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Rally Hokkaido Organising Committee

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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 should 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(ASN). 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 can be found in the JAF's website below:

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

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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 4th event of the 2016 FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship series and the 7th event of 2016 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 15th anniversary and thanks to everyone this 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 service park will be located at the "Kita Aikoku Community Square" in Obihiro and "Rikubetsu Off-road Circuit", the same location as past year's events, and Rally HQ will be established in the administration building next to the "Meiji Tokachi Oval", One of the nation's largest in-door ice-skating rink, the same location as previous years.

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 on Saturday (Leg 1B). As per every year, the event on this day will be mainly based in the town of Rikubetsu. With all-time very popular "RIKUBETSU LONG" stage as its core, the event proceeds with 3 other prime stages - "KUNNEYWA", the longest stage of the event with the distance of 29km, "PAWSE KAMUY" in Ashoro town hosts spectator area, and "IKEDA", the tarmac stage added to the event last year. 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 areas. As per previous year's event, "OTOFUKE" will be driven in reversed direction, and "NEW HONBETSU" stage has been extended to include tarmac-surfaced road towards the end since last year. And then, rally cars will drive through the only long-stage for Leg 2, "NEW ASHORO LONG", and then come back to Obihiro, to complete the rally with "SSS SATSUNAI RIVER". We have been working to make the Rally Hokkaido enjoyable event not only for competitors and rally fans but also for everyone else. 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 15th time for the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship round to be held in Japan since its inaugural event 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 as the only international rally event incorporated with a JAF Japanese Rally Championship event.

This year the rally will be held in September 23rd-25th, 2016. The weather of the latter half of September is usually early autumn one with some chances of rain. The average temperature around that time of the month in this region is 16°C, and daylight length is around 12 hours, starting with sunrise around 0515hrs.

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 in Leg1B just like last year.

Past winners of the event are as follows:

Year	Entrant	Driver	Co-driver	Vehicle	Gp/Cl
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>2015 Winner</p> <p>Driver Pontus TUDEMAND (SWE)</p> <p>Co-driver Emil AXELSSON (SWE)</p> <p>Entrant Team MRF (AUS)</p> <p>Vehicle Skoda Fabia S2000</p> </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> </div> </div>					
2014	Team MRF (AUS)	Jan KOPECKY (CZE)	Pavel DRESLER (CZE)	Skoda Fabia S2000	RC2/S2000
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	R4
2011	Subaru Team Arai (J)	Toshihiro ARAI (J)	Mcloughlin ANTHONY (AUS)	Subaru Impreza WRX STI 4Door	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 refer to Article 11 for more details.

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3 Programme and critical deadlines

3.1 Schedule before the rally week

Wednesday 22 June

1800hrs	Closing date for application of the usage of two-way radio	Permanent Secretariat
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Saturday 23 July

1000hrs	Publication of Supplementary Regulations	Permanent Secretariat
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Tuesday 2 August

1000hrs	Opening date for entries	Permanent Secretariat
1000hrs	Opening date for applications for media accreditation	Permanent Secretariat
1800hrs	Deadline for helicopter registrations	Permanent Secretariat

Friay 2 September

1000hrs	Publication of Rally Guide 2	Permanent Secretariat
1800hrs	Closing date for entries	Permanent Secretariat
1800hrs	Deadline for ordering extra material or equipment	Permanent Secretariat
1800hrs	Closing date for co-driver details	Permanent Secretariat
1800hrs	Deadline for registering for flexi-service	Permanent Secretariat
1800hrs	Deadline for ordering pump fuel from the organisers	Permanent Secretariat

Thursday 8 September

1800hrs	Closing date for media accreditation applications	Permanent Secretariat
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Thursday 15 September

1000hrs	Publication of seeded entry list	www.rally-hokkaido.com
1800hrs	Publication of Service Park layout and service bay allocations	Permanent Secretariat

Sunday 18 September

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

Monday 19 September

0900hrs	Service Park open for competitor bump-in, and delivery of sea containers	Kita Aikoku Service Park
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Wednesday 21 September

0900hrs	Rally Headquarters opens	A bldg. next to Tokachi Oval
0900 - 1900hrs	Opening hours of Rally HQ	Rally HQ
0900hrs	Establishment of Official Notice Board	Rally HQ
0900hrs	Publication of Scrutineering Schedule	Official Notice Board
1300 - 1900hrs	Registration for reconnaissance, service vehicle registration, collection of material for competitors, administrative checks. (Both APCR & National competitors)	Rally HQ
1300 - 1900hrs	Media Centre opens	Media Centre
1300hrs	Media Accreditation commences	Media Centre

