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JAPAN GT DRIVER VISITS MALAYSIA

Japan GT driver, Kazuki Nakajima, is here in Malaysia from 26 to 31 January as part of his training in preparation for his scheduled races this year.

Tourism Malaysia and Golden Palm Tree Resort & Spa are taking the opportunity to promote Malaysia to the sports celebrity with tours of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Sepang. Among the places he is visiting are Bukit Bintang, Central Market, the F1 Zone (the simulator at KL Tower), KL Tower, KLCC and Pavilion shopping malls, and Putrajaya.

Accompanied by media from Japan, Nakajima's trip here is expected to be documented and publicised in Japan upon his return, and thus promote the tourist attractions in Malaysia as well provide publicity for the upcoming Japan Super GT in Sepang, Malaysia. The Japanese auto magazine, Grand Prix Special is also expected to highlight Malaysia in its publication.

Nakajima will once again be in Malaysia to race in the Japan GT held in Sepang from 18 and 19 June.

Background on Kazuki Nakajima:

As the son of Japan's first full time Formula 1 driver, Satoru Nakajima, Kazuki Nakajima rose up the categories from carting to F1 by way of the Toyota young driver programme to land his own full time drive in the sport in 2008. Spending five years in carting, from 1997 to 2002, he was as well prepared as the European drivers he would have to compete against. He followed carting with Formula Toyota in 2003, and won the series in his first year. In 2004 and 2005 he raced in the Japanese F3 series, finishing second in his second year. In 2006 he raced in the F3 Euro Series, where he finished seventh.

His career:

At the end of 2006, Nakajima joined the Williams team as a test driver, becoming the first driver of the Toyota young driver programme to graduate to F1. In 2007, he raced in the GP2 series and scored several podiums, finishing the series in fifth place and rookie of the year.

Before the last race of the Formula 1 season, Alexander Wurz, the full time driver, retired from the sport and allowed Nakajima to race for the team at the Brazilian Grand

Prix. He qualified in only 19th position, but scored the fifth fastest lap of the race and finished in a respectable tenth position.

2011 Season:

Nakajima will race in Formula Nippon, the highest Japanese Formula, and also in Super GT.

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