



## **Official TEST Report** **2016/3/14~15 SUZUKA 1<sup>st</sup> Official test**

Motorsports Fan Thanks Day on 12-13 Mar., which is now a special feature of beginning of the motorsports season, was a huge success with more than 40,000 fans.

Following test drive and SF opening lap during Fan Thanks Day, the first official test made precious 4 consecutive days in SUZUKA before a season opener. On 14<sup>th</sup>, there was only the morning session due to rain and the low temperature, but the next day was blessed by the weather, and the dry condition was continued totally for 4.5 hours throughout a day.

Official Test Day 1 opened with rain.

Both Nojiri, in his third year, and Vandoorne, a new addition to Team, coped with programs, mainly learning the course and checking set-up. Also, testing wet tires of YOKOHAMA TIRE adopted this season was a priority, however, because of the low temperature of 7°C air, 9°C track surface accompanied the heavy rain, Vandoorne lost tire grip and crushed the car. Damage of the car caused him losing more than 1 hour. There were so many cars went out of the course that the afternoon session was canceled.

Official Test Day 2

Test was carried with high speed laps of 1'37s even in the morning. Rookie Vandoorne drove constantly recording the top 5 laps and showed his presence as a high-profile rookie. Nojiri finished test programs and collected much data.

Near the end of the test, to simulate QF with new tires, Nojiri went back on-track and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position, while Vandoorne in 10<sup>th</sup>.



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

*Team Release*

#40: Tomoki Nojiri : Position 5th overall (2<sup>nd</sup> among HONDA users)

This is my third year of Super Formula with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING. Having former GP2 champion as a new team mate, I faced the test under pressure to demonstrate my true value. Regarding YOKOHAMA TIRE, I confirmed basic features and details in many ways. Now I see the direction and also weak points, so I will be prepared for the next official test in Okayama.

#41: Stoffel Vandoorne : Position 10<sup>th</sup> overall (4<sup>th</sup> among HONDA users)

They have been very positive days of testing despite of some mistakes I made to lose precious time. We could developed the car in both wet and dry condition, and I found it was very competitive especially on the used tires. I have confident in the car and Team's potential. I am looking forward to developing our car in OKAYAMA.