



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official TEST Report **2018/3/28~29 Fuji speedway 2nd Official test**

Second Official Test at Fuji Speedway, the last test before the season opener, was held in fine warm weather with rather strong wind.

Two cars of DOKOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING executed test programs dealing with 2-spec-tire regulation adopted in 2018 season, new set-ups, issues so far, and so on.

The team proceeded favorably to checking QF attacks, race long run, and various set-ups.

During the time attack simulation on Day2, Nojiri recorded the fastest lap overall in 2-day testing.

Matsushita tried to learn the characteristics of the course where he drove Super Formula car for the first time, and practiced making pit-stops and starting. During race simulation, he constantly ran at a high speed considering race strategies and degradation of tires.

In three weeks, the team will go into Rd1 at Suzuka Circuit with the combination of Nojiri, who is now a veteran driver, and Matsushita, a rookie from Europe. We cannot take our eyes off Super Formula from the season opener.

#5: Tomoki Nojiri Overall 1st (1st among HONDA users)

I am positive about marking the top time overall through two days. I wasn't so good at Fuji Speedway, but I think I'm getting over it. I am facing my issues so that I can run fast at any circuit, and I will work on them harder for a short period before Suzuka to be ready.

#6: Nobuharu Matsushita Overall 19th (8th among HONDA users)

Since Fuji Speedway has different course characteristics from Suzuka Circuit, I came here with several plans for testing. On Day1, my car balance was bad, but I could feel improvement when I tried hard to fix the balance. On Day2, my performance was good. While Nojiri recorded the top time, I got stuck in traffic and couldn't attack. However, my long run lap was stable in the top group, and I can say the official test was fruitful.

The season opener is about to begin at last. I will prepare for it with my team.