

September 15, 2018

LEG 1B

APRC Flash No. 3

Weather: Fine

Temperature: 24°C

Road Condition: Dry

After Stage 8 KUNNEYWA 2

DRIVER COMMENTS

1. Yuya SUMIYAMA

Now I am the alone in the APRC in this competition so it is difficult to find a good pace, but I am trying to catch my own pace. There is no problem with the car at all.

3. Fabio FRISIERO

Car is good. We took a little risk in a jump but this stage was better than before.

5. Eiichi IWASHITA

The road is more rough than I expected, so I am driving carefully, not to damage the car or tyre. Strange noise is now coming out of the rear differential, but once we get to Satsunai (where there is the last stage for the day and the Service Park are located) I think we can fix it.

10. Masahiko MIYAMOTO

This is tough rally, with so many retired cars. But I feel so good. Condition of the car is good, except for tyre getting soft. But it is ok.

11. Takashi MORI

Roads are so rough. I am driving carefully, in order to finish the rally successfully. The car is ok.

14. Futoshi MURASE

I was driving while checking the condition on the first loop, and we had some troubles but they were repaired at the service, so I am pushing a bit harder and harder gradually.

16. Kumiko KOIDE (by Tadayuki Akima, co-driver)

So many cars retired, so I slowed down a bit to finish the rally.

We originally planned that my wife (Kumiko Koide) to drive this stage, but as she is not feeling well I drove for her.

Our mechanics are working hard. I reported them that I hit my car to something but they assured me it is ok, after checking. So I am feeling comfortable to push harder.

17. Toshihiro INOMATA

It was 2nd run of the KUNNEYWA stage, and I reduced speed on the spot which I felt dangerous on the previous run. Although I slowed down, I found it was actually right speed and I did not take unnecessary risk. It was sad to see my teammate was stuck in the stage but I will try to successfully complete the rest of the rally.

Muffler got busted a bit and now and the power of the car is reduced a bit, and I would like to fix it during the service tonight and enable the car to show full performance.

18. Yasunori HAGIWARA

It was easier to drive than the 1st run. I mean, the stage got more tricky, but for me it was easier for me – we changed settings of the car a lot. So I now feel the car got much better. My only concern is fuel – I hope we have enough.