

# **2024 SUBARU Motorsport Activities**

Tokyo, January 12, 2024 — Subaru Corporation and its motorsport subsidiary Subaru Tecnica International Inc. (STI)<sup>\*1</sup> announced an overview of motorsport activities for 2024.



SUBARU BRZ GT300 2023

SUBARU WRX NBR CHALLENGE 2024

#### **SUPER GT Series**

Subaru will compete in the GT300 class of the SUPER GT Series with the SUBARU BRZ GT300 race car. The Team General Manager will be Masahiro Ozawa, team operations will be managed by R&D SPORT<sup>\*2</sup> and the team manager will be Minoru Sawada from R&D SPORT. Takuto Iguchi and Hideki Yamauchi will be driving for the team.

Subaru aims to winning back the championship with SUBARU BRZ consisted of both environmental friendliness and driving performance by ensuring full response to the adoption of carbon-neutral fuel, which is being considered to introduce for the GT300 class.

## Nürburgring 24-Hour Race

The 52nd Nürburgring 24-Hour Race will take place in Germany on May 30-June 2, and Subaru will compete in the SP4T class<sup>\*3</sup> with the SUBARU WRX NBR CHALLENGE race car.

The Team General Manager Hideharu Tatsumi and the Team Manager Takuya Sawada will lead the team. Carlo van Dam (Netherlands), Tim Schrick (Germany), Kota Sasaki (Japan) and a new driver, Rintaro Kubo (Japan) will be driving for the team.

Compared to the 2023 race car, the 2024 car reviwed the front stabilizer bracket fastening axial force and exhaust manifold structure to improve reliability. Driving performance will be also enhanced by equipping front and rear irregular-shaped aluminum wheels with optimized rim shapes and updated aero parts in various parts. With the enhanced overall performance, Subaru aims to win the SP4T class.

Also, 8 service technicians selected from Subaru dealerships around Japan will again join the team to support the race.

## Japanese Rally Championship

In 2024 series, Subaru will be partially supporting on team operation of Toshihiro Arai. The team will compete in the full series with the race car based on WRX S4 powerd by 2.4 liter direct injection turbo engine and Subaru Global Platform.

In addition service technicians selected from Subaru dealerships will support the maintenance of the vehicles of sponsored drivers at each competition site.

## TOYOTA GAZOO Racing GR86/BRZ Cup

As similar to last year, STI will dispatch its technical service team and provide technical supports for the SUBARU BRZ Cup Car Basic drivers at TOYOTA GAZOO Racing GR86/BRZ Cup race.

#### Super Taikyu Series

For the 2024 season, Subaru will compete in the Super Taikyu Series under the same team name "Team SDA<sup>\*4</sup> Engineering" as in the previous season, with the aim of gaining and providing technical feedback for future production models, including battery electric vehicles (BEVs). In the middle of the season, Subaru will introduce a new machine, incorporating future technologies, train them in the race scenes and continue to take on various challenges throughout the series.

The team will be led by team representative Masahito Motoi and team manager Sho Ito. Subaru employees belonging to Subaru Engineering Division will continue to work on the challenge and take a role to develop and build the race car. Takuto Iguchi and Hideki Yamauchi along with Subaru engineer drivers will be driving the race car.



Team SDA Engineering BRZ CNF Concept

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- \*2: R&D Sport Co., Ltd. (President: Shinji Motojima; Hiratsuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture)
- \*3: Class for 2.0 liter 2.6 liter turbocharged vehicles
- \*4: Acronym for Subaru Driving Academy, a human resources development initiative to raise driving and evaluation skills of Subaru engineers