

# RALLY GUIDE 1



## Rally Hokkaido Organising Committee

This document has no regulatory power, except if referred to specifically in the Supplementary Regulations or a Bulletin and therefore should be used as a guide only. For regulations, please refer to the International Sporting Code, the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations, JAF National Sporting Regulations and the event Supplementary Regulations and any Bulletin that may be issued.

## ATTENTION!

There are some road rules in Japan that differ from international standards, but that will be strictly enforced. In particular:



**Stop Sign**

Road signs generally comply with the international system, with the exception of stop signs which are an inverted triangular shape (similar to 'Give Way' signs in other countries).

All cars must stop at EVERY railway crossing and watch for trains, before proceeding.

Don't exceed the speed limit which is 40km/h in built up areas, unless otherwise indicated, and 60km/h elsewhere. Speed limits on expressways are 70km/h.

Also, international visitors should be aware that a valid Japanese license or International Driving Permit is required for driving on public roads. International Driving Permits **MUST** be issued under the 1949 Geneva Traffic Convention and this will be stated on the front of the document. Please contact the organisers if you are unable to obtain such a license. German, French, Swiss, Italian, Belgian or Taiwanese driving license holders may request a translation of their license from JAF. The combination of this translation and your driving license is valid as an alternative to the 'Geneva Convention' International Driving Permit. Except the above driving license holders will be required to switch your license to Japanese one (Gaimen Kirikae).

The detail of Gaimen Kirikae is on the website:

<http://www.jaf.or.jp/e/switch.htm>

**See article 7 for more detail.**



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## 1 Introduction / Event overview

### 1.1 Introduction from the Chairman of the Organising Committee

Rally fans, competitors, and everyone concerned, we welcome you all to the Rally Hokkaido.

I am pleased to announce that we will host Rally Hokkaido here again in the Tokachi region, Hokkaido, as the 5th event of the 2015 FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship series and the 7th event of 2015 JAF Japanese Rally Championship series.

Since its inaugural event in 2002, Rally Hokkaido has consistently been held in Tokachi region. This year we will have its 14th anniversary and it has now become an international rally event well established in the Tokachi region. Once again with kind support from the people in the region, we will be well prepared to welcome you all, so please look forward to joining us the event with high expectation.



The main service park will be located at the Kita Aikoku Community Square in Obihiro, the same location as past years. Rally HQ, too, will be established in the administration building located next to the nation's one of the largest in-door ice skating rink, "Meiji Tokachi Oval".

The competition element of the event begins with its ceremonial start event at Kita Aikoku Service Park (Kita Aikoku Community Square), followed by SS1 "SSS SATSUNAI RIVER" in the dry riverbed of River Satsunaigawa, adjacent to the Service Park, on Friday evening as Leg 1A. And full-blown competition begins Saturday (Leg 1B). The event in this day will mainly be based in Rikubetsu Town with all-time very popular "RIKUBETSU LONG" stage as its core, and 3 more stages such as a long stage of "YAM WAKKA" with stage distance of 23km, another long and the longest stage of this rally, "KUNNEYWA" of 28km, and another popular stage of "PAWSE KAMUY". Rally cars will then travel back to Obihiro city in the evening, and finishes their day with "SSS SATSUNAI RIVER".

The final day of the rally, Sunday (Leg 2) will mainly cover Otofuke, Honbetsu and Ashoro area. Just like the previous year's event, "OTOFUKE" will be driven in reversed direction, and "HONBETSU" is re-born as a new stage as "NEW HONBETSU". Then the competitors run the day's only long-stage, "NEW NUPRI PAKE" and the rally will be finished with "SSS SATSUNAI RIVER" in Obihiro.

Rally Hokkaido is an event for the enjoyment of not only competitors and rally fans, but also for the enjoyment of everyone. Please look forward to having great excitement with us.

Lastly, we would like you to know that we have been hosting events with core focus in "fun in motorsports and fun in driving". Recently we started to see beacon of lights in every aspects of our life in Japan. Automotive industry has been calling attention to sports cars, and we see glimmer of hope in the motorsports and its surrounding environments. We will not miss this opportunity and contribute furthermore to the progression of motorsports with even more effort. We appreciate your kind and continuous support for the Rally Hokkaido.

