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TOYOTA TEAM SARD SUPER GT

Aiming at victory with DENSO SARD SC430

Super GT is one category of motor racing, where more than 20 types of supercars, modified commercial vehicles (GT cars), participate. In 1994, the Japan GT Championship (JGTC) was established, but has been called the Super GT since 2005, expanding beyond Japan and restarting as an international series race. The Super GT has grown to be one of the most popular motor sports in Japan, with an average attendance of 45,000 at events, and attracts approximately 320,000 people in total during the year. DENSO supports TOYOTA Team SARD that races in the

GT500 class. In 1989, TOYOTA Team SARD was established as one of the Toyota Works Teams, and has won four victories in the Japan GT Championship and the Super GT, including Rounds 1 and 4 at Fuji Speedway in 1997, Round 7 at Autopolis in 2003, and Round 3 at Sepang Circuit (Malaysia), in 2004. In 2005, TOYOTA Team SARD entered the TOKACHI 24 Hours race as LEXUS Team SARD in a hybrid vehicle, the DENSO LEXUS GS450h, which was the first hybrid vehicle to be entered in such a race. The team completed the race with superb style.



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Andre Couto

Born: December 14, 1976 in Portugal
Height: 173 cm; Weight: 60 kg
Record for the last three years:
2004 2nd place in JGTC GT500
2005 16th place in Super GT, GT500 class 1st place, International Pokka 1,000 Km
2006 23rd place in Super GT, GT500 class



Katsuyuki Hiranaka

Born: October 4, 1981 in Japan
Height: 176 cm; Weight: 66 kg
Records in the last three years:
2004 5th place in Europe F3 Championship 14th place in Japan F3 Championship
2005 13th place in Formula Nippon F3000 15th place in Super GT, GT300 class
2006 Entered Formula Nippon F3000 23rd place in Super GT, GT500 class



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