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## FIA Motorsport Games expands to 18 disciplines for second edition at Circuit Paul Ricard, Marseille

### Selection of HONG KONG TEAM will be scheduled after Q1, 2021



Hong Kong, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021 - The second edition of FIA Motorsport Games is scheduled to take place on 29-31 October at Circuit Paul Ricard. Sports associations from all over the world, including Hong Kong, will select and send representatives to participate in the competition.

In 2019, the first FIA Motorsport Games was launched in Rome, Italy. The unique format of the event gathers international racers to compete for gold in the colours of their national flag. With the participation of more than 49 teams and 192 motorsport athletes from countries and regions around the world, it was no doubt a great success; “The Olympic Games in the Motorsport World” as how the public addressed. There are six disciplines namely GT, Touring Car, Formula 4, Drifting, Karting Slalom and Digital Motorsport in the game; competitors will be selected and nominated to race for a spot on the podium with Gold, Silver



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and Bronze medals to be awarded to the top-three finishers.

For Hong Kong's team, Lee Ying Kin Marchy, Ip Kung Ching Paul, Jim Ka To, Hung Sau Hung Hugo and Law Yat Lam will be our city's representative for GT, Formula 4, Touring Car and Digital Motorsport. Although they could not demonstrate their ability in 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation, the event will be rescheduled to 2021.



As a member of the FIA and Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, HKAA will run the selection program for the second edition of FIA motorsport Games at second quarter 2021. The race will take place from 29-31 October 2021 at Circuit Paul Ricard in Marseille, France, the FIA's top-class Formula 1 circuit and the first circuit in France as well as the second Formula 1 circuit to be awarded the FIA's three-star environmental certification. A total of 18 disciplines, instead of six, in the new edition will be held, representing a threefold increase on the inaugural edition. Hence, we expect more motorsport athletes to represent Hong Kong in this mega event. Further information about the selection program will be announced afterwards.

The 18 disciplines of the second edition are:

1. GT Sprint
2. GT Sprint Relay
3. Touring Car
4. Formula 4
5. Endurance
6. Digital Motorsport
7. Karting Sprint Senior



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8. Karting Sprint Junior
9. Karting Endurance
10. Auto Slalom
11. Karting Slalom
12. Drifting
13. Rally 2
14. Rally 4
15. Historic Rally
16. Historic Regularity Rally
17. Crosscar Senior
18. Crosscar Junior

Multi-make prototype category LMP3 will form the grid for the new Endurance discipline, introducing a long-distance contest to the 2021 FIA Motorsport Games. The creation of a GT Sprint event for pro racers is also significant and will complement the two-driver GT Cup, which retains its pro/am ethos.



The FIA Motorsport Games will venture away from the traditional circuit for its second edition, with rallying set to become a major part of proceedings. Staged on the tarmac roads of Sainte-Baume, four separate disciplines will be included in the 2021 programme, with exciting new additions for high-



performance Rally2 machinery and two-wheel-drive Rally4 cars. The popular historic scene will be on show, too, with Historic Rally and Historic Regularity Rally joining the bill.





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The number of karting events have also increased from one in the first edition to four in this year's edition. Besides the original round-the-bottle race, new events have been added, including an endurance race with four athletes of different genders, and a lap race in the junior and senior categories, further advancing the progress of the basic competition.



Tom Kristensen, President of the FIA Drivers' Commission: "As President of the FIA Drivers' Commission, I am glad to see this amazing event back on track. The FIA Motorsport Games is an exceptional opportunity for the entire motor sport family to come together, from grassroots level to the elite, with women and men from a host of regions and countries all sharing this passion we have for the sport. It is also a chance to give motor sport in your country fresh impetus after this difficult period. As drivers, we don't get many opportunities to race on behalf of our country. I was lucky enough to do so in my career and I have some lasting memories of that time. Whoever you are and whichever country you come from, there's a category that's made for you."



Further news regarding the 2021 FIA Motorsport Games, including detailed information on each discipline and selection criteria, will be announced during the coming months. Please stay tuned to HKAA website [www.hkaa.com.hk](http://www.hkaa.com.hk) and Facebook fan page [www.facebook.com/HKAAfans](https://www.facebook.com/HKAAfans).



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### About The Hong Kong Automobile Association (HKAA)

The Hong Kong Automobile Association (HKAA) is the most recognized and longest established automobile organization formed in Hong Kong and has been in existence since 1918. Affiliated with more than 150 overseas motoring organizations around the world HKAA offers reciprocal services to members.

HKAA is a member of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) and the Hong Kong Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China. As the ASN (National Sporting Authority) in Hong Kong, HKAA's involvement in motorsport began in the 1950s and is the sole Association to issue race competition licenses to members. In addition to this formal role, the Association has been actively involved in the promotion of sporting events, to assist Hong Kong competitors to participate international events in other countries.

As an internationally recognized not-for-profit organization, the HKAA upholds the objectives of serving and protecting our members, serving the community, promoting road safety and motorsports development, and supporting environmental protection.