



Official TEST Report **2017/3/6~7 SUZUKA 1st Official test**

Motorsports Fan Thanks Day, the event signaling the coming of the motorsports season in Japan, was held on Mar 4-5, and it was well attended with 58,500 fans. Including test runs and the demonstration race during Motorsports Fan Thanks Day, the first official test at SUZUKA three days in a row was valuable. It was windy and rainy occasionally, anyway, 2017 season had finally kicked off in mostly good condition.

Besides Nojiri in his 4th year, having accepted Takuya Izawa, who fought with the team until 2013 and led the team to the title in 2012, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING was ready for 2017 season with a strong formation.

Official Test Day1

New spec engine, new spec tires, and new set-up were tested. While the top 11 cars drove above the course record (1'39"996), Nojiri tried to attack in last 10min of the session. However, engine trouble occurred, and Day1 was over.

Official Test Day2

It was windier and the air temperature was lower than Day1. Interruptions by crush or spin happened one after another. Izawa finished the morning session in 3rd place, and sharing information with Nojiri, he was adjusting himself to DANDELION RACING's set-up. Nojiri executed the test programs and gathered a lot of data. In the end of the test, he went on the track to simulate QF with new tires, and finished in 6th. Izawa had the same engine trouble as Nojiri. There remained problems to be solved.



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Team Release

#40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 7th (2nd among HONDA users)

This is my 4th year of Super Formula with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING. It has to mean nothing but capturing the championship. I still cannot get an enough grip from the new spec tires, and so, set-up and driving meeting the tires will be the key. I will present ideas to examine with my team and be ready for the next official test at Fuji

#41: Takuya Izawa Position 13th (5th among HONDA users)

Everything is new, but with the team crews whom I know and trust, I could test positively. I tried several things and earned a lot, however, I could have done better in the last attack. I also feel uneasy about the engine. We will analyze the test results with the overall strength of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING, and get ready for the Fuji test.