



# Race Report



## GT Asia AUTO POLIS Round-9&10

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## Audi R8 LMS Achieves the consecutive point-finishes at GT Asia in Autopolis

Hitotsuyama Racing achieved the consecutive point-finishes with two cars, Audi R8 LMS and Porsche 997 GT3 cup at GT Asia Round 9 and 10 held in Autopolis, Kyushu, on October 1st and 2nd.

In the afternoon of October 1st, two 15-minute qualifying sessions were held with 10 minutes interval. Frank Yu, who took the steering wheel of Audi R8 LMS this time, went for the time trial vigorously while warming up the tires carefully in the beginning. R8 LMS is beyond the reach of its rivals in the absolute machine power; however, Frank Yu acquired some time in in-field section and achieved the positions third in overall and fourth in overall in the first and second qualifying sessions respectively.

Round 9 was held as a 40-minute timed race after the qualifying session of Super GT. Lamborghini and Porsche, which excel the acceleration, passed us at the rolling start and we lost 3 positions and placed 6th by the first corner. After that, the battle for the 3rd position became heated up. Lamborghini, Porsche and Audi developed the very close battle and made the spectators excited. After doing the obligatory pit stop, Frank went up to 4th. With a few minutes remaining, #1 Lamborghini and #72 Porsche, battling for the 1st position, made the contact. #72 Porsche got damaged and led to retire from the race. Frank, being robbed his 4th position by #33 Ferrari during this, went up to 4th again due to the retirement of #72 Porsche. Then the drive-through penalty was imposed to #1 Lamborghini because of the contact. #1 Lamborghini went into the pit on the final lap in order to finish the penalty, but it was too late. After all, #2 Lamborghini won the race with 2nd positioned #33 Ferrari and 3rd positioned #30 Audi R8 LMS within 0.5 second, and Frank Yu brought the pleasant 3rd position podium finish to Hitotsuyama Racing.

With one night passed, Round 10 started at 11:50 in the morning on October 2nd. Frank Yu, started from 5th position, was passed by Lamborghini again and went into the

first corner in 6th position. There were keen competitions all over the track again in this Round 10. Frank Yu passed #22 Lamborghini in the beginning and continued to pass #2 Lamborghini easily. Then he shortened the gap of more than 5 seconds to the 3rd positioned #72 Porsche little by little and the battle became tale-to-nose in the middle of the race. This battle was featured on the circuit monitors and got the spectators excited, but the positions stayed the same until the end of the race and Frank Yu finished regrettable 4th.

Still more, Kenji Kobayashi participated in the GTM class with Porsche 997 GT3 cup from Hitotsuyama Racing after attending at Suzuka rounds. He was passed by at the first corner on the final lap and finished 2nd in Round 9, but he made the commemorative win in the GTM class with perfect drive in Round 10. Kobayashi will participate in the final round of Macau GP to be held on November 20th, and this made a great progress to become a GTM class champion.

Hitotsuyama Racing achieved 3rd and 4th in GT3 class and 2nd and 1st in GTM class at this Autopolis rounds consecutively and made a great appeal of existence in GT Asia. We will continue the racing activities, including the racing overseas in view from now on.

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