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Official Testing and Rookie Driver Tryouts Report 2019/12/4~5 SUZUKA

2019 Super Formula Championship full of fierce and tight races is over. Each team has already started to work steadily on preparation for 2020 and goes into Rookie Driver Tryouts, the annual event of the end of the year.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING that won 2019 Teams' Championship participated with Yamamoto and Fukuzumi, the team's drivers this year.

On Day 1, the weather was fine with a strong north wind. The both drivers tried some bold set-ups which can only be tried while off-season as scheduled. Despite of several red flag conditions, Yamamoto was the only driver who recorded 36 seconds in the morning session. They executed the test programs steadily in the afternoon, and finished Day 1 with Fukuzumi in second place and Yamamoto in fourth.

It was cloudy and bitterly cold on Day 2, and a lot of test memos were executed. In the morning session, Fukuzumi finished in first and Yamamoto did in second. However, around 40 min after the afternoon session started, it started to rain. The rainfall was too small to wear wet tires, so the surface condition was troublesome. The weather showed no sign of improvement after all, and repeated red flag condition caused the session end 20 min earlier.

The overall ranks of 2-day test were Yamamoto in second place and Fukuzumi in first place.

#1: Naoki Yamamoto Position 2nd overall (2nd among Honda users)

Not only reviewing my 2019 season, I could try various things that I couldn't do during the season. So, it was very fruitful test.

Finishing the last test of the season in a time faster than the course record, unofficially though, and also 1-2 finishing with Fukuzumi in first and me in second is worthy of the champion team. I will keep up this pace and improve myself more for the next season.



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#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 1st overall (1st among Honda users)

We executed test programs steadily from Day 1, and got great benefit. Recording the top time gave me confidence, however, the condition at Suzuka in next April will be completely different from the one this time, so I just tried to focus on my job, not paying much attention to time nor others. It was cold and windy, and I think we could show team's strength by recording high-order laps under any circumstances. I will go into the next season with the team's strength and my increased performance.