

September 15, 2018

LEG 1B

APRC Flash No. 2

Weather: Fine

Temperature: 14.4°C

Road Condition: Dry

After Stage 5 RIKUBETSU LONG 1

DRIVER COMMENTS

1. Yuya SUMIYAMA

Early part of (SS3) YAM WAKKA was very slippery and I was surprised. I will be careful on its 2nd run.

3. Fabio FRISIERO

Very difficult, the first long stage of 22k (SS3 YAM WAKKA), very slow for me ,the first time was very difficult. But very fast on the 2nd long stage (SS4. KUNNEYWA). I saw Sumiyama did very very good time – he is very fast. But I cannot take more risk. To be faster I have to take a lot of risk, and speedy corners are not easy. Machine is perfect, better than me.

4. Atsushi MASUMURA

I am currently having a problem with the car, and in case if we cannot fix it during the next service I will have to retire then. The engine would not go above 4,000rpm. I guess it is either a problem with a turbine or air leaking from some kind of hose. At this moment I cannot say what is the cause for sure.

5. Eiichi IWASHITA

As expected, road surfaces of KUNNEYWA and YAM WAKKA were rough, and some stone penetrated into chassis and staying there, and I have other miscellaneous problems. It is critical factor of this rally that how much you can fix in the next 20 minutes' service. If we can fix it, then I think I will be able to finish the rally.

6. Fuyuhiko TAKAHASHI

Upon climbing up a crest I unintentionally looked at a car there and my car went to wrong direction and then meandered a bit. I am happy that I could come up to here.

I think I am doing so-so, as usual.

8. Masaki YAMADA

I am enjoying the drive. Maybe I am doing the best in recent two or three years. I am having fun going sideways.

17. Toshihiro INOMATA

I caught up with the car started in front of me, in YAM WAKKA and KUNNEYWA, but I could somehow overtake them in so I did not lose much time. I accidentally busted a muffler and so I will be careful to finish the day.

18. Yasunori HAGIWARA

There was a mismatch between tyres and shock absorbers' settings, so I am adjusting them and could run the rally so far. I will try to do good on one more stage.

19. Kosuke TAKASHINO

I am driving steady and safe. The car is in better condition than the previous rally, Rally Yokote, and I am enjoying driving.