

September 16, 2018

LEG 2

APRC Flash No. 4

Weather: Cloudy

Temperature: 16°C

Road Condition: Dry

At TC9E (Service D out)

DRIVER COMMENTS

1. Yuya SUMIYAMA

(with his 5 min lead against the 2nd fastest driver), I will keep my own pace today,

2. Mike YOUNG

The car is back to normal. Yesterday it was unfortunate but today is a new day. I will enjoy the car and enjoy the stages today.

3. Fabio FRISIERO

Everything is ok. Car is good, and the road is good. I do not know what my objective for today will be, as I do not know what will happen on the road.

4. Atsushi MASUMURA

I will drive steady today and check my skill level.

5. Eiichi IWASHITA

The gap against the car behind us is approx 40 seconds, so I will try to gain more so that I will not have to take a risk and push very hard.

6. Fuyuhiko TAKAHASHI

Even if we cannot go faster than crawling speed, I am determined to come back here to finish the rally. I will finish the rally while trying to avoid making the car behind me upset for my slowness,

7. Mitsuhiro AOKI

I had to retire for the day on the very first stage for the day yesterday, due to mechanical problem. But our mechanics fixed them so I will enjoy the rally today.

8. Masaki YAMADA

I went off the course on 2nd run of YAM WAKKA stage (SS6) with my own fault – I heard the pace note wrong. I will try hard but not too hard, and finish the rally.

9. Tomohide HASEGAWA

Yesterday I had a problem with engine but there was no damage to the car, and the engine was fixed now. We have many wonderful stages today so I will enjoy the rally.

This is my 11th participation to the Rally Hokkaido. I see numbers of tourist visiting Hokkaido has decreased (due to recent earthquake), so I came to cheer up the people in Hokkaido.

10. Masahiko MIYAMOTO

Aiming to finish the rally, I will go with my own pace.

11. Takashi MORI

It was tough rally yesterday, but I could come back. I will drive safe today, too.

14. Futoshi MURASE

Finishing the rally is first priority, and that is team order to me. So I will be careful not to put too much stress on the car and will bring the car to the finish.

15. Yasushi AOYAMA

We still have long distance go go, so we will go steadily today.

16. Kumiko KOIDE

This has been tough rally. I think the road condition will be somewhat wet, so I will drive carefully today.

17. Toshihiro INOMATA

I had some minor issues like busted muffler, but none of them actually affected stage time, so I could drive well. Rather than pushing hard, I will be careful to catch a good rhythm and finish the rally.

18. Yasunori HAGIWARA

On our way back to the service park yesterday, somebody accidentally hit his car into the rear of my car, causing severe damage. So, it was another dramatic twist in my story of the rally.