

September 16, 2017

LEG 1B

APRC Flash No. 2

Weather: Sunny

Temperature: 16°C

Road Condition: Dry, but partly wet

After Stage 6 RIKUBETSU LONG 2

DRIVER COMMENTS

1. Gaurav Gill

It is always good to be fighting with our team mate and other people, and (as my team mate has stopped on the previous stage) no fun in competition now. The car is ok – we got new components, new suspensions changing and trying to learn more and more.

4. Robert BLOOMBERG

I think it is pretty good. Done the first loop, it was slippery and with harder compound and now we have a really good grip.

Many drivers went off (the stages) earlier today, and maybe (I am) driving a little bit safe, but still having fun.

5. Yuya SUMIYAMA

Early part of KUNNEIWA stage was slipper than I expected and lost some seconds, but after that I have been driving with good rhythm, so I will finish the loop without mistakes.

7. Fuyuhiko TAKAHASHI

I was glad that I could make it up to here. I think the road surface is better than last year.

9. Satoshi IMAI

I am doing my best, but most of the fast drivers are now gone.

10. Eiichi IWASHITA

KUNNEIWA turned to a graveyard for R5 cars, and I will try not to make it for N4 cars. Road surface there must stay rough even with sunny weather, but other stages are now dry and hard, so it is easier to drive.

12. Hiroshi HOSHINO

KUNNEYWA was rough stage and many cars went off the course, so I will be careful on the next loop. No ruts yet, but very rough surface. I will try not to break the car while keeping our current position in the classification.

13. Wataru AONO

The road surface is drier now and that gives good grip. It was good fun.

14. Tomohide HASEGAWA

The road surface turned to be a lot better than early in the morning. I am a bit tired now but with the road surface changing to dry, I will try to finish the rally.

17. Mitsuyoshi KUROIWA

I have been having many troubles and so I have not been able to push hard.

19. Masanobu CHIGIRA

I am driving in safe pace to complete the rally.