners and other top finishers, including Michael Schumacher and the late Ayrton Senna, have gone on to successful careers in Formula 1 racing. This year’s race will feature 28 of the top F3 drivers from around the world, including three from Japan.

The World Touring Car Championship (WTCC), authorized by the Federation Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA) is the world’s leading touring car race series. YOKOHAMA became the series’ official tire supplier in 2006 and has committed to supporting WTCC races for the 10-year period through 2015. The GT ASIA series, featuring FIA GT3 regulation cars, holds races in Japan, Malaysia, and China (Zhuhai) before the series-culminating MACAU GT CUP, one of the many Macau Grand Prix events .

For more information on the Macao Grand Prix see the motor sports webpage on the “ADVAN” website (http://advan.com/english/motor_sports/)



Start of 2012 Macau Grand Prix F3 race