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Toyota views motorsports activities as a valuable component of the process of conceiving vehicles that embody dreams and excitement.

In 2008, Toyota was a prominent participant at the highest levels of automobile racing, including the Formula One World Championship (F1) races around the globe, SUPER GT and Formula Nippon series races in Japan, and National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) races in the United States. In addition, we played a part in developing young drivers through activities that extend to entry-level motorsports events. Our most visible activity is the Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP), which aims to give young drivers the skills to compete at all levels. Motorsports activities also include the development of racing-oriented hybrid car technologies.

In 2009, we take part in F1, SUPER GT, Formula Nippon and NASCAR races even as we significantly cut expenses. Also, we will continue to conduct the TDP to foster the development of tomorrow's motorsports drivers.

### ❖ F1

In 2009, Toyota is participating in F1 championship racing for the 8th year. We will start using the new TF109 car that boasts even better performance and reliability. The TF109 has a wider front wing and other new exterior features in association with the revised F1 aerodynamic regulations. We will continue to rely on the driving team of Jarno Trulli and Timo Glock as we pursue our first F1 victory in 2009. As in 2008, Toyota is again supplying engines for cars of the AT&T Williams Team.

### ❖ NASCAR

In the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, NASCAR's highest-ranking races, and in the Nationwide Series, our goal is to capture the series championship with the Toyota Camry, which won 10 times in the 2008 Sprint Cup Series. The Toyota Tundra will again compete in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (Craftsman Truck Series in prior years), in which we captured both the manufacturer's and driver's championships in 2008.

### ❖ SUPER GT

On the domestic racing scene, Toyota Technocraft, Co., Ltd. (TRD), supported teams running the Lexus SC430 vehicles participated in GT500 races, the top class of SUPER GT. In the GT300 class, we provided support for teams racing the Lexus IS350 and Toyota Corolla Axio.

### ❖ Formula Nippon

In Formula Nippon, the premier formula racing category in Japan, Toyota supplied RV8K V8 3.4-liter engines for eight cars driven by five racing teams. In 2009, we are aiming for the fourth consecutive victory through a car powered by a Toyota engine.

### ❖ Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP)

TDP enhances the skills of talented drivers by providing the opportunity to participate in actual races, including F1, GP2, and F3 racing. In 2009, the program has placed 10 promising young candidates worldwide, including Kazuki Nakajima, now in his second year as a full-time driver for the AT&T Williams Team.



- A** Jarno Trulli finished third in the F1 Australian Grand Prix
- B** Formula One World Championship (F1)
- C** SUPER GT
- D** Formula Nippon
- E** NASCAR
- F** The talented members of the TDP

