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## Toyota Outlines Motorsports Activities for 2008

Tokyo — TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION (TMC) announced today that its 2008 motorsports activities would focus on competing in the FIA Formula One World Championship (F1), NASCAR, Super GT and Formula Nippon, and on training drivers that can perform on the world stage.

Toyota, competing in its seventh year of F1, will employ its new aerodynamically stable TF108 racecar. Timo Glock has been signed as a new driver, and together with veteran driver Jarno Trulli, the team will aim for Toyota's first victory.

The Toyota Camry will once again participate in the Sprint Cup Series, the pinnacle of NASCAR racing, as well as in the Nationwide Series. Toyota is looking for its first overall win in the Sprint Cup Series with the promising Joe Gibbs Racing team. Toyota will also continue to compete in the Craftsman Truck Series with the Toyota Tundra, after having won the manufacturers' title last year.

In Japan, the Lexus SC430 will once again participate in the GT500 class of the Super GT, and with a strengthened team, Toyota will be looking for the title. At the same time, Toyota will continue to supply engines to Formula Nippon, a premier formula racing series in Japan.

Toyota is also committed to continuing its support for a wide range of events and race categories—from top-class events all the way down to the grassroots level—in order to promote motorsports in general.

Toyota will continue to promote its Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP). The program cultivates young race drivers so that they can perform on the world stage and aims to provide a wide range of opportunities for drivers to hone their skills through participation in such events as F1 racing, the GP2 series and F3 Euro series, as well as test driving. This year Toyota has selected 14 drivers worldwide to participate in TDP.

Meanwhile, Toyota is continuing initiatives in the arena of hybrid motorsports as part of its efforts to improve the efficiency of hybrid systems (including production vehicles) and in consideration of the impact of motorsports on the environment.

The Motor Sports Division of the Higashifuji Technical Center is currently in charge of Toyota's overall motorsports activities, while Toyota Technocraft Co., Ltd. (TRD) in Japan, Toyota Motorsport GmbH (TMG) in Europe and TRD, U.S.A. Inc. (TRD-USA) in the United States serve as local hubs for regional activities.

### Outline of Toyota's 2008 Motorsports Activities

#### **1. FIA Formula One World Championship (F1)**

- The Panasonic Toyota Racing team, which is competing in 2008 for its seventh consecutive year, will strive to accumulate points in each race and aim for its first victory.
- The team will compete using a new racecar, the TF108, which features a new chassis with a longer wheelbase than its predecessor and is designed to deliver aerodynamic stability regardless of the racetrack or conditions. The car's suspension and gearbox have also been modified in an effort to achieve greater driving performance and reliability.
- This year's drivers will be Jarno Trulli (Italy, Car No. 11) and newly signed Timo Glock (Germany, Car No. 12), who won the 2007 GP2 championship. The third driver will be Kamui Kobayashi (Japan) of the Toyota Young Drivers Program.
- Toyota will also supply the RVX-08 engine to the Williams F1 team.

#### **2. NASCAR**

Toyota will once again compete in all races of the NASCAR National Series with the support of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. (TMS) and TRD-USA.

#### **Sprint Cup Series**

The Sprint Cup Series is the pinnacle of the NASCAR series. Toyota first entered the Sprint Cup Series in 2007 (then known as the Nextel Cup Series). The new racing team for Toyota this year will be the three-time series champion, Joe Gibbs Racing.

#### **Supported Teams**

Team	Car No.	Drivers

Joe Gibbs Racing	20	Tony Stewart (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
	11	Denny Hamlin (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
	18	Kyle Busch (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series and Craftsman Truck Series races)
Hall of Fame Racing	99	J.J. Yeley
Bill Davis Racing	22	Dave Blaney
	27	(To be announced)
Michael Waltrip Racing	55	Michael Waltrip
	44	Dale Jarrett (Up to and including the 5th race) David Reutimann (From the 6th race onwards; also scheduled to drive in all Nationwide Series races)
	00	David Reutimann (Up to and including the 5th race) Michael McDowel (From the 6th race onwards)
Red Bull Racing	83	Brian Vickers (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
	84	AJ Allmendinger

NOTE: All drivers are American.

#### Nationwide Series

The Nationwide Series is the next most-popular series after the Sprint Cup Series. Toyota first participated in the series in 2007 (known then as the Busch Series).

Team	Car No.	Drivers
Joe Gibbs Racing	20	Tony Stewart and others
	18	Denny Hamlin and others
Michael Waltrip Racing	96	David Reutimann
Braun Racing	38	Jason Leffler
	10	Brian Vickers and others
Germain Racing	7	Mike Wallace

NOTE: All drivers are American.

#### Craftsman Truck Series

Toyota first participated in the series in 2004.

Team	Car No.	Drivers
Bill Davis Racing	5	Mike Skinner
	22	Philip McGilton
	23	Johnny Benson
Germain Racing	30	Todd Bodine
	9	Justin Marks
Wyler Racing	60	Terry Cook
Red Horse Racing	11	David Starr
Harris Trucking	59	Ted Musgrave

Billy Ballew	51	Kyle Busch and others
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NOTE: All drivers are American.

