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MOLA INTERNATIONAL CO.,LTD.

SUPER GT round 6

#46 GT-R driver change notification

MOLA INTERNATIONAL CO.,LTD. has announced that due to injuries sustained in round 5 of the SUPER GT, Katsumasa Chiyo will sit out of round 6 of the SUPER GT.

Chiyo underwent thorough examinations, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), which revealed a mild fracture in the thoracic spine that, despite not requiring further hospitalization or special treatment, necessitated a follow up observation. Yesterday (August 25th), he underwent re-examination and the doctor's diagnosis determined that complete recovery would require a little more time and therefore he would have to sit out of round 6 of the SUPER GT to be held this weekend.

Taking Chiyo's place for round 6 will be Mitsunori Takaboshi who will team up with team regular Satoshi Motoyama to drive the S Road CRAFTSPORTS GT-R.

Comment from Katsumasa Chiyo

"Thank you so much to all those who sent me messages of concern. I send my sincerest apologies out to all the fans who were looking forward to seeing me race at Suzuka. I did everything I could in the last 3 weeks to recover in time for the Suzuka 1000km but unfortunately I wasn't able to hasten my recovery in time. For the time being I will work as hard as I can to get myself back in shape as fast as possible. I will be making the trip out to Suzuka Circuit so let's cheer on the #46 and the Nissan teams together!"

Comment from Team Principal, Toshiomi Oeki

"First of all we are all hoping for Chiyo's quick recovery. The entire team will put its full support behind Takaboshi and Motoyama will take the lead as we all pull together to get through the mammoth 1000km race at Suzuka. I hope the fans will cheer us all on like always."

Comment from Nissan Team Executive Director, Toshikazu Tanaka

"This decision was very tough for Chiyo as well as for us at Nissan, but Chiyo's recovery takes full precedence. Right now he needs to concentrate completely on getting back to 100% and we sincerely hope that he will recover to full health as soon as possible. At the same time, for Takaboshi, who was called in to fill in for Chiyo, this will become his first time competing in the GT500 and we hope that all the fans will cheer him on in his efforts."