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Team Release

Race Report

2020/9/27 Rd-2 OKAYAMA International Circuit

Weather: fine Temperature: 25°C, 19cars

Audience: 2,000/26th (Sat.) 3,500/27th (Sun.) 5,500 total

Under the clear sky of autumn without the effect from the typhoon which concerned, Rd 2 at Okayama International Circuit opened as the one-day event which held qualifications and the race on the same day.

This time, the race format includes mandatory tire change, and a pit stop to change all four tires must be made between the leading car's Lap 10 and the final lap of the 51-lap race.

Being restarted because of a car spun during the formation lap, it became a 50-lap race.

Yamamoto from the 7th grid and Fukuzumi from the 16th grid made a good start avoiding the confusion from the multiple crash, and Yamamoto became 5th while Fukuzumi jumped up to 13th position. Because of this crash, a safety car came in, and the race was restarted after Lap 7.

On Lap 10, Yamamoto was the first to make a pit stop. Fukuzumi followed him on Lap 11 and changed tires. They competed physically and mentally with rivals who took different strategies in .001 seconds. Yamamoto drove in 7th position being conscious of the leading group, and Fukuzumi raised his position up to 8th. In the final stage, Yamamoto fought very hard with Sekiguchi, however, he lost and ended up in 6th place. Fukuzumi kept the 8th position. Both drivers finished Rd 2 with points.

#5: Naoki Yamamoto Position 6th (1st among HONDA users)

I made a good start and it was good that I didn't get caught in the crash, but there was no place to go since I was on the outside of the corner and I was overtaken by a car inside. My car's set-up was so good that I kept pushing hard, but I couldn't reduce the distance to the leading group as I expected. I did fight well, earned some points, and found out good points and things to reflect on.

I will spend time before Rd3 at Sugo effectively with my team, and go into the race.



#6: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 8th (2nd among HONDA users)

I am glad that I could deal with the confusion at the start and raised my position to the 8th taking good strategy around the tire change. However, after the middle stage, I couldn't quicken my pace. Instead of catching up with the leading group, I was closed on from behind.

Considering my starting position, I am positive about getting some points.

I need more strength totally, though.

We will restore our real performance, preparing for the next race.