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Singapore Race Car Driver Melvin Choo Announces 2009 Race Schedule and Experiential Web Site

Singapore, 4 April 2009 - Leading Singapore race car driver, Melvin Choo, of Thunder Asia Racing, has announced his 2009 race participation schedule and an associated web presence, which will be an interactive experience to engage stakeholders and the public for all his races.

Melvin has a packed racing calendar for 2009, with more than 18 races lined up for the year. The highlight for the year includes participating in the most prominent Asian race, the Super GT (S-GT) from June 20 to 21, 2009, another breakthrough for Singapore motorsports. He will be competing with a mutated Toyota Celica GT300 which he will be driving for the first time in Round 4, Sepang International Circuit.

On top of this series, he will be participating in 3 races in FIA World Touring Car Championships (FIA WTCC), and a full season in Aston Martin Asia Cup (AMAC), which he came in third overall in 2008 and in Porsche Carrera Cup Asia (PCCA), which he will be participating in a Corum sponsored car.

TEAM Singapore Melvin is also revving engines in both Aston Martin Asia Cup and Porsche Carrera Cup Asia in his home track as support races for the upcoming F1 GP in Singapore.

In view of the growing interest in motorcar racing amongst fellow Singaporeans, Melvin Choo has launched his new website at www.melvinchoo.com with features to enable fellow car racing enthusiasts to immerse in the world of racing. The web site will provide information such as his current and ongoing race participation schedule, the most updated results of his races, as well as a blog, which will be updated regularly to reflect his first hand account of the races, his experience before and after the races, as well as thoughts on the races. It will be an engaging and interactive experience for sponsors, stakeholders, media, friends, and fans alike.

About Melvin Choo

Melvin Choo (# 69) is the first Singaporean race driver to achieve a remarkable feat of chalking up 30 race participations in 2008, with a total of 7 victories, 8 podium finishes and 5 pole positions in three different cars, Aston Martin, BMW and Porsche, representing accomplishment through expertise.

Becoming the Class B winner in the JPM Integra Championship in Malaysia, jumpstart his racing career in Asia in 2006. In 2007, Melvin took part in some of the

most prominent races in Asia; AFOS Asia Touring Car Series (AFOS ATCS), where he finished second in Division 2 and third overall, Asian Touring Car Cup, where he finished second overall and awarded the fastest front wheel driver and JPM Integra Championships, where he was third overall.

2008 was Melvin's breakthrough year where he successfully raced in four renowned high profile events in motorsports; FIA World Touring Car Championships (FIA WTCC), AFOS Asia Touring Car Series (AFOS ATCS), Aston Martin Asia Cup (AMAC), and Porsche Carrera Cup Asia (PCCA).

It is also the year he placed Singapore on the international map of motorcar racing as the first and only South-East Asian to race at the FIA WTCC well known for its stringent qualifying process, and by achieving the rare task of scoring points in his debut FIA WTCC race in Okayama, Japan.

About Thunder Asia Racing

Thunder Asia Racing is an experienced racing team with a portfolio of more than 10 years of major race participation and more than 72 racing vehicles built to date. The team has participated in 4 of the highest profile race events in Asia, with 3 of the most prolific racing cars in the world (BMW, Aston Martin, and Porsche). The race drivers' cumulative experience totals more than 100 years between them, and has 32 race wins of 52 races throughout the 10 years of competition. The team has past involvements with factory teams for Honda, Proton, and Lotus.

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