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**YOKOHAMA to Begin Supplying Control Tyres for GT ASIA**

Tokyo - The YOKOHAMA Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that it will begin supplying control tyres for GT ASIA from the opening round held in Malaysia on 25th May 2012. YOKOHAMA is supplying, for dry conditions, ADVAN A005 tyres with improved environmental performance while maintaining solid grip thanks to the company’s orange oil compounding technology, and, for wet conditions, the ADVAN A006.

With participation primarily of cars conforming to FIA GT3 regulations, GT ASIA is an international competition in Japan, Malaysia and Macau. Race distance of each round is either 90-140 kilometres or a maximum of 60 minutes. This year, 11 rounds in six events are scheduled, and three of the events will be held at the same time as the SUPER GT which draws the largest number of spectators in Japan. The final round will be staged as the support race of the F3 Macau Grand Prix – considered the race to decide the world’s top F3 driver, and for which YOKOHAMA has provided control tyres for the past 30 years. As in the FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC), race cars in GT ASIA equipped with YOKOHAMA tyres will surely add to the excitement of the Macau Grand Prix.

This season, YOKOHAMA is supplying control tyres for the ADAC GT Masters held primarily in Germany, and the Super Taikyu Series with its GT3 class in Japan. For the SUPER GT, too, YOKOHAMA tyres are selected for many FIA GT3 vehicles competing in the GT300 class. Around the world in increasingly popular races with FIA GT3 vehicles, more and more cars are competing on YOKOHAMA tyres.

**Event Calendar for 2012**

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| Rounds | Date | Circuit | Country |
| 1&2 | 27th May 2012 | Sepang International Circuit | Malaysia |
| 3&4 | 10th June 2012 | Sepang International Circuit (concurrently with SUPER GT) | Malaysia |
| 5&6 | 15t July 2012 | Fuji International Speedway | Japan |
| 7&8 | 19th August 2012 | Suzuka Circuit (concurrently with SUPER GT) | Japan |
| 9&10 | 30th September 2012 | Auto Police International Racing Course (concurrently with SUPER GT) | Japan |
| 11 | 18th November 2012 | Guia Circuit (concurrently with Macau Grand Prix) | Macau, China |