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Two teams and two cars take TGR-WRT into new WRC era

World champions and rising stars form six-strong driver line-up

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing World Rally Team (TGR-WRT) will field two distinct teams with two different cars and a star-studded driver line-up as the FIA World Rally Championship enters a new era in 2027.

The two squads will compete as **TOYOTA RACING**, debuting the **GR Celica Rally1** car, and **GAZOO Racing TOYOTA**, campaigning the new 2027 **GR Yaris Rally1** car.

The combined driver line-up across the two teams will feature at least three world champions, with the 2026 title winner **Elfyn Evans** joined by two returning heroes in **Ott Tänak** and **Kalle Rovanperä**. Completing an impressive mix of rally-winning experience and proven potential are the WRC's three newest rally winners: **Oliver Solberg**, **Sami Pajari** and **Takamoto Katsuta**.

In 2026, TGR-WRT secured a record-equalling sixth consecutive manufacturers' championship, with all five of its official crews claiming multiple rally wins and contending for the drivers' and co-drivers' titles. Three drivers continued the fight all the way to a thrilling final stage of the season, where Evans ultimately prevailed by just five points ahead of Solberg and six ahead of Pajari.

Under new Rally1 technical regulations for 2027, the ethos of providing all drivers with a car they can win with remains central, with preparations underway to field up to six factory cars on each rally. These will be entered across two teams that will compete as equal challengers for victory, further enhancing competition and creating new stories for fans to follow and enjoy.

TGR-WRT will continue to operate both teams under the same roof at its headquarters in Jyväskylä in Finland. Supporting the competition between them and the development of the two cars will strengthen its efforts to make ever-better cars, drawing on feedback from strong driver line-ups assembled to give both teams the opportunity to compete for victory.

The TOYOTA RACING drivers will be entrusted with the new GR Celica Rally1 car, returning one of the most iconic names in Toyota rally history to the WRC.

Its line-up will be led into the 2027 season by the defending drivers' and co-drivers' champions, Elfyn Evans and Scott Martin. Entering their eighth successive full season with the team, the experienced and ever-consistent Welsh-English duo have started more rallies for Toyota than anyone else in the company's long WRC history and secured their hard-earned first world titles this year having finished runners-up on five previous occasions.

Alongside them will be Oliver Solberg and Elliott Edmondson. The spectacular Swedish driver and his British navigator finished as runners-up in their first full season with TGR-WRT this year – scoring three victories and more stage wins than anyone else – after winning the WRC2 title with the GR Yaris Rally2 car in 2025.

Completing the TOYOTA RACING trio will be another up-and-coming force in the WRC, Sami Pajari and Marko Salminen. The Finns finished third in the standings and took three wins in what was their second full season competing at the highest level, demonstrating exceptional consistency with nine podiums from 13 events.

The GAZOO Racing TOYOTA drivers will take the wheel of the 2027 GR Yaris Rally1 car, aiming to build on the remarkable success already achieved by the GR Yaris under the outgoing ruleset.

Its line-up includes Ott Tänak and Martin Järveoja, who renew their successful WRC partnership with GAZOO Racing seven years after winning the 2019 world championship aboard the Toyota Yaris WRC. In their previous spell with the team, the Estonian duo won 10 rounds of the WRC across two seasons.

Joining them at GAZOO Racing TOYOTA are Takamoto Katsuta and Aaron Johnston, following a breakthrough 2026 campaign in which they achieved their maiden WRC victories in Kenya and Croatia and Katsuta became the first Japanese driver to ever lead the championship standings.

Also making a highly anticipated return to WRC competition with GAZOO Racing TOYOTA following a year away will be Kalle Rovanperä and Jonne Halttunen. Rovanperä became the youngest ever World Rally Champion as the Finnish pairing won back-to-back titles with TGR-WRT in 2022-23, and they will contest a partial season of selected events.

This will provide the team with the possibility to welcome other drivers into its line-up during the season. This could include selected appearances for experienced drivers such as nine-time world champion Sébastien Ogier, who remains part of the GAZOO Racing family. The team will also continue to explore opportunities for young drivers, like those in the GR WRC Challenge Program, who show potential to compete at the top level.

The TGR-WRT name will be retained by the Jyväskylä-based high-performance development company as it moves into an exciting new era. The presentation of the driver line-up at the Jyskä HQ followed an official groundbreaking ceremony the previous day (November 2) at the site of its new technical center now under construction at nearby Majajärvi.

