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## **Toyota Outlines Motor Sports Activities for 2009**

Tokyo — TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION (TMC), which regards motor sports as an ideal medium for conveying the anticipation and excitement associated with automobiles, announces it plans to continue engaging in motor sports this year, despite being financially restricted by severe business conditions. TMC plans to focus on these top-class racing series: the FIA Formula One World Championship (F1), Japanese Super GT, Formula Nippon and NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing). TMC will also support young drivers expected to some day be competitive on the world stage.

This will mark TMC's eighth year in F1 competition. Its TF109 racecar, in line with new regulations, sports a broader front wing and improved performance and reliability. With veteran driver Jarno Trulli and second-year member Timo Glock, the team is aiming for its first win. The team's third driver, Kamui Kobayashi, will also compete in the just-below-F1 GP2 Series.

In Japan, TMC will participate using the Lexus brand this year and will aim to recapture the Super GT GT500 title using the Lexus SC430. TMC will continue to supply engines to the Japanese Championship Formula Nippon—the top category of formula car racing in Japan, aiming for the fourth straight title by a Toyota-powered car.

In the United States, TMC will again participate in NASCAR's pinnacle Sprint Cup Series with the Toyota Camry, which totaled 10 wins last year. TMC is also aiming to win the Nationwide Series, NASCAR's second most-popular series, also with the Camry. And TMC will continue to race the Toyota Tundra in the Camping World Truck Series (formerly the Craftsman Truck Series), after having won both the manufacturer's and driver's titles last year.

In addition to directly participating in racing, TMC is also committed to continuing its support for a wide range of events and race categories starting from the grassroots level to promote motor sports in general.

One such initiative is the Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP), which aims to help train world-class drivers of the future. This year TMC has selected eight drivers to participate in the program, including Kazuki Nakajima, a second-year driver for the AT&T Williams team expected to play a bigger role this year.

Furthermore, to promote environmentally friendly motor sports and to improve the efficiency of hybrid systems (including those for production vehicles), TMC will continue developing hybrid systems for motor sports.

TMC's motor sports activities are centered at TMC's Motor Sports Division at TMC's Higashifuji Technical Center in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, and are backed by regional bases in Japan (Toyota Technocraft Co., Ltd. (TRD)), Germany (Toyota Motorsport GmbH (TMG)) and the United States (TRD, U.S.A. Inc. (TRD-USA)).

### **Outline of TMC's 2009 Motor Sports Activities**

#### **1. F1**

- The Panasonic Toyota Racing team, which is competing in 2009 for its eighth consecutive year, will aim for its first victory and strive to accumulate points in each race.
- The team will compete using a new racecar, the TF109, which features a new chassis designed to deliver aerodynamic stability regardless of the racetrack or driving 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. 9) and Timo Glock (Germany, Car No. 10), driving for his second year in F1. The third driver will be the TPD's Kamui Kobayashi (Japan).
- TMC will also supply its RVX-09 engine to the AT&T Williams team.
- The TF 109 will have Bridgestone Potenza slick tires.

#### **2. Super GT**

TMC will continue to support teams in this premier Japanese racing series through Toyota Technocraft Co., Ltd. (TRD). Vehicles scheduled to participate are the GT500-class Lexus SC430 powered by a 3.4-liter V8 engine (RV8KG), the GT300-class Lexus IS350 powered by a 3.0-liter V8 engine (RV8J) and the Toyota Corolla Axio powered

by a 3.5-liter V6 engine (2GR).

