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## Final Media Conference

**PRESENT:**

Yuya SUMIYAMA	(CUSCO RACING)
Daniel PALAU	(DANIEL PALAU)
Thierry SONG	(DANIEL PALAU)
Karamjit SINGH	(PROTON R3 CUSUCO RALLY TEAM)
Vivek PONNUSAMY	(PROTON R3 CUSUCO RALLY TEAM)
Akira BAMBA	(PROTON R3 CUSUCO RALLY TEAM)

**QUESTION: Congratulations and welcome to the post event media conference. First of all we would like to congratulate Mr.Sumiyama. And, first of all, if you do not mind double start with you, Karamjit? This is your third podium in Hokkaido? And it looks like you are doing very well this year. You are posting great times in the car that is significantly slower than Group N cars. So it looks like those seven years never existed.**

SINGH: I mean it's very sad I missed seven years. Probably I would have won many more rallies if I was in driving those seven years. But you know rally is so expensive sports and when you have no sponsors you can not rally well. Anyway I'm very happy to be here. Last year we won Asia Pacific Rally Championship and plan to do the same this year. And we have a good lead in the points now and we have won class this year. And so we are very happy to be here. It's a very good points. We are very happy to be fast and got to drive in the APRC.

**QUESTION: Do you have a plan to extend a program to next year? Maybe drive a full season with Proton S2000 car?**

SINGH: Yeah, I think you asked me the same question last year.

**QUESTION: You can go for left wheel as well.**

SINGH: If they can make a right hand drive I think I can drive, but I cannot drive a left-hand drive. I cannot drive fast enough. So they have to give me a right-hand drive car.

**QUESTION: Well, with Toshi Arai we make his cars to left-hand drive, so maybe you should do the same.**

SINGH: Hmm, nice try, but I cannot drive 100% that way. Ah, O.K, yeah, right-hand-drive. Yes.

**QUESTION: Thank you. Then, Daniel, I know well you are a many-times champion in New Caledonia and this is your first time in winning Asia-Pacific event. Was it more difficult than winning in New Caledonia?**

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(for PALAU): Yes, it is quite difficult to drive overseas. Because, in New Caledonia, it's a very small island, and you use everyday the same stage, so we know the stages, so we can't progress, so we want to. So we are very happy to get result here today.

**QUESTION: Mr.Sumiyama, congratulations. You won both in the APRC category and Rally Hokkaido overall.**

SUMIYAMA: Thank you.

**QUESTION: You were on the podium in Malaysia and this time, too. Now you seem to be a hero. You are the first in the points in Asia Cup.**

SUMIYAMA: Yes, I am. I am happy because I've been very good and finished these two days without problems. Of course S2000's were fast, and so I aimed the third. Unfortunately they retired, that's why I think I am here. I am really lucky and happy this week.

**QUESTION: Mr.BAMBA, this is the second prize you won this year. I think this is a great job. Are you thinking that you will finish Junior Cup and change to other programs next year?**

BAMBA: I am not thinking about that at all. If I can participate in rallies, obviously I am alright in the same class. I don't know I can step up or not. But what I've achieved this time may lead to the good steps next year, I think.