Meanwhile, in the surrounding forests of central Finland, the team is today (November 3) concluding six days of rally simulation testing with its 2027 prototype. The GR Celica Rally1 and GR Yaris Rally1 cars will run to the same new WRC Car regulations – aimed at increasing competition by making the top Rally1 category more accessible – with equal power and performance. With the homologation process due for completion before the end of this year, further details regarding the two cars and their liveries will be released prior to the 2027 season.

Quotes:

Elfyn Evans (TOYOTA RACING driver)

"This was another strong season for us and for the team, and it was obviously very special to finally get the world championship over the line after coming close a few times before. I'm grateful to everyone who has continued to support and believe in us, and especially the team. I'm very happy to head into our eighth season with TOYOTA as we enter this new era. I think we share a similar mentality of always wanting to push for better and achieve more, so our goals are very much aligned. Attention is already turning to next year and what's to come with the new car. It will be very different from what we've been used to, so there's some work ahead for everyone to adapt and get the most out of it. I'm looking forward to that challenge and hope we can keep on achieving good things together."

Oliver Solberg (TOYOTA RACING driver)

"I've had an amazing first full year with the team. It was quite a rollercoaster season, with some incredible highs and also some tough moments, but we learned a lot and to fight for the championship right until the end was something special. Now I just want to take the positives and everything I've learned and look forward. It's a dream for me to be a TOYOTA driver and it's super exciting to enter this new era together and be involved in developing a brand-new car. Next season will be a completely new challenge for everybody so there will be a lot to learn and adapt to again, and hopefully we can have some great competition for everyone to enjoy. I will keep giving my best, enjoy the driving and the battles, and try to achieve more good results."

Sami Pajari (TOYOTA RACING driver)

"I think we can be very happy with our 2026 season and the progress we have made. To take three wins and nine podiums and fight for the championship until the final round was more than we could have expected. I think we have proven that we can be competitive on many different kinds of rallies, and that gives me good confidence for the future. I'm really grateful to the team for supporting us and giving us this opportunity to grow and develop. I'm still young and I know there are areas in which we can keep improving and become even stronger for the future. Next year will be something completely new for everybody with the new cars, so there will be more things to learn, and I'm looking forward to the challenge. Hopefully we can build on what we've already achieved, keep pushing and enjoy more great moments."

Ott Tänak (GAZOO Racing TOYOTA driver)

"I'm honoured to be back with GAZOO Racing TOYOTA and the team with which Martin and I became world champions. We have very good memories from our previous time here, and I have a lot of respect for the people and what they have achieved, so it has been nice to start working together again this year in a development role. I have enjoyed having some time away from competition, but the desire to drive has still been strong, and it's been an interesting challenge to get involved in this new project. With such big technical changes, there has been a lot for us to discover and learn during this process. I'm excited to continue that work and have the opportunity to compete with the new car next season. It's going to be a new start for everybody and there are still a lot of unknowns, but I'm looking forward to getting back on the stages and pushing together with the team to achieve some good results."

Takamoto Katsuta (GAZOO Racing TOYOTA driver)

"This has been a special year for me, especially because I could achieve a target I had for a long time and take my first WRC victories. I'm very grateful to everybody who has supported me on this journey, but I still have a bigger target – to fight for a world championship title – so I need to keep working, pushing and improving myself. I feel very proud and fortunate to have driven some of the fastest ever rally cars thanks to this team, and now I'm really looking forward to a new challenge. It will be very interesting to see how these new cars develop, and I will try to adapt as soon as possible. It will also be very special for me to have Ott and Kalle back alongside me. They are both very good friends who have helped me a lot over the years, and I'm really excited to work and push together with them as team-mates."

Kalle Rovanperä (GAZOO Racing TOYOTA driver)

"I'm really happy to have the opportunity to compete in rallies with GAZOO Racing TOYOTA and Jonne again next year. This team has always felt like family to me, and in a way I never really felt that I had left. I'm enjoying having the chance to do some different things, but rallying has been a huge part of my life and I naturally started to miss the driving after a while. The main priority this year became my health and once I was fit to drive again, the team offered me the opportunity to test the development car and from there we started making plans for next season. It's an interesting time to come back, and while the new cars will be very different from what we had before, that makes it an exciting new challenge for me. The main thing will be to enjoy the driving and the competition, learn about the car, and see what we can do together."

Team	TOYOTA RACING	GAZOO Racing TOYOTA
Car	GR Celica Rally1	GR Yaris Rally1
Crews	Elfyn Evans/Scott Martin Oliver Solberg/Elliott Edmondson Sami Pajari/Marko Salminen	Ott Tänak/Martin Järveoja Takamoto Katsuta/Aaron Johnston Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen

TGR-WRT TECHNICAL CENTER

A new home built for the future



A new technical center at Majajärvi will provide a purpose-built home for TOYOTA GAZOO Racing World Rally Team's activities in the heart of Central Finland.