### 3. Super GT

As a premier racing series, Toyota will continue to support teams taking part through Toyota Technocraft Co., Ltd. (TRD). Scheduled to participate are the GT500-class Lexus SC430 powered by a 4.5-liter V8 (3UZ-FE) engine, the GT300-class Lexus IS350 powered by a 3.0-liter V8 (RV8J) engine, the Toyota MR-S powered by a 3.5-liter V6 (2GR) engine, and the Toyota Celica powered by a 2-liter in-line four-cylinder turbo engine (3S-GT).

#### Supported Teams

Class	Team	Car No.	Vehicle	Drivers	Remarks
GT500	ENEOS TOYOTA Team LeMans	6	Lexus SC430	Daisuke Ito (Japan)	New driver for Toyota
				Bjorn Wirdheim (Sweden)	
	TOYOTA TEAM TSUCHIYA	25	Lexus SC430	Takeshi Tsuchiya (Japan)	
				Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	TDP driver
	TOYOTA TEAM KRAFT	35	Lexus SC430	Tatsuya Kataoka (Japan)	
				Peter Dumbreck (Scotland)	
	PETRONAS TOYOTA TEAM TOM'S	36	Lexus SC430	Juichi Wakisaka (Japan)	
				Andre Lotterer (Germany)	
	TOYOTA TEAM CERUMO	38	Lexus SC430	Yuji Tachikawa (Japan)	New driver for Toyota
				Richard Lyons (Northern Ireland)	
TOYOTA TEAM SARD	39	Lexus SC430	Toranosuke Takagi (Japan)		
			Andre Couto (Portugal)		
GT300	RACING PROJECT BANDO	19	Lexus IS350	Manabu Orido (Japan)	Toyota Celica up to and including Race 2
				(To be announced)	
	TEAM TAKEUCHI with SHIF	52	Lexus IS350	Takuya Kurosawa (Japan)	Scheduled to drive from Race 2 onwards; Iguchi is a TDP driver
				Takuto Iguchi (Japan)	
	apr	31	Toyota MR-S	Kyosuke Mineo (Japan)	
				Yuya Sakamoto (Japan)	
	apr	95	Toyota MR-S	Kohei Hirate (Japan)	TDP driver
Keisuke Kunimoto (Japan)				TDP driver	

### 4. Japanese Championship Formula Nippon

This is the top category of formula car races in Japan. This year, 3-liter V8 engines (Toyota RV8-J) will be provided to seven teams (12 vehicles).

#### Supported Teams (Engine Support)

Team	Car No.	Drivers	Remarks
LAWSON TEAM IMPUL	1	Tsugio Matsuda (Japan)	
	2	Benoit Treluyer (France)	

<b>KONDO RACING</b>	3	Naoki Yokomizo (Japan)	
	4	Joao Paulo de Oliveira (Brazil)	
<b>Team LeMans</b>	7	Satoshi Motoyama (Japan)	
	8	Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	TDP driver
<b>(To be announced)</b>	20	Kohei Hirate (Japan)	TDP driver
<b>PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S</b>	36	Andre Lotterer (Germany)	
	37	Seiji Ara (Japan)	
<b>CERUMO/INGING</b>	47	Ronnie Quintarelli (Italy)	
	48	Yuji Tachikawa (Japan)	
<b>STONEMARKET-BLAAK CERUMO/INGING</b>	67	Roberto Streit (Brazil)	

## 5. Other Support Activities

### All-Japan F3 Championship Series

Formula Three is the first step toward F1. Toyota will provide 1AZ-FE engines to participating teams.

#### Supported Teams

Team	Car No.	Drivers (tentative)	Remarks
<b>PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S</b>	1	Carlo van Dam (Netherlands)	
	36	Keisuke Kunimoto (Japan)	TDP driver
	37	Takuto Iguchi (Japan)	TDP driver
<b>NOW MOTOR SPORTS</b>	33	Kei Cozzolino (Italy)	TDP driver
<b>Le Beausset</b>	62	Kohki Saga (Japan)	

### Formula Challenge Japan (FCJ)

This entry-class category is in its third year. All of the cars are specially and independently designed FCJ vehicles (FC106). This year, the FCJ has scheduled a total of 16 different races at eight race events that will be held at four different circuits.

### Netz Cup Vitz Street-legal Series

This series features street-legal racecars. The car used is the specially designed Toyota Vitz RS TRD Racing, which is based on the 1.5-liter Vitz RS.

The series consists of 21 races held in five regions in Japan (Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Kansai and Western Japan). In addition, continuing from last year, two special races will be held at Fuji Speedway—one special support race for the Japanese F1 Grand Prix and the other as part of the Toyota Motorsports Festival.

#### Additional Support

##### Japan

Support will be provided to the Toyota Motor Sports Club (TMSC).