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Kunihiro TABATA  
Chairman, Organising Committee



## 1.2 Event overview

It is the 14th time for the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship rally to be held in Japan since the first one held in 2002. In 2003 it became the candidate round of the World Rally Championship. In 2004 it was run in conjunction with Rally Japan. However, from 2005 the two events have been run separately and the APRC event was renamed into Rally Hokkaido. Since then, the rally has been held in conjunction with the Japanese Rally Championship and is the single event of international rally run in Japan.

This year the rally will be held in September 18-20, 2015. In the middle of September, the weather should be the one of early autumn with some chance of rain. The average temperature around that time of the month in this region is 16°C, and daylight length is around 12 hours and 20 minutes, with sunrise around 0510hrs.

The itinerary of this rally covers well-known land of Tokachi. This year spectator viewing points will be set in RIKUBETSU LONG and PAWSE KAMUY stages on the Saturday, and OTOFUKE REVERSE and NEW HONBETSU stages on the Sunday. In addition, on all of the Friday, Saturday and the Sunday nights, SSS SATSUNAI RIVER stage will be driven in the adjacent to the service park, with spectator viewing points.

The Rally HQ and Media Centre will be established in the Administration Building, standing next to Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval skating link, in Obihiro city, the same building used last year. Service park, too, is established in the same location as last year, which is Kitaaikoku Community Square, where Service Park was located for the WRC Rally Japan. Service will also be provided at RIKUBETSU just like last year.

Past winners of the event are as follows:

<div> <div>2014 Winner</div> <div> <div>D</div>river  <div>C</div>o-driver  <div>E</div>ntrant  <div>V</div>ehicle </div> <div> <div>Jan KOPECKY (CZE)</div> <div>Pavel DRESLER (CZE)</div> <div>Team MRF (AUS)</div> <div>Skoda Fabia S2000</div> </div> </div> <div>   </div>					
Year	Entrant	Driver	Co-driver	Vehicle	Gp/CI
2013	Team MRF (AUS)	Gaurav GILL (IND)	Glenn MACNEALL (NZL)	Skoda Fabia S2000	S2000
2012	Team Arai (J)	Toshihiro ARAI (J)	Dale Jay MOSCATT (AUS)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi 4Door	R4
2011	Subaru Team Arai (J)	Toshihiro ARAI (J)	McLoughlin ANTHONY (AUS)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi	R4
2010	Subaru Team Arai (J)	Toshihiro ARAI (J)	Daniel BARRITT (GB)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi	N4
2009	Motor Image Rally Team (SGP)	Cody CROCKER (AUS)	Ben ATKINSON (AUS)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi	N4
2008	Subaru Team Arai (J)	Toshihiro ARAI (J)	Glenn MACNEALL (NZ)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi	N4
2007	Motor Image Rally Team (SGP)	Cody CROCKER (AUS)	Ben ATKINSON (AUS)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi	N4
2006	Subaru Rally Team Japan (J)	Toshihiro ARAI (J)	Tony SIRCOMBE (NZ)	Subaru Impreza WRX STi	N4
2005	MRF Tyres (IND)	Katsu TAGUCHI (J)	Mark STACEY (AUS)	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VIII	N4
2004	Team Proton Pert Malaysia (MAL)	Karamjit SINGH (MAL)	Allen OH (MAL)	Proton PERT	N4



## 1.3 Information about Tokachi, Japan

Hokkaido is the northernmost island of Japan, with population of 5.6 million people. Its population density is 67 per square km, and when compared to the national average of 342 or Tokyo's figure of 5629, it is sparsely populated. The island is rich in green nature, with vast areas of forest, mountains and agricultural land.

It is located around the same latitude as northern part of Italy as well as France. However, its climate is affected by the south flowing current of the Pacific Ocean, which brings long and cold winters. Japan is a country where many typhoons hit during summer, but Hokkaido is least affected area among all the regions of Japan.