Blending cutting-edge technology with Finnish nature, the new facility is being designed and constructed with full respect for its surroundings, including the use of natural materials. The new headquarters will reflect TGR-WRT's technical excellence and provide a state-of-the-art base for making ever-better cars. Surrounded by the forests and the rally roads for which the region is renowned, Majajärvi provides a fitting setting for TGR-WRT's new home.

Developed in close cooperation with the City of Jyväskylä and Sweco, Majajärvi represents the opportunity to create facilities specifically around the company's needs. While current and previous homes in Jyväskylä have been adapted to fit their purpose, the new technical center has been designed from the outset to bring key operations and people together on one site, including production and warehouse facilities, engineering and design offices, and customer motorsport activities, alongside visitor areas including a museum.

An adjacent dedicated test area will provide TGR-WRT with its own shakedown venue for factory and customer rally cars; work on this began in April 2026 and is due to be completed by January 2027. Construction of the technical center began in August 2026, with completion scheduled for August 2028. The Majajärvi site also includes a separate warehouse which is already built and being used to house items including historic cars.

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A total of 19 potential sites were initially evaluated before attention turned to land at Majajärvi made available by the City of Jyväskylä. From the beginning, the development of the site has been closely linked to its natural surroundings. Detailed studies were carried out to understand the existing environment, including its wildlife and plant life, as well as potential noise and dust impacts. The findings helped determine where the different elements of the development should be located, with construction focused on areas with lower existing natural value.

The test area is being constructed principally over an old sand pit, while the technical center is located where forest had already been cleared. The building follows the natural contours of the land to reduce the need for major earthworks, while natural materials and colours have been chosen to complement its surroundings and exterior lighting will be kept as low as possible.

Existing outdoor activities in the area have also been considered, with a long-established ski route preserved in its original location through a dedicated tunnel. Sustainability extends to the center's energy solutions, with solar panels planned to support its energy consumption and a local district-heating system providing heating and cooling. A separate start-up campus is also planned to provide space for companies working on technologies connected with CO_2-free mobility and environmental solutions.

Together, the new facilities will strengthen TGR-WRT's international motorsport activities and its long-established roots in Central Finland, creating a new home designed for the challenges and opportunities ahead.



TOYOTA GAZOO Racing TGR-WRT

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2027 LINE-UP

TOYOTA RACING

ELFYN EVANS

Driver

Date of birth: 28 December 1988
Nationality: Wales

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2008: British and Irish Fiesta Trophy champion
2010: British Junior Rally champion
2012: WRC Academy champion
2016: British Rally Champion
2017: First WRC win (Britain)
2020: WRC runner-up, 2 wins
2021: WRC runner-up, 2 wins
2023: WRC runner-up, 3 wins
2024: WRC runner-up, 1 win
2025: WRC runner-up, 2 wins
2026: World Rally Champion, 2 wins

WRC STATISTICS

Starts: 171
Wins: 13
Podiums: 51
Stage wins: 231

2027 LINE-UP

TOYOTA RACING

SCOTT MARTIN

Co-Driver

Date of birth: 6 November 1982
Nationality: Britain

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2004: First WRC rally
2007: International Fiesta Trophy champion
2014: 3rd in European Rally Championship
2015: 2nd in European Rally Championship
2016: First WRC podium (Finland)
2020: WRC runner-up, 2 wins
2021: WRC runner-up, 2 wins
2023: WRC runner-up, 3 wins
2024: WRC runner-up, 1 win
2025: WRC runner-up, 2 wins
2026: World Rally Champion, 2 wins

WRC STATISTICS

Starts: 215
Wins: 12
Podiums: 46
Stage wins: 210

2027 LINE-UP

TOYOTA RACING

OLIVER SOLBERG

Driver

Date of birth: 23 September 2001
Nationality: Sweden

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2019: Latvian Rally Champion
2019: First WRC rally
2020: European Junior Rally Champion
2021: WRC1 debut
2022: 12th in WRC
2024: 2nd in WRC2, 3 wins
2025: WRC2 champion, 5 wins
2025: First WRC win (Estonia)
2026: WRC runner-up, 3 wins

WRC STATISTICS

Starts: 74
Wins: 4
Podiums: 7
Stage wins: 74

2027 LINE-UP

TOYOTA RACING

ELLIOTT EDMONDSON

Driver

Date of birth: 29 August 1994
Nationality: Britain

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2013: First WRC rally
2017: European Junior Rally Champion
2019: WRC1 debut
2020: 11th in WRC
2022: 13th in WRC
2024: 2nd in WRC2, 3 wins
2025: WRC2 champion, 5 wins
2025: First WRC win (Estonia)
2026: WRC runner-up, 3 wins

