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Calsonic Kansei Corporation

## Announcement on Calsonic Kansei's participation in the GT500 Class of the Autobacs Super GT 2016 Series

Calsonic Kansei Corporation (President & CEO: Hiroshi Moriya; Headquarters: Kita-ku, Saitama-city) will continue its sponsorship of Hoshino Impul Co., Ltd. for the 2016 season and participate in the GT500 Class of the Autobacs Super GT 2016 series.

Calsonic Kansei first commenced its motorsports sponsorship activities in 1982 and is now in its 35th year. Since the inception of Super GT in 1994\*, Calsonic Kansei has been an ever-present sponsor, and the opening race of this year's series in Okayama in April will mark the company's 167th race.

\*Super GT was known as the "All Japan GT Championship" between 1994 and 2004, and changed its name to "Super GT" in 2005

Calsonic Kansei continues to research "race heat exchanger systems," which demonstrate outstanding performance even in unforgiving race environments, as well as "racecar air-conditioning systems," which act to prevent heat-related illnesses for drivers. Such activities provide feedback and contribute significantly to the improved performance of products used in commercial vehicles.

Led by team principal Kazuyoshi Hoshino, TEAM IMPUL continues for the third year in succession with its driver pairing of Hironobu Yasuda and João Paulo de Oliveira, and has set its sights on becoming series champions, a target that eluded them last year. The team looks forward to your support.

An overview of TEAM IMPUL and the race dates for the 2016 season are detailed below.

### 2016 Team Overview

Team	TEAM IMPUL
Principal	Kazuyoshi Hoshino
Driver	Hironobu Yasuda João Paulo de Oliveira
Machine name	Calsonic IMPUL GT-R
Vehicle	Nissan GT-R NISMO GT500

Autobacs Super GT 2016 Series Race Dates (scheduled)

Round 1	April 9–10	Okayama International Circuit (Okayama Prefecture)
Round 2	May 3–4	Fuji Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture)
Round 3	May 21–22	Autopolis (Oita Prefecture)
Round 4	July 23–24	Sportsland SUGO (Miyagi Prefecture)
Round 5	August 6–7	Fuji Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture)
Round 6	August 27–28	Suzuka Circuit (Mie Prefecture)
Round 7	October 8–9	Chang International Circuit (Thailand)
Round 8	November 12–13	Twin Ring Motegi (Tochigi Prefecture)

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(Reference)

The Calsonic IMPUL GT-R (Nissan GT-R NISMO GT500) 2015 Race Machine