### Supported Teams

Class	Team	Car No.	Vehicle	Drivers	Remarks	Tire	
GT500	LEXUS TEAM LeMans ENEOS	6	Lexus SC430	Daisuke Ito (Japan)		BS	
				Bjorn Wirdheim (Sweden)			
	LEXUS TEAM KRAFT	35	Lexus SC430	Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	TDP driver	BS	
				Kazuya Oshima (Japan)	TDP driver		
	LEXUS TEAM PETRONAS TOM'S	36	Lexus SC430	Juichi Wakisaka (Japan)		BS	
				Andre Lotterer (Germany)			
	LEXUS TEAM ZENT cerumo	38	Lexus SC430	Yuji Tachikawa (Japan)		BS	
				Richard Lyons (Northern Ireland)			
	LEXUS TEAM SARD	39	Lexus SC430	Andre Couto (Portugal)		DL	
				Kohei Hirate (Japan)	TDP driver		
	GT300	RACING PROJECT BANDOH	19	Lexus IS350	Tatsuya Kataoka (Japan)		YH
					Manabu Orido (Japan)		
TEAM RECKLESS with SHIFT		30	Lexus IS350	Kota Sasaki (Japan)		KH	
				(To be announced)			
apr		31	Toyota Corolla Axio	Yuya Sakamoto (Japan)		YH	
				Hideki Yamauchi (Japan)			
apr		74	Toyota Corolla Axio	Takuto Iguchi (Japan)	TDP driver	MI	
				Yuji Kunimoto (Japan)	TDP driver		

Tires: BS = Bridgestone; DL = Dunlop; KH = Kumho; YH = Yokohama; MI = Michelin

### 3. Japanese Championship Formula Nippon

TMC will provide 3.4-liter V8 engines (RV8K) to five teams (eight vehicles) in this top category of Japanese formula car races. All vehicles will have Bridgestone tires.

#### Supported Teams (Engine Support)

Team	Car No.	Drivers	Remarks
LAWSON TEAM IMPUL	1	Tsugio Matsuda (Japan)	
	2	Benoit Treluyer (France)	
TEAM IMPUL	20	Kohei Hirate (Japan)	TDP driver
Team LeMans	7	Keisuke Kunimoto (Japan)	TDP driver
	8	Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	TDP driver
PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	36	Andre Lotterer (Germany)	

	37	Kazuya Oshima (Japan)	TDP driver
CERUMO/INGING	48	Yuji Tachikawa (Japan)	

#### 4. NASCAR

TMC 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. Race vehicles in every category will be fitted with Goodyear tires.

##### Sprint Cup Series

The Sprint Cup Series is the pinnacle of NASCAR. TMC has been racing in the series since 2007 (when it was then called the Nextel Cup Series) with the Camry.

##### Supported Teams

Team	Car No.	Drivers
Joe Gibbs Racing	11	Denny Hamlin (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
	18	Kyle Busch (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series and Camping World Truck Series races)
	20	Joey Logano (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
Red Bull Racing	82	Scott Speed (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
	83	Brian Vickers (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
Michael Waltrip Racing	00	David Reutimann (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
	55	Michael Waltrip (Also scheduled to drive in some Nationwide Series races)
JTG Daugherty Racing	47	Marcos Ambrose (Australia)
Robby Gordon Racing	7	Robby Gordon

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all drivers are from the U.S.

##### Nationwide Series

The Nationwide Series is the next most-popular series after the Sprint Cup Series. TMC has been racing the series since 2007 (when it was then called the Busch Series) with the Camry.

Team	Car No.	Drivers
Joe Gibbs Racing	18	Kyle Busch and others
	20	Joey Logano and others
Michael Waltrip Racing	99	Scott Speed
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Braun Racing	38	Jason Leffler
	32	Brian Vickers and others

Germain Racing	15	Michael Annett
JTG Daugherty Racing	47	Michael McDowell
CJM Racing	11	Scott Lagasse Jr.
SK Motorsports	07	David Green

Note: All drivers are from the U.S.

### Camping World Truck Series

TMC has been racing in the series since 2004 (when it was then called the Craftsman Truck Series) with the Tundra.

Team	Car No.	Drivers
Red Horse Racing	1	Johnny Benson
	11	T.J. Bell
Randy Moss Motorsports	5	Mike Skinner
	81	Taylor Malsam
HT Motorsports	24	David Starr
Wylar Racing	60	Stacy Compton
Premier Racing	17	Timothy Peters
Billy Ballew Motorsports	15	Shane Sieg
Xpress Motorsports	16	Brian Scott

Note: All drivers are from the U.S.

## 5. Other Support Activities

### All-Japan F3 Championship Series

Formula Three is the first step toward F1. TMC will provide 1AZ-FE engines to the three teams (five vehicles) participating in the All-Japan class races. TMC will also provide 3S-GE engines to nine cars participating in National class races, which began in 2008.