WRC STATISTICS

Starts: 89
Wins: 4
Podiums: 7
Stage wins: 74

2027 LINE-UP

TOYOTA RACING

SAMI PAJARI

Driver

Date of birth: 1 December 2001
Nationality: Finland

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2018: Finnish Youth champion
2019: First WRC rally
2021: Junior WRC champion
2023: 7th in WRC2, 1 win
2024: WRC2 champion, 3 wins
2024: First events in Rally1
2025: 8th in WRC, 1 podium
2026: First WRC win (Estonia)
2026: 3rd in WRC, 3 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 71
Wins: 3
Podiums: 10
Stage wins: 46

2027 LINE-UP

TOYOTA RACING

MARKO SALMINEN

Co-Driver

Date of birth: 10 October 1978
Nationality: Finland

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2008: First WRC rally
2011: Finnish Rally Champion
2013: Finnish Rally Champion
2013: British Rally Champion
2015: Finnish Rally Champion
2016: Finnish Rally Champion
2019: First events in WRC1
2021: Junior WRC champion
2025: 8th in WRC, 1 podium
2026: First WRC win (Estonia)
2026: 3rd in WRC, 3 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 77
Wins: 3
Podiums: 10
Stage wins: 48

2027 LINE-UP

GAZOO Racing TOYOTA

OTT TÄNAK

Driver

Date of birth: 15 October 1987
Nationality: Estonia

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2008: Estonian Rally Champion
2009: Estonian Rally Champion
2009: First WRC rally – Rally Portugal
2010: European Pirelli Star Driver
2011: 2nd overall FIA SWRC Championship (3 wins)
2017: First WRC win (Sardinia)
2017: 3rd in WRC, 2 wins
2018: 3rd in WRC, 4 wins
2019: World Rally Champion, 6 wins
2020: 3rd in WRC, 1 win
2022: 2nd in WRC, 3 wins
2024: 3rd in WRC, 2 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 176
Wins: 22
Podiums: 58
Stage wins: 439

2027 LINE-UP

GAZOO Racing TOYOTA

MARTIN JÄRVEOJA

Co-Driver

Date of birth: 18 August 1987
Nationality: Estonia

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2006: First rally
2010: First WRC rally – Jordan Rally
2014: First WRC 2 victory – Rally Sweden
2014: Finnish Rally Champion
2017: First WRC win (Sardinia)
2017: 3rd in WRC, 2 wins
2018: 3rd in WRC, 4 wins
2019: World Rally Champion, 6 wins
2020: 3rd in WRC, 1 win
2022: 2nd in WRC, 3 wins
2024: 3rd in WRC, 2 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 147
Wins: 22
Podiums: 54
Stage wins: 389

2027 LINE-UP

GAZOO Racing TOYOTA

TAKAMOTO KATSUTA

Driver

Date of birth: 17 March 1993
Nationality: Japan

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: First WRC2 rally
2018: First WRC2 win
2019: First events in Yaris WRC
2021: 7th in WRC, 1 podium
2022: 5th in WRC, 2 podiums
2023: 7th in WRC, 1 podium
2024: 6th in WRC, 1 podium
2025: 6th in WRC, 2 podiums
2026: First WRC win (Kenya)
2026: 6th in WRC, 2 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 104
Wins: 2
Podiums: 11
Stage wins: 65

2027 LINE-UP

GAZOO Racing TOYOTA

AARON JOHNSTON

Co-Driver

Date of birth: 2 February 1995
Nationality: Ireland

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2019: First WRC rally
2020: 2nd in European Rally Championship
2020: 3rd in WRC3
2021: WRC1 debut
2022: 5th in WRC, 2 podiums
2023: 7th in WRC, 1 podium
2024: 6th in WRC, 1 podium
2025: 6th in WRC, 2 podiums
2026: 6th in WRC, 2 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 80
Wins: 2
Podiums: 10
Stage wins: 61

2027 LINE-UP

GAZOO Racing TOYOTA

KALLE ROVANPERÄ

Driver

Date of birth: 1 October 2000
Nationality: Finland

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016/17: Latvian Rally Champion
2017: First WRC2 win
2019: WRC2 Pro champion
2020: 5th in WRC
2021: 4th in WRC, 2 wins
2022: World Rally Champion, 6 wins
2023: World Rally Champion, 3 wins
2025: 3rd in WRC, 3 wins

WRC STATISTICS

WRC starts: 86
Wins: 18
Podiums: 30
Stage wins: 269

2027 LINE-UP

GAZOO Racing TOYOTA

JONNE HALTTUNEN

Co-Driver

Date of birth: 13 December 1985
Nationality: Finland

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2011: First WRC rally
2017: Finnish Rally Champion
2019: WRC2 Pro champion
2020: 5th in WRC
2021: 4th in WRC, 2 wins
2022: World Rally Champion, 6 wins
2023: World Rally Champion, 3 wins
2025: 3rd in WRC, 3 wins

WRC STATISTICS

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GR WRC CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Developing the next generation

The GAZOO Racing WRC Challenge Program continues to nurture and develop young athletes with the potential to compete on the world stage.

