

2011 Formula Nippon Rd.1  
SUZUKA Circuit  
15 MAY 2011

## RACE

PETRONAS Team Tom's driver Andre Lotterer won the first round of 2011 Formula Nippon at Suzuka. And Kazuki Nakajima finished 3<sup>rd</sup> for his first Japanese top formula race.

- Andre did great start again from 6<sup>th</sup> position to 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Kazuki made pit stop early stage as planned and run very consistently
- Team crew made great pit job to push Andre to top position
- Both drivers share podium at Suzuka

Drivers	Car No.	Chassis No.	Race Result / Fastest Lap
Andre Lotterer	36		P 1 1:45.666
Kazuki Nakajima	37		P 3 1:46.266

Weather	Overcast and Sunny	
Temperatures	Air: 23-24C	Track: 35-38C

### ANDRE LOTTERER

"I paid off to fantastic job of team that provide me a good car in the race by this my win here in Suzuka of first race in this year. And I would like to say thank you to a lot of fans came to the circuit today even Japan is having some bad time. I hope every body enjoyed our race. Actually, I worried a litter at the free practice in this morning but we had made a big step forward with our car and it was very good."

### KAZUKI NAKAJIMA

"It was very bad yesterday but it is great today. We had to race without testing of long run. So we got together what we had and our strategy to make pit stop early stage of the race. It was the right to do it and make position up from 14<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. My car balance was so nice and race pace was good to stayed away following car at very end of the race. After one year with out race, I got myself back positive feeling to compete in the series."

### TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 36)

"Great start of Andre was the everything for win today. We struggled every sessions here is Suzuka but we could get together for race at last. It was right thing to change for race and it work very much for very consistent and fast race pace."

### MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 37)

"We planned to make pit stop earlier. From Kazuki's experience, we had confidence to make good race pace in long run. And Kazuki made did very good re-start after pit service, it make several second less than others to back track. It was the exF1 driver's job."

### NOBUHIDE TACHI

"It is great for our team both of our driver got podium and Andre scored his 10<sup>th</sup> win in the series. And Kazuki shown proving his former F1 driver performance. Both drivers drove excellent today and team staff made great job after struggled every sessions. Our strategy was good, pit stop were fantastic. Thank you to everyone at PETRONAS Team Tom's for their perfect work."