From this year, all the cars will use Hankook tires. All-Japan class teams using TMC-supplied engines and their drivers are listed below.

### Supported Teams

Team	Car No.	Drivers (tentative)	Remarks
PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	1	Marcus Ericsson (Sweden)	
	36	Takuto Iguchi (Japan)	TDP driver
	37	Yuji Kunimoto (Japan)	TDP driver
NOW MOTOR SPORTS	33	Yuki Iwasaki (Japan)	
DENSO Team Le Beausset	62	Kohki Saga (Japan)	

### Formula Challenge Japan (FCJ)

This entry-class category is in its fourth year. All of the cars are specially and independently designed FCJ vehicles (FC106). This year, the FCJ has scheduled a total of 14 different races at seven race events to be held at four different circuits.

### Netz Cup Vitz Street-legal Series

This series features the street-legal Toyota Vitz RS TRD Racing racecar, which is based on the 1.5-liter Vitz RS.

Five regional series (Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Kansai and Western Japan) are scheduled along with a special race.

### Additional Support

#### Japan

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

#### United States

- TMC will provide 5.0-liter V8 (redesigned 3UZ) engines to the Grand American Road Racing (Grand Am) Series.
- TMC will provide engines to the Midget Series, Sprint Series and Silver Crown Series of the United States Auto Club (USAC).
- Support will go to Toyota vehicles participating in The Off Road Championship Series (TORC) and National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) drag races.
- TMC will sponsor the Long Beach Grand Prix, the second race in the Indy Car Series, marking the 35th time since 1975 for TMC to sponsor the race.
- TMC will sponsor Race 14 (Nashville) of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and Race 16 (Infinion Raceway) of the Sprint Cup Series.

## 6. Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP)

This program is aimed at cultivating drivers who hope to compete in top racing categories, both in Japan and throughout the world. It is dedicated to identifying new talent and allows participants to improve in line with their own respective abilities. The program is being offered in Europe and Japan, as listed below.

### List of Trainee TDP Drivers for 2009

	Drivers	Category	Team	Remarks / Last Year's Results
Europe	Kazuki Nakajima (Japan)	F1 World Championship	AT&T Williams (United Kingdom)	AT&T Williams race driver (15th overall in series)
	Kamui Kobayashi (Japan)	GP2 series GP2 Asia series	DAMS (France)	GP2 Asia series (1 win; 6th overall in series, highest to date for Japanese driver)
F1 World Championship		Panasonic Toyota Racing (Third driver)	GP2(1 win; 16th overall in series, highest to date for Japanese driver)	
Japan	Kohei Hirate (Japan)	Formula Nippon	Team IMPUL	Formula Nippon (1 win, 4th overall in series; rookie of the year) Super GT300 class (15th overall in series)
		Super GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM SARD	
	Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	Formula Nippon	Team LeMans	Formula Nippon (16th overall in series)
		Super GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM KRAFT	Super GT500 class (15th overall in series)
Keisuke Kunimoto (Japan)	Formula Nippon	Team LeMans	All Japan F3 Championship (3 wins, 2nd overall in series) Super GT300 class (1 win, 9th overall in series) F3 Macau Grand Prix (1st	

			place)
Kazuya Oshima (Japan)	Formula Nippon	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	F3 Euro series (1 win, 19th overall in series) Selective participation in Super GT300 class races
	Super GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM KRAFT	(1st in Round 6 Suzuka 1000km)
Takuto Iguchi (Japan)	All Japan F3 Championship	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	All Japan F3 Championship (3 wins, 3rd overall in series)
	Super GT (GT300)	apr	Super GT300 class (32nd overall in series)
Yuji Kunimoto (Japan)	All Japan F3 Championship	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	FCJ (8 wins, series champion)
	Super GT (GT300)	apr	

**For reference:**

**Formula Toyota Racing School (FTRS)**

Under the umbrella of TDP is the FTRS, a three-day, two-night course at Fuji Speedway in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan that uses Formula Toyota racecars and covers everything from the basics to participation in non-sanctioned races. Among participants who are outstanding and promising, a tryout is held to select a driver who will receive a scholarship for the following year.

In 2009, FTRS is scheduled for August 17-19.