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Hitachi Astemo, Ltd. announces Japan motorsports sponsorships for the 2024 season

Tokyo, December 12, 2023 – Hitachi Astemo, Ltd. (“Hitachi Astemo”) announced it will continue sponsorships for the 2024 season of REAL RACING, a competitor in the four-wheel GT500 class of SUPER GT and SI Racing, a competitor in both the two-wheel MFJ^{*1} All Japan Road Race Championship series and the FIM^{*2} Asia Road Racing Championship. Hitachi Astemo will announce the team structures once they are confirmed.

^{*1} Motorcycle Federation of Japan

^{*2} Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme

Through its global sponsorships Hitachi Astemo contributes to enriching quality of life, as well as sharing joy and inspiration with people around the world. The full range of motorsports sponsorships include motorsports Astemo REAL RACING (SUPER GT GT500) and Astemo Honda Dream SI Racing (All Japan Road Race Championship Series) in Japan as well as Team Penske (NTT IndyCar series) in the United States. In other sports, Astemo sponsors Hitachi Astemo RIVALE volleyball team (V. LEAGUE DIVISION 1) and the Mie Honda Heat rugby team (NTT JAPAN RUGBY LEAGUE ONE Division 1).

■Comments from team directors

Astemo REAL RACING

Katsutomo Kaneishi, Director

The 2023 season saw an increase in the number of 450-km races, and although we struggled in some, we gained a lot overall. 2024 will be a new season with Koudai Tsukakoshi, our ace driver for the 16th year, and Honda's top young driver, Kakunoshin Ohta, will join our team. I am looking forward to seeing how they will stimulate each other and what kind of chemistry they will create. In addition, the car will be changed to a CIVIC TYPE R-GT. I believe that the more changes we make, the more we will be able to test our team's strength. We must become an even more competitive team with the speed of the car, strategies, and team strength. To prove that our team has become stronger, we will fight as a team to win the series title in 2024, and we ask for your continued support.

Astemo Honda Dream SI Racing

Shinichi Ito, Director

We are very pleased to be working with Hitachi Astemo again in 2024.

The 2023 season, under the new organization, was a year in which our past efforts bore fruit, as Kazuma Watanabe won his third consecutive championship and Ryo Mizuno was able to win two consecutive races.

For the 2024 season, the motorcycle will be upgraded to a new model. In addition, both the riders and the team will evolve to create a system that is more capable of winning than ever before. We will continue to work closely with Hitachi Astemo in the coming season to further improve our technical and team capabilities and aim for championships in various categories. We look forward to your continued support and encouragement.

Company Profile

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