In appearance the Tokachi countryside is similar to some of the northern states of the US, and some people say special stages in Tokachi are somewhere similar to the ones in Wales. It is relatively flat and mostly agricultural. A mountain range running north / south divides the island and another mountain range runs from the middle range to the west and these two ranges protect Tokachi from the weather. The rally roads are in the flat Tokachi basin and some head into the foothills of the mountain ranges, but the route is not mountainous.

Hokkaido has been recently settled by the ethnic Japanese, who came up from the mainland Japan (Honshu) approximately 200 years ago. Prior to that, only native people called Ainu, who originally came from Siberia down through Kamchatka Peninsula, lived there.

Obihiro, where the main Service Park is located, is a city with approximately 170,000 inhabitants. It is a modern looking city and is well serviced with hotels and restaurants because it is a regional business centre. There is a well laid-out and signposted (in English as well as Japanese) road system. All roads are named from a central point according to their direction and distance from that point. For example, the address of the popular Tokachi Farmer's Restaurant is West 1, South 9-6.

The local people are very enthusiastic about motor sport. International rally events have taken place since 2001. From 2004 to 2007, WRC was also held here. Also, Rally Hokkaido has always been held in this area, without relocating its home. That is why rally sport is well understood, supported and co-operated by the locals.

Maps of Obihiro are included in Appendix B.



## 2 Contact details

### 2.1 Permanent contact details email and internet addresses

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### 2.2 Location of Rally HQ and Service Park

The building of Rally HQ and Media Centre is located in the next to Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval skating link, which was built in 2009. It has been used in multiple purposes, including the role of media centre for a World Sprint Speeds Skating Championship in 2010.

Main service park will be established in Kita Aikoku Community Square in Aikoku town, and another service area will be established adjacent to Rikubetsu Circuit in Rikubetsu town. The general layout of the Kita Aikoku Service Park, Rikubetsu Service and the location of the HQ are shown in the maps in Appendix B.



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Please see Article 11 for more detail.



## 2.4 List of Key officials, their functions and contact details

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## 3 Programme and critical deadlines

### 3.1 Schedule before the rally week

#### Monday 29 June

1000hrs	Publication of Supplementary Regulations	Permanent Secretariat
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#### Tuesday 28 July

1000hrs	Opening date for entries	Permanent Secretariat
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1000hrs	Opening date for applications for media accreditation	Permanent Secretariat
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#### Friay 28 August

1000hrs	Publication of Rally Guide 2	Permanent Secretariat
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1800hrs	Closing date for entries	Permanent Secretariat
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1800hrs	Deadline for ordering extra material or equipment	Permanent Secretariat
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1800hrs	Closing date for co-driver details	Permanent Secretariat
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1800hrs	Deadline for registering for flexi-service	Permanent Secretariat
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1800hrs	Closing date for helicopter registration	Permanent Secretariat
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#### Thursday 3 September

1800hrs	Deadline for ordering pump fuel from the organisers	Permanent Secretariat
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1800hrs	Closing date for media accreditation applications	Permanent Secretariat
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#### Thursday 10 September

1000hrs	Publication of seeded entry list	<a href="http://www.rally-hokkaido.com">www.rally-hokkaido.com</a>
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1800hrs	Publication of Service Park layout and service bay allocations	Permanent Secretariat
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#### Sunday 13 September

1000hrs	Publication of Road Books and Route Map	Permanent Secretariat
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### 3.2 Schedule during the rally week

#### Monday 14 September

0900hrs	Service Park open for competitor bump-in, and delivery of sea containers	Kita Aikoku Service Park
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#### Wednesday 16 September

0900hrs	Rally Headquarters opens	A bldg. next to Tokachi Oval
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0900 - 1900hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
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0900hrs	Establishment of Official Notice Board	Rally HQ
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1300 - 1900hrs	Registration for reconnaissance, service vehicle registration, collection of material for competitors, administrative checks.	Rally HQ
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0900hrs	Scrutineering schedule posted	Official Notice Board
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1300 - 1900hrs	Media Centre opens	Media Centre
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1300hrs	Media Accreditation commences	Media Centre
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#### Thursday 17 September

