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2019 Super Formula Season Begins as Hitachi Automotive Systems Continues Promotional Partnership Agreement

Tokyo, March 29, 2019 --- The 2019 season of Super Formula Championship Series will commence from April 20, and Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to be a promotional partner of the Series.

Since 2014, Hitachi Automotive Systems has had a promotional partnership agreement with Japan Race Promotion Inc., which manages the Super Formula Series, and Hitachi will continue its support in the 2019 season. All Super Formula cars taking part in the seven races of the season will sport the Hitachi logo in recognition of Hitachi Automotive Systems' role as the event sponsor.

Super Formula cars boast similar cornering speeds to F1 cars, and with an increasing number of drivers experienced on the global stage, Super Formula has become a high-level racing event. For this reason, Super Formula is gaining the attention of worldwide motorsports industry. The 2018 season captivated motorsports fans and featured fierce battles in every race, with the battle for the championship remaining in the balance until the checkered flag was waved in the final race

The 2019 Series will see the introduction of a new model race car, the SF19, with a modified aerodynamic design that improves close-quarters racing performance. The new model car is expected to encourage more aggressive overtaking maneuvers than ever before. In addition, team line-ups are studded with talented drivers who have gained experience in Europe, as well as proven drivers who have an eye on F1, and the battles are expected to increase in intensity compared to last year's season.

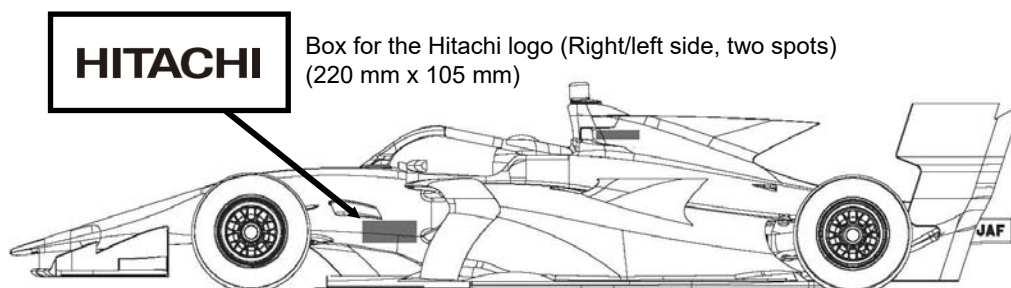
Moving forward, Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to use its sponsorship of motorsports, including Super Formula, to further grow the Hitachi brand and contribute to the promotion of motorsports.



The car that won the 2018 championship



The new SF19 car undergoes testing



Hitachi logo position

■ Schedule for the 2019 Super Formula Championship Season

Round	Date	Location	Circuit
1st Round	April 20 to 21	Suzuka, Mie Prefecture	Suzuka Circuit
2nd Round	May 18 to 19	Hita, Ooita Prefecture	Autopolis
3rd Round	June 22 to 23	Shibata, Miyagi Prefecture	Sportsland SUGO
4th Round	July 13 to 14	Suntou, Shizuoka Prefecture	Fuji International Speedway
5th Round	August 17 to 18	Haga, Tochigi Prefecture	Twin Ring Motegi
6th Round	September 28 to 29	Mimasaka, Okayama Prefecture	Okayama International Circuit
7th Round	October 26 to 27	Suzuka, Mie Prefecture	Suzuka Circuit

About Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd.

Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. The company is engaged in the development, manufacture, sales and services of automotive components, transportation related components, industrial machines and systems, and offers a wide range of automotive systems including engine powertrain systems, electric powertrain systems and integrated vehicle control systems.

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