

CUSCO RACING 2011 Rally Activities

Carrosser, Co., Ltd. has announced the motor sport activity plan of Cusco Racing, the works team of the Japanese motor sport manufacturer, in 2011. The team backs to FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) again as the team's main target, but additionally Japanese Rally Championship (JRC) as series entrant too.

As already the team has announced to use Proton Satria Neo first time, 2010 Asia Cup winning team will tackle both APRC and Asia Cup using Group N4 machine, also JRC which meant the team will cover wide range of category from top level to entry level as team is seeking more appeal to motor sport or media globally.

The detail of plan and crew line-up

[FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship]

CUSCO RACING World Rally Team

Yuya Sumiyama / Naoki Kase: Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X

3 rounds on Asia Cup: Malaysia, Japan, China

Rifat Sungkar / Scott Beckwith: Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X

Full of 6 round on APRC and 3 round of Asia cup

Cody Crocker / TBA: Subaru Impreza WRX Sti

2 round on Pacific cup: Australia and New Zealand (planning at a moment)

CUSCO PROTON Junior Team

Akira Bamba / TBA: Proton Satria Neo

4 rounds on APRC Junior Trophy: Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand and Japan

TBA (Malaysian crew): Proton Satria Neo

5 rounds on APRC: Malaysia, Australia, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Japan (planning at a moment)

[Japanese Rally Championship]

CUSCO RACING

Hiroshi Yanagisawa / Yoshimasa Nakahara: Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X

6 round on JRC: Round 1,2,3,4,6,7

Shuhei Muta / Takahiro Yasui: Proton Satria Neo

5 round on JRC: Round 2,3,4,6,7

CUSCO RACING started fully competing to APRC on 2006. Since then the team has been gaining great achievement including Pacific Cup in 2008(driver Dean Heridge), and also Asia-Cup last year(driver Yuya Sumiyama). Additionally the team made superb result constantly to build firm evaluation within the series.

Concerning at JRC, team has been involving to the series since the establishment of their body company, Carrosser Co.Ltd. and has been producing number of Japanese champion. Team will fully join the series first time since 2007.

Event calendar

2011 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship

Round 1: 1-3 April	Malaysian Rally (also Asia Cup, Junior Trophy)
Round 2: 13-15 May	Rally Queensland (Australia: also Pacific Cup, Junior Trophy)
Round 3: 17-19 June	Rallye de Nouvelle Calédonie (also Pacific Cup)
Round 4: 15-17 July	International Rally of Whangarei (New Zealand: also Pacific Cup, Junior Trophy)
Round 5: 30 Sep-2 Oct	Rally Hokkaido (Japan: also Asia-Cup, Junior Trophy)
Round 6: 4-6 Nov	China Rally (also Asia-Cup)

2011 Japanese Rally Championship

Round 1: 8-10 Apr	Tour de Kyushu(Saga:Tarmac)
Round 2: 29 Apr-1 May	Kuma-Kogen Rally(Ehime: Gravel)
Round 3: 20-22 May	Himuka Rally(Miyazaki: Gravel)
Round 4: 10-12 June	MSCC Tokyo Rally(Fukushima: Gravel)
Round 5: 8-10 July	M.C.S.C.Highland Masters(Gifu: Tarmac)
Round 6: 2-4 Sep	Ark Rally(Hokkaido: Gravel)
Round 7: 30 Sep-2 Oct	Rally Hokkaido(Gravel, also APRC)
Round 8: 21-23 Oct	Shinshiro Rally (Aichi: Tarmac)

Driver's Profile

Hiroshi Yanagisawa

Born: 10 Nov 1969

Nationality: Japan

Rally debut: 1991

1997: started competition at Japanese Rally Championship from Carrosser

2004: started competition in overseas

2006: started APRC full season

2007, 2009 FIA seeded

Yuya Sumiyama

Born: 21 Aug 1976

Nationality: Japan

1996: started competition at Dirt-trial series. 12 wins, Japanese title two times until 2001

2002: started competition in Japanese Rally Championship

2010: win APRC Asia-cup

Akira Bamba

Born 22 March 1986

Nationality: Japan

Rally début: 2006 at Rally New Zealand(WRC)

2010: 2 class wins at APRC in Suzuki Swift through CUSCO RACING's young driver development project

Shuhe Muta

Born: 25 Sep 1985

Nationality: Japan

2004: competing Japanese Kart series

2008: 2nd in Kyushu-region champion series

2010: competing Japanese Rally Championship

Rifat Sungkar

Born: 22 Oct 1978

Nationality Indonesia

1998-2002: Indonesian Rally Sprint champion

2010: 2nd in APRC

Cody Crocker

Born 18 Oct 1971

Nationality: Australia

2003-2005: Australian Rally Champion

2006-2009: APRC champion