



**Official TEST Report**  
**2018/3/12~13 SUZUKA 1<sup>st</sup> Official test**

Motorsports Fan Thanks Day, the event signaling the domestic motorsports season's opening, was held on Mar 10-11, and it was well attended with fans longing for the new season.

Including test runs and the demo race during Motorsports Fan Thanks Day, the first official test at SUZUKA three days in a row was valuable. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING changed car numbers to #5 and #6 this season. Besides Nojiri in his 5<sup>th</sup> year, having accepted Nobuharu Matsushita, who had fought in FIA F2 in Europe for three seasons and returned to Japan grown greatly, the team was ready for 2018 season with a strong formation.

On Day1, in spite of the spring-like warm weather, the strong wind was blowing around Main Strait and Back Strait. New spec soft tires and new set-ups were tested while the two drivers maintained their positions within the top 5. During the QF simulation in the end of the session, they ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> among drivers without overtake system. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING got off to a good start

On Day2, the temperature went up higher than yesterday and the wind dropped. Both drivers vigorously executed the test programs such as checking set-ups, practicing a start and a long run, and so on. Matsushita who finished the morning session in 2<sup>nd</sup> position, rookie though he was, showed high adoptability finishing the afternoon session in 1<sup>st</sup>. Nojiri prepared the test programs concerning several issues from last season, and collected data. He found the good and bad points and also new issues, and then finished meaningful tests.



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

*Team Release*

#5: Tomoki Nojiri Overall 6th (2nd among HONDA users)

I have executed many programs these two days. On the first day, I had very good feeling, and on the second day, I could try a lot of set-ups under bad surface conditions. Matsushita, who came back from Europe, and I became good rivals. Since our set-ups are different, we should present various ideas to each other, and examine them with the team to prepare for the second official test at Fuji.

#6: Nobuharu Matsushita Overall 5th (1st among HONDA users)

Taking on a new challenge, I focused on my issues and checked a lot of set-ups. It was positive and productive. I was glad that I finished day2 in 1<sup>st</sup> position, and TEAM DANDELION's total ability was exactly what I expected. Because Fuji Speedway where the next test is held has different features from Suzuka, I will analyze the test results with Nojiri and the team, and refresh myself to go into the next test.