0800 - 1900hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
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0800 - 1900hrs	Opening hours of Media Centre	Media Centre
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0900 - 1800hrs	Reconnaissance	See Recce Schedule
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0830 - 1900hrs	Scrutineering, marking and sealing of components	Super Pit Chu-oh Ten
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1930hrs	Welcome party	Kita Aikoku Service Park
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## Friday 18 September

0630 - 2200hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
0630 - 2200hrs	Opening hours of Media Centre	Media Centre
0700 - 1200hrs	Reconnaissance	See Recce Schedule
0830 - 1230hrs	Scrutineering, marking and sealing of components	Super Pit Chu-oh Ten
1200 - 1300hrs	Shakedown	SATSUNAI RIVER SSS
1330hrs	First Stewards meeting	Stewards meeting room
1430hrs	Pre-rally media conference	Media Centre
1500hrs	Publication of Start List for Leg 1	Official Notice Board
1545hrs	Rally Show	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1645hrs	Ceremonial Start	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1737hrs	Start of Leg 1 A	Kita Aikoku Service Park

## Saturday 19 September

0600 - 2200hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
0600 - 2200hrs	Opening hours of Media Centre	Media Centre
0600hrs	Start of Leg 1 B	Kita Aikoku Service Park
2100hrs	Publication of Start List for Leg 2	Official Notice Board

## Sunday 20 September

0430 - 2100hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
0430 - 2100hrs	Opening hours of Media Centre	Media Centre
0500hrs	Start of Leg 2	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1733hrs	Finish Ceremony	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1800hrs	Post event scrutiny	Super Pit Chu-oh Ten
1830hrs	Final Media Conference	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1900hrs(estimated)	Publication of provisional classifications	Official Notice Board

## Monday 21 September

0900 - 1200hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
0900 - 1200hrs	Opening hours of Media Centre	Media Centre
1000hrs	Issuance of Results CD	Rally HQ
1200hrs	Closure of Rally HQ and Media Centre	Rally HQ



## 4 Entry Details

### 4.1 FIA Titles applicable for this rally

2015 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers (Round 5)  
2015 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Production Cup for Drivers and Co-Drivers (Round 5)  
2015 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup for Manufacturers (Round 5)  
2015 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Junior Cup (Round 4)  
2015 FIA Asia-Pacific 2WD Rally Cup for Drivers, Co-Drivers and Manufacturers (Round 5)  
2015 FIA Asia Rally Cup for Drivers and Co-Drivers (Round 2)  
2015 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup Power by Würth (Round 5)

#### 4.1.1 Asia-Pacific Rally Championship titles

2015 Team Trophy (Round 5)

#### 4.1.2 JAF titles for which the rally counts

2015 JAF Japanese Rally Championship

### 4.2 Criteria for acceptance of entries

Competitors, drivers and co-drivers are required to possess appropriate international competition license issued by respected countries. Holders of such licenses issued overseas are required to have letter of permission by the ASN of the country, or obtain their approved seal on the entry form.

Maximum number of entries accepted (APRC and JAF Japanese Rally Championship combined) is 90 cars, and in case if number of entries exceeds it, the organiser holds right to select the cars to compete the rally. Competitors registered to APRC and Asia Cup are guaranteed for entry, regardless the condition above.

Even if the competitor and its driver is the same person, "competitor license" is required in addition to "driver competition license".

### 4.3 List of entry fees (payment of entry fees)

Asia-Pacific Championship and Asia Cup competitors (except for Junior Cup competitors)	
With the Organisers' optional advertising	JPY280,000
Without the Organisers' optional advertising	JPY380,000
Asia-Pacific Rally Junior Cup competitors	
With the Organisers' optional advertising	JPY260,000
Without the Organisers' optional advertising	JPY360,000
Japanese Rally Championship competitors	
Japanese Rally Championship Open Class competitors	JPY250,000
	JPY210,000

The above entry fee includes rental fee for the RallySafe tracking system. If you need Antenna kit please apply for its rental service with the Entry Booklet (Appendix:D2). For other items included in the entry fee please refer to the "4.4 Entry Package".

