

YOKOHAMA TO SUPPLY ECO TYRES

Yokohama announced that it will supply ECO racing tyres to the FIA World Touring Car Championship from 2010.

The Japanese manufacturer, appointed by the FIA following a tender as the official tyre supplier for the next three seasons, has developed the ECO racing tyre using a revised mixture of oil and rubber that replaces with low polycyclic aromatic (PCA) the aromatic oil used so far, which will be banned in Europe from 2010.

Orange oil – already used by Yokohama in its “DNA Earth-1” tyres for passenger cars – is also used in the production of the new ECO racing tyres. Orange oil makes the rubber flexible and improves grip, but with reduced environmental effects.

Under a basic policy of asserting world-class strengths in technologies for protecting the environment, as stated in its “Medium-Range Management Plan: Grand Design 100”, the Yokohama Rubber Group aims to make all its products “environmentally sound” by 2017. The development of the ECO racing tyres for WTCC is part of that effort.



Yokohama will supply WTCC control tyre for the next three seasons

LAUNCH OF THE 56th MACAU GRAND PRIX

The 56th Macau Grand Prix was launched yesterday at Macau; the event will include the FIA World Touring Car Championship’s final meeting as well as the 27th edition of the FIA Formula 3 Intercontinental Cup and the 43rd Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix.

During a crowded press conference held at the Fisherman’s Warf Convention Centre, Engineer João Manuel Costa Antunes, coordinator of the Macau Grand Prix Committee, commented on the fourth appearance of the FIA WTCC in Macau: “*Sociedade de Jogos de Macau is once again the title sponsor of the FIA World Touring Car Championship – Guia Race of Macau. Since its inception in 2005, the FIA WTCC has been decided at Macau, and we are thrilled that this year we will once again play host to the title decider. We are also very pleased to welcome Macau drivers André Couto, Henry Ho, Joseph Rosa Merszei and Liu Lic Ka who will join the WTCC field for their home event.*”

The coordinator also pointed out the mediatic impact of the meeting: *“We have seen a 40% increase in the number of media representatives attending since 2002. Last year, an impressive 892 media professionals, from 253 organisations and 24 countries covered the event. The number of television broadcasters is also on the ascent, with over a 50% increase in 2008.”*



Large attendance for the press launch of the Macau Grand Prix

CHEVROLET TEST YOUNG BULGARIAN

The Chevrolet WTCC team was in Pembrey for a one day test. Robert Huff conducted further validation of different technical options, as part of the development programme for the car, while Bulgarian driver Vladimir Arabadzhiev drove the Cruze for the first time.

Arabadzhiev's presence in this test is the result of the cooperation with the International Formula Master Series, aimed at giving the possibility to young drivers to test a WTCC car.

“To spend a day working with a WTCC factory team has been a great opportunity. It doesn't happen often that young formula drivers are given a chance to explore other top disciplines, like touring cars, in such a professional environment.” said the 25-year old Arabadzhiev.

Chevrolet Motorsport director Eric Nève commented: *“These tests allow us to look at young talents coming from single seaters and allow a new generation of drivers to look for opportunities in the touring car scene. We are very satisfied with the extremely professional job Arabadzhiev did.”*

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR 2010 WTCC

Media accreditation for the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship full season is now open.

Journalists and photographers who wish to apply for WTCC permanent media pass must file the proper accreditation form and return it via registered mail together with the required documents.

The application form is available for download at:

<http://www.fiawtcc.com/html/uploadedFiles/docs/WTCC%20Permanent%20Form%20for%202010.pdf>

The deadline for application is November 12th, 2009.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR MACAU – LAST DAYS

Rounds 23 and 24 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Macau, 20th and 22nd November.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Friday, 23rd October.

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

- **International Press** must send applications to:
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MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR OKAYAMA – LAST DAYS

Rounds 21 and 22 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Okayama, Japan, 31st October and 1st November.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 20th October.

Please remember that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.

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COUNTDOWN: - 15 DAYS



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Japan – 31st October / 1st November in Okayama