##### United States

- Toyota will provide 5.0-liter V8 (redesigned 3UZ) engines to the Grand American Road Racing (Grand Am) Series. In January 2008, a racecar equipped with that engine, employed by the Chip Ganassi Racing team, won first place in the curtain raiser 24-hour race at Daytona for the third consecutive year, which is a new record.
- Toyota will provide engines to the Midget Series, Sprint Series and Silver Crown Series of the United States Auto Club (USAC).

##### Other

- Support will go to Toyota vehicles participating in Championship Off Road Racing (CORR) and National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) drag races.
- Toyota will sponsor the Long Beach Grand Prix, the first race in the Champ Car World Series, marking the 34th

time since 1975 for Toyota to sponsor the race.

- Toyota will sponsor Race 11 (Milwaukee) and Race 15 (Nashville) of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and Race 16 (Infineon Raceway) of the Sprint Cup Series.

#### Europe, etc.

Support will be provided to TOYOTA AUTO BODY, which is participating in the Dakar Rally in Toyota Land Cruisers.

### 6. Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP)

#### Basic Concept

This program is aimed at cultivating drivers who hope to compete in top racing categories, both in Japan and the rest of the world. It is dedicated to identifying new talent and allows each participant to improve in line with his or her own abilities. The program is being offered in Europe and Japan, as listed below.

#### List of Trainee TDP Drivers for 2008

	Drivers	Category	Team	Remarks / Last Year's Results
Europe	Kazuki Nakajima (Japan)	F1 World Championship	AT&T Williams (United Kingdom)	AT&T Williams Test driver, race driver (10th, Brazil F1 GP) GP2 (5th overall in series; highest placing for rookie)
	Kamui Kobayashi (Japan)	GP2 series GP2 Asia series	DAMS (France)	F3 Euro series (1 win, 4th overall in series)
		F1 World Championship	Panasonic Toyota Racing (Third driver)	
	Kazuya Oshima (Japan)	F3 Euro series	Manor Motorsport (United Kingdom)	All Japan F3 Championship (6 wins, series champion) Super GT300 class (2 wins, driver champion)
	Henkie Waldschmidt (Netherlands)	F3 Euro series	SG Formula (France)	Formula Renault Euro Cup (7th) Italian Series (7th)
Andrea Caldarelli (Italy)	Formula Renault Eurocup Western European Series	SG Formula (France)	Formula Renault Euro Cup (24th) Italian Series (12th)	
Japan	Kohei Hirate (Japan)	Super GT (GT300)	apr	GP2 (19th overall in series)
		Formula Nippon	(To be announced)	
	Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	Super GT (GT500)	TOYOTA TEAM TSUCHIYA	All Japan F3 Championship (2 wins, 4th overall in series) Super GT300 class (2 wins, driver champion)
		Formula Nippon	Team Le Mans	
	Keisuke Kunimoto (Japan)	Super GT (GT300)	apr	FCJ (3 wins, series champion) Formula Toyota (2 wins, 2nd overall in series)
		All Japan F3 Championship	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	
	Takuto Iguchi (Japan)	Super GT (GT300)	TEAM TAKAUCHI with SHIFT	FCJ (1 win, 6th overall in series) Formula Toyota (1 win, 3rd overall in series)
All Japan F3 Championship		PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S		
Kei Cozzolino (Italy)	All Japan F3	NOW MOTOR	FCJ (1 win, 9th overall in series)	

	Championship	SPORTS	Formula Toyota (3 wins, series champion)
Hideki Yamauchi (Japan)	F3 National Class	TOM'S SPIRIT	FCJ (1 win, 7th overall in series)
Yuji Kunimoto (Japan)	FCJ		FCJ (3 wins, 4th overall in series) Formula Toyota (10th overall in series)
Naoya Gamou (Japan)	FCJ		Kart M4 Series (4th overall in series)
Yuichi Nakayama (Japan)	FCJ		All Japan Kart Championship Series FA Class (3rd overall in series) CIK-FIA Asia-Pacific KF2 Championship (7th overall in series)

#### **Formula Toyota Racing School (FTRS)**

The Formula Toyota Racing School (FTRS) is held at Fuji Speedway, employing Formula Toyota vehicles.

FTRS is a two-night, three-day course that covers everything from the basics to participation in non-sanctioned races. Try-outs will be held for outstanding participants who have a promising future, and the final drivers selected will be given a scholarship for the following year.

First course: July 30 – August 1; Second course: August 12 – 14; Third course: August 18 – 20.

#### **7. Hybrid Car Motorsports**

- Toyota has been racing hybrid cars since 2006, with the aim of improving hybrid technology for production vehicles and in consideration of the impact of motorsports on the environment.
- Last year, Toyota raced the Toyota Supra HV-R, fitted with a racing-specific hybrid system, in the Tokachi 24-hour Race, and achieved an overall victory. (This was the first time anywhere in the world for a hybrid car to win a quasi-international race.)
- Toyota will not enter the race this year and will instead focus on further developing its hybrid system.