Payment for organiser-supplied fuel (applicable to all the teams except for the ones adopting FIA-supplied fuel) is payable with bank transfer only. Price for the organiser-supplied fuel will be announced in the Fuel Order Form upon commencing entries to the event.

Entry fees and fuel payment are payable only by bank transfer to:

Bank name:	Hokkaido Bank	Account Number:	1064661
Branch:	Ryutsu Centre Mae	Swift Code:	HKDBJPJT
Account Name:	RALLY HOKKAIDO		

## 4.4 Entry Package

The entry fee includes the followings :

Item	APRC and/or Asia Cup resistered competitors	Other APRC or Asia Cup competitors	JRC competitors
Rally Guide 1 / ラリーガイド1	Download from website	Download from website	Download from website
Supplementary Regulations / 特別規則書	Download from website	Download from website	Download from website
Rally Guide 2 / ラリーガイド2	Download from website	Download from website	Download from website
Road Books / ロードブック	2	1	1
Route Map / ルートマップ	2	1	1
Official Programme / 公式プログラム	4	1	1
Results CD / リザルトCD	1	1	1
Competitor credential passes / 競技者パス	2	2	2
Service credential passes / サービスクルーパス	8	4	4
Guest credential passes / ゲストパス	4	—	—
Service vehicle passes / サービス車両通行証	2	2	2
Auxiliary vehicle passes / 補助車両通行証	1	—	—
Service space (Kita Aikoku Service Park) / サービスパークスペース (北愛国サービスパーク)	15x10m	7.5x5m	7.5x5m

This year, the entry package does not contain hotel accommodation. Please arrange in your own.  
Please refer "10. Hotel / accommodation reservation" to find a tips in searching for hotels.

## 4.5 Additional material

Additional materials and/or passes can be ordered with the entry booklet (Appendix D2) to the rally secretariat.



## 5 Service Park

### 5.1 Information about the Service Park

There are two service parks in this event. One is at Kita Aikoku Community Square in Aikoku, Obihiro city, and the other is adjacent to Rikubetsu Circuit in Rikubetsu town. The surface of Kita Aikoku Service Park is combination of gravel and tarmac while the surface of Rikubetsu service is gravel.

Central service park (Kita Aikoku) will be opened for competitors from Monday 14 September 0900hrs, and will be managed by the Organiser from Thursday 17 September.

Competitors may bring and park their service vehicles and auxiliary vehicles within their designated areas in the Kita Aikoku main service park and Rikubetsu service area. Other vehicles must be parked in the parking area adjacent to the service park. Two service vehicle plates will be issued per competitor. Extra auxiliary vehicle plates can be ordered for JPY10,000 per vehicle.

All crews competing in APRC, Asia Cup and JRC will be eligible for flexi-service. To register for flexi-service, Section B.3 of the Entry Booklet (Appendix D) must be completed and returned to the Rally Secretariat by Friday 28 August.

### 5.2 Waste disposal at the Service Park

There will be no public waste bins available at Kita Aikoku Service Park. Please bring your waste materials back with you.

However, exceptions are applied for extra-large waste bins to be ordered with the Entry Form. This waste bin is for industrial waste materials. Burnable and non-burnable wastes need to be separated and packed in appropriate waste bags accordingly.

Paid disposal processing service is available for wastes you cannot take away with you. In order to use it you need to purchase designated plastic bags through the organiser. Wastes which are properly segregated, separated and packed in the designated bags will be collected for disposal at each team's designated service areas in Monday afternoon, and any wastes other than those will NOT be collected. The special waste bags can be ordered with the Entry Form. Please note extra charge will be applied for wastes which are not properly segregated, even if they are packed in the designated bag. Instructions on the segregation will be provided together with the waste bags.

There will be no waste bins in Rikubetsu Remote Service area, and please make sure you bring all the wastes back with you.

