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Press Release

Calsonic Kansei Participates in AUTOBACS SUPER GT 2018 SERIES GT500 Class

Calsonic Kansei Corporation (President & CEO: Hiroshi Moriya, Headquarters: Kita-ku, Saitama City) will continue to sponsor HOSHINO RACING Limited for 2018 and participate in "AUTOBACS SUPER GT 2018 SERIES GT500 Class".

This year, Calsonic Kansei marks the 80th anniversary of its foundation. Calsonic Kansei has sponsored the motorsport since 1982. The company also marks its 37th anniversary as the world's longest title sponsor in the motorsport history. (*1) Calsonic Kansei has participated in every "SUPER GT" since its launch in 1994 (*2) without interruption, and the opening race held in Okayama in this April will be the 183rd race Calsonic Kansei has participated in.

Calsonic Kansei has been carrying out an intensive study of heat exchange systems for motor racing that demonstrate high performance even in extreme environments during races. Studying air-conditioning systems that prevent drivers' heat stroke are also a top priority. This study greatly contributes to getting feedback and improving the performance of products for commercial vehicles.

TEAM IMPUL led by Director Kazuyoshi Hoshino is aiming to be the series champion with two young, fresh racers. A promising young driver named Daiki Sasaki joined TEAM IMPUL this year, and the team will keep Jann Mardenborough, a graduate of GT Academy who joined last year. Your support is appreciated.

Here is the organization of the team and schedule for 2018.

<Organization for participating races in 2018>

Team Name	TEAM IMPUL	
Director	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	
Drivers	Daiki Sasaki	
	Jann Mardenborough	
Car Name	Calsonic IMPUL GT-R	
Car Model	NISSAN GT-R NISMO GT500 (2018 model)	

<Schedule of AUTOBACS SUPER GT 2018 SERIES (plan) >

1st	April 7 - 8	Okayama International Circuit (Okayama Prefecture)
2nd	May 3 - 4	Fuji Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture)

3rd	May 19 - 20	Suzuka Circuit (Mie Prefecture)
4th	June 30 - July 1	Chang International Circuit (Thailand)
5th	August 4 - 5	Fuji Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture)
6th	September 15 - 16	Sportsland SUGO (Miyagi Prefecture)
7th	October 13 - 14	AUTOPOLIS (Oita Prefecture)
8th	November 10 - 11	TWIN RING MOTEGI (Tochigi Prefecture)

(*1) according to information from Calsonic Kansei

(*2) The title of "Japan GT Championship" remained unchanged from 1994-2004. Its title was changed to "SUPER GT" in 2005.

(Reference)

Calsonic IMPUL GT-R (NISSAN GT-R NISMO GT500 2017 MODEL)



Motorsport website of Calsonic Kansei Corporation

<https://www.calsonickansei.co.jp/motor-sport/>