Thursday 22 September

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

Friday 23 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	Media briefing	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 24 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 25 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
1740hrs	Finish Ceremony	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1810hrs	Post-event scrutineering	Super Pit Chu-oh Ten
1840hrs	Final Media Conference	Kita Aikoku Service Park
1910hrs ^(estimated)	Publication of provisional classifications	Official Notice Board
2100hrs	Closure of Media Centre	Media Centre

Monday 26 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	Rally HQ

4 Entry Details

4.1 FIA Titles applicable for this rally

FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers (Round 4)
 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Production Cup for Drivers and Co-Drivers (Round 4)
 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup for Manufacturers (Round 4)
 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Junior Cup (Round 3)
 FIA Asia-Pacific 2WD Rally Cup for Drivers, Co-Drivers and Manufacturers (Round 4)
 FIA Asia Rally Cup for Drivers and Co-Drivers (Round 2)
 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup Powerd by WÜRTH (Round 4)

4.1.1 Asia-Pacific Rally Championship Titles

Team Trophy (Round 4)

4.1.2 JAF Title

2016 JAF Japanese Rally Championship (Round 7)

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 the driver's competition license (except for Japanese Rally Championship entrants).

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 does not include rental fee for Antenna kit of 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	Available at event website	Available at event website	Available at event website
Supplementary Regulations / 特別規則書	Available at event website	Available at event website	Available at event website
Rally Guide 2 / ラリーガイド2	Available at event website	Available at event website	Available at event 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
Wuerth Drivers Kit / ウルト ドライバースキット	1	1	—
Wuerth Mini Drivers Kit / ウルト ミニドライバースキット	—	—	1

Hotel accomodations are not included in the entry package, and to be arranged by the competitors themselves. Please refer to “10. Hotel / accommodation reservation” for tips in finding 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 19 September 0900hrs, and will be managed by the Organiser from Thursday 22 September.

Competitors may bring and park their service vehicles and auxiliary vehicles within their designated areas in the Kita Aikoku main service park. 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 2 September.

5.2 Waste disposal at the Service Park

There will be no public waste bins available at Kita Aikoku Service Park. Please take your waste materials away with you, and do not leave them behind.

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 (22 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 domestic transportation cost inside Japan can be costly, the organiser recommends to marine freights to be delivered to the port of Tomakomai, which is the closest port to the event venue. Customs authorities there are familiar with customs procedures for overseas team competing at Rally Hokkaido. Ground transportation of containers 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 Jibaiseki. (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 followings - tools/parts/tyres (those are to be re-exported after the event), 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 the event:

Name:	KURIBAYASHI & Co., Ltd. Tomakomai Branch
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 competing Rally Hokkaido must comply and observe all the relevant domestic laws and

regulations such as the Road Vehicles Act and the Road Traffic Law, as well as JAF National Sporting Regulations for Vehicles (lighting devices, noise level, etc) except when Appendix J of the FIA International Sporting Code defines otherwise.

For vehicles that are not permanently 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) 'Jibaiseki', 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 (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 original driving license is accepted as valid 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>

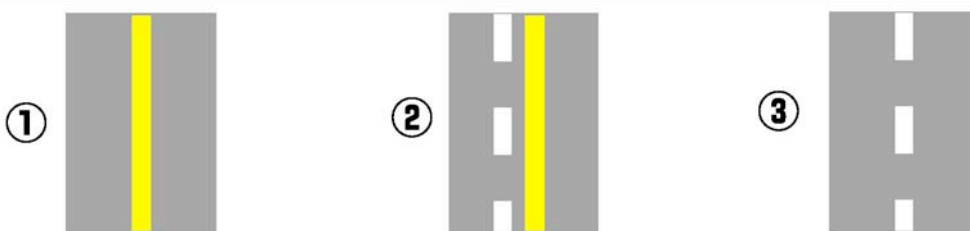
7.4 Difference of Rules of the road

	International regulations	Japanese regulations
Stop sign When the intersection has the Stop sign as shown, all cars must come to a full stop and check in all directions before crossing		
Light signals		
Level-crossings with gates 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.		
Other level-crossings		
Do not overtake You mustn't enter the right side of the road in order to overtake another vehicle in zones that have the road sign.		
Compulsory minimum speed		
Maximum speed limit It is expressed by " km " not " miles ". Don't exceed the maximum speed limit which is posted on the road signs		
Pedestrian Crossing sign		

Japanese regulations	
<p>Green arrow light Vehicles may proceed in the direction of the arrow.</p>	
<p>No Right Turn, Left Turn etc. Vehicles must not proceed in any direction other than that shown on the sign.</p>	
<p>Red flashing light</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>End of traffic regulation End of regulation designated by the sign</p>	

- ★ 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



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).

Drivers are allowed to cross into the other lane for overtaking (③).

8 Helicopters

8.1 Registration procedure / information

All helicopters flying in support of the rally must be registered with the organiser. 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.

Applications for helicopter registrations close at August 2, 1800hrs.

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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