## 6 Two-way radio

### 6.1 Application procedure

The use of two-way radios is strictly controlled in Japan. Those wishing to use two-way radio communication equipment should complete the relevant section of the Entry Booklet in Appendix D, with details of the frequency, model number and transmission output of the radio. This must be returned to the Rally Secretariat at least three months prior to the rally (18 June). Some two-way radios may not be used in Japan depending on frequency and transmitting output.

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## 7 Import of vehicles and spare parts

### 7.1 National laws / customs clearance

As internal shipping and freight charges can be expensive, Rally Hokkaido organisers recommend that all sea freight be imported through the closest Port of Tomakomai. Customs authorities there are familiar with customs procedures for overseas team competing at Rally Hokkaido. Container transportation from Tomakomai to the service park takes about three hours.

The general principles of customs clearance are as follows:

- (1) FIA CARNET is required and mandatory for all overseas registered cars that are to be driven on the public roads in Japan (i.e. rally cars, recce cars, service vans and other cars). A carnet certification document will be provided by the JAF via the Organiser, and that serves as a temporary compliance document and this should be carried within the vehicle all the time, ready to show when challenged by police and/or other authorities. Every automobile (including rally cars and every foreign registered vehicle) which is driven on public road in Japan must be covered with Jibaiseiki. (compulsory insurance)

NOTE: Cars from countries not ratified Geneva Convention (The 1949 Geneva Convention on Road Traffic) will be required to clear car examination upon arrival to Japan and also required to be registered domestically, even if such car has FIA Carnet. The examination and registration require time and payments.

\* If the user of the car is different from the person registered with Carnet, an appropriate application form for declaration must be submitted prior to the customs clearance.

- (2) ATA CARNET can be used for the following - for tools/parts/tyres (that are re-exported), and promotional items. All of the items imported under ATA Carnet are to re-exported after the rally. Even if it is temporary, the import of Contraband goods is prohibited.
- (3) PRO FORMA INVOICE - please check with the Organisers or your freight agent on use of pro-forma invoices.

Application for special permission of import of hazardous goods such as high pressure gas cylinders and medical supplies must be submitted with required documents. You are also required to arrange import of such items by yourself.

It is recommended that anyone wishing to import vehicles and goods for Rally Hokkaido contact the official freight agent for Rally Hokkaido -

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Address:	13-16, Motonakano-cho, 2-chome, Tomakomai, 053-0005 Japan
Tel:	+81 144-32-3511
Fax:	+81 144-36-6839
Contact:	Mr. Jungo KONO: kouno@kurinet.co.jp Mr. Katsuyuki KOBAYASHI: kat-kobayashi@kurinet.co.jp

### 7.2 Vehicle regulations

Vehicles temporarily registered for Rally Hokkaido have to comply with the Road Vehicles Act and the



Road Traffic Law and the provision of the JAF National Sporting Regulations for Vehicles (lighting devices, noise generated by the car, etc) except when Appendix J of the FIA International Sporting Code differs.

For vehicles that are not already registered in Japan, two documents ((a) and (b)) are required and must be carried in the vehicles at all times. (c) is optional but highly recommended for competition cars.

- (a) A translation of the Carnet, issued by JAF and distributed by the Organisers. This document serves as a temporary vehicle compliance document. For rally cars this is included in the entry fee, however for other vehicles minimal processing charge will be applied.
- (b) 'Jibaiseiki', compulsory insurance. Every automobile (including rally cars and every foreign registered vehicles, in addition to domestic cars) that drives on public road in Japan are required to be covered by it. The policy can be purchased with JPY6,500 for foreign vehicles not registered in Japan.
- (c) Rally car insurance in Third party insurance. This is recommended for rally cars and recce cars. The fee is approximately JPY20,000 depending on engine size.

The Entry Booklet in Appendix D contains a section on importing vehicles. Vehicle details are required for documents (b) and (c) above.




















