Race Report
2016/8/21　Rd-4 Twin Ring MOTEGI

Weather : Cloudy/Fine　　Temperature : 33℃　　19 cars

Audience : 12,000/20th (Sat.)、16,500/21st (Sun)

It was worried that because the three typhoon coming closer to Japan, but Motegi race day became Cloudy/Fine very hot summer weather.

After 3 rounds finished of 2016 season, Championship is very close.

Nojiri who finish 4th in Rd2 Okayama and he is very skillful for Motegi, Start 3rd grid.　Super rookie Vandoorne who finish 3rd in his debut race Rd1 Suzuka and Pole position in Rd3 Fuji, Start 9th Grid. Both concentrate for the start of Rd4 Motegi.

Nojiri who stated from the 3rd grid got off to an excellent start the position up to 2nd, however he had gear box trouble in Lap5. Nojiri had to drive his car back to the pit. Mechanic try to fix this problem but retired.

Vandoorne also good start but he stack in front of his car at Turn 1 and stay 9th on the opening lap.

Vandoorne who started soft tire, drove 7th position consistently by lap time between 1'37sec and 1'38sec. Team monitored rivals lap time for tire change to medium tire.

Top group started pit in at Lap30, Team call Vandoorne in Lap31 for re-fuel and tire change to medium, only 12.4sec pit stop and succeeded to raise 2 position up to 5th. One car overtook him in Lap38 but Vandoorne finish 6th and score valuable 3 points.

#40: Tomoki Nojiri Retired

I felt very good at the start and also had confident for the race setup.

The result is very disappointed because it wasn't what I and team expected.

Next Rd5 Okayama is held soon, so I keep motivate more higher for Okayama.

#41: Stoffel Vandoorne Position 6th (1st among HONDA users)

Today was OK race. I think finish 6th was maximum possible.

I had quite good start, very strong at beginning part of the race and also pretty good pit stop with perfect strategy to make good gain.

I pushing flatout from beginning till the end.

Finish 6th and score 3 points will be important for the Championship.