

News Release

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Third round of 2015 MFJ All Japan Road Race Championship Series: Rider Takumi Takahashi takes second on the MuSASHi RT HARC-Pro, supplied with Akebono brake system

Tokyo, Japan – (June 3, 2015) – The MuSASHi RT HARC-Pro (rider: Takumi Takahashi), for which Akebono supplies brake systems, took second place in the JSB1000 class race in the third round of the 2015 MFJ All Japan Road Race Championship Series on May 31 at the Twin Ring Motegi race track in Tochigi Prefecture, Japan.

Starting in the seventh position, Takahashi moved into second place by the first corner. For the race, his average lap time was around 1' 49". During the race, the third place rider closed to within one second, but Takahashi made a strong finish to place second.

Takayuki Mukasa, in charge of on-site support for the team, and a Staff Engineer of Akebono Advanced Engineering Co., Ltd.* said, "we are proud that our brake system contributed to the team's second place finish, providing reliable performance under harsh 31 degrees celsius temperatures at the circuit. We will work closely with the team to further improve our brake systems."

The fourth round of the 2015 MFJ All Japan Road Race Championship Series is going to be held at the SUGO Circuit in Miyagi prefecture, Japan on Sunday, June 28.

Leveraging the company's sophisticated brake technologies and development capability, since 2002 Akebono has partnered in numerous motorsports activities, with the aim of further augmenting expertise in the fields of high-performance brake materials, advanced structural designs and surface finishing technologies. The company will utilize this technological capability in developing brake products for high-performance road cars.



RACE DATA

Weather: Clear

Course: Dry

Temperature: 31 C degrees

Laps: 32 (1 lap: 4,801m)

Spectators: 6,800

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