### **7.3 The condition for driving in Japan**

International visitors should be aware that a valid Japanese license or International Driving Permit is required for driving on public roads. Only the International Driving Permits issued under the 1949 Geneva Traffic Convention (stated as such, on the front of the document) is valid to drive in Japan. Please contact the organiser if you are unable to obtain such a license.

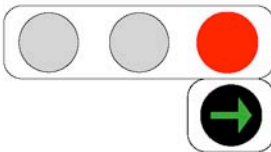
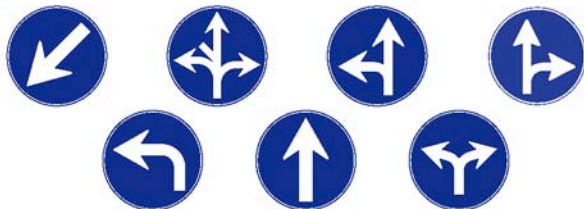

German, French, Swiss, Italian, Belgian and Taiwanese driving license holders may request a translation of their license from JAF. The combination of this translation and your driving license is valid as an alternative to the 'Geneva Convention' International Driving Permit. If your driving license is not any of the above, you will be required to take practical test and obtain local license with "Gaimen Kirikae" procedure.

For the details of Gaimen Kirikae, please refer to the following website:  
<http://www.jaf.or.jp/e/switch.htm>


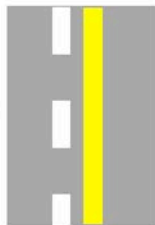

## 7.4 Difference of Rules of the road

	International regulations	Japanese regulations
<b>Stop sign</b> When the intersection has the Stop sign as shown, all cars must come to a full stop and check in all directions before crossing	 	
<b>Light signals</b>		
<b>Level-crossings with gates</b> Drivers must stop in front of a level-crossing, even if there are no stop signs, gates, half-gates or light signals giving warning of the approach of trains. They shouldn't move off again until they have ascertained that no train is approaching.	 	
<b>Other level-crossings</b>	 	
<b>Do not overtake</b> You mustn't enter the right side of the road in order to overtake another vehicle in zones that have the road sign.		
<b>Compulsory minimum speed</b>		
<b>Maximum speed limit</b> It is expressed by " km " not " miles ". Don't exceed the maximum speed limit which is posted on the road signs		
<b>Pedestrian Crossing sign</b>		



Japanese regulations	
<b>Green arrow light</b> Vehicles may proceed in the direction of the arrow.	
<b>No Right Turn, Left Turn etc.</b> Vehicles must not proceed in any direction other than that shown on the sign.	
<b>Red flashing light</b>	These are not common, but are located on some of the rural sections of road outside Sapporo and the other towns. Vehicles must stop at the stop line and make a safety check before proceeding
<b>End of traffic regulation</b> End of regulation designated by the sign	

- ★ Drivers must watch for and give way to pedestrians as they turn onto another road.
- ★ Drivers must travel on the left hand of the road.
- ★ Drivers must indicate to pull out from a stationary position, as they are turning, to overtake traffic traveling in the same direction, to change lanes and to overtake obstacles on the side of the road.

The meaning of the center lines		
<p>①</p> 	<p>②</p> 	<p>③</p> 
<p>Drivers mustn't change lanes where the lanes are divided by a yellow line ( ① ). If the lanes are divided by a white line and a yellow line parallel to it, the drivers on the side of the yellow line may not cross into the other lane ( ② ).</p> <p>Drivers are allowed to cross into the other lane for overtaking ( ③ ).</p>		

## 8 Helicopters

### 8.1 Registration procedure / information

All helicopters flying in support of the rally must be registered with the Organisers. There will be a standard protocol to control rally airspace and only registered aircraft will be permitted to fly in this space. A helicopter registration fee will be charged. A schedule of landing sites and GPS locations will be available, which will include the special stages and Service Park. Attendance at the pilot's briefing is obligatory for all pilots.

For more information about arrangements for Helicopters, please contact:

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## 9 Hospitality arrangements

### 9.1 Contact details for person in charge of hospitality arrangements

For more information about arrangements for Corporate Hospitality, please contact :

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