Founded in 2015, the Program played a key role in Takamoto Katsuta's journey from rally beginner to WRC event winner. It continues to support and develop young Japanese drivers with ambitions of following in Katsuta's footsteps, many of whom have no prior rally experience, and was expanded for 2026 to give opportunities to exceptional young talent from around the world.

Yuki Yamamoto, from the Program's second generation, took on an expanded schedule of WRC events in 2026 driving the GR Yaris Rally2 car. In the highly competitive WRC2 category, he continued to demonstrate progress with his pace and achieved a landmark first podium on home roads at Rally Japan. Established as his country's leading contender at Rally2 level and proving the pathway available for aspiring Japanese drivers, Yamamoto will target more strong results in 2027 when he returns to WRC2 for a championship campaign across selected rallies.

In 2026, a trio of drivers made their debut in the GR Yaris Rally2 and gained valuable experience across a range of national, European and World championship events. Young Estonian Jaspar Vaher, who joined the Program ahead of this year following its first-ever selection for global talent, impressed with his performances after stepping up from two-wheel drive machinery, achieving his first overall victories at the Rallye Ciudad de Pozoblanco in Spain and Jyväskylä Ralli in Finland as well as a strong fourth place in WRC2 at Rally Finland. Japan's Takumi Matsushita, from the Program's third generation, also claimed an overall win at Rali Terras d'Aboboreira in Portugal and showed promise and progress across different surfaces in what was only his third season of rally competition.

For 2027, Vaher and Matsushita have been chosen to take the next step and gain more experience through an expanded programme of WRC rounds across Europe and in Japan. Their preparation will include competing in the Rallye du Dévoluy in the French Alps this December. Shotaro Goto's participation with the Program has concluded following the end of his 2026 season. During his three years with the Program he has shown significant growth, and all involved wish him every success for the future.

Rio Ogata and Kanta Yanaguida, the Program's fourth generation of drivers, made history in 2026 as they finished first and second in the Finnish Rally Championship's SM2 class, with Ogata becoming the first Japanese driver to ever win a Finnish rally title after a close battle between the pair.

With both showing strong promise while still early in their rally careers, having only contested their first events with the Program in mid-2025, Ogata and Yanaguida will continue at the wheel

of Rally3 machinery into next year, making more WRC3 appearances to gain further experience through longer and tougher rallies, while also testing Rally2 cars to prepare for the next step.

Hiroya Minowa, the Program's newest and youngest driver, made his rally debut in June and has shown encouraging progress across his first six events. For 2027, the 17-year-old will step up from Rally4 to Rally3 machinery, initially continuing to compete in Finland and the Baltic region due to his young age, with the potential for his schedule to be expanded later in the season.

Tomiya Maekawa, the only co-driver in the Program, continued to develop his experience across a variety of events in 2026, competing alongside Jarkko Nikara in Rally3 cars and joining Jari-Matti Latvala for selected historic rally outings. In 2027, Maekawa will become Latvala's navigator on a more regular basis, focusing on the FIA European Historic Rally Championship.

Quotes:

Yuki Yamamoto

"During 2026 there have been ups and downs but I've learned a lot. I feel my performance definitely improved, as I could fight with the best drivers in WRC2 in some stages and set fastest times. In some rallies we had really consistent pace and could achieve a strong result, like the podium at Rally Japan. That showed what we are capable of and gives me confidence and encouragement for the future. There were also mistakes and incidents which meant I didn't always turn our pace into a good result. That is what I need to work on for next year to bring everything together, working on my driving as well as the physical and mental side, to avoid mistakes and be more consistent. I'm very grateful to everyone who has been supporting me, and together I feel we can have a fantastic year and fight for wins and the championship."

Jaspar Vaher

"My first season with the Program has been a very positive experience. It was my first season in a four-wheel drive car and I was able to gain a lot of experience from many different rallies. I also had the opportunity to prove myself against the fastest drivers in the Rally2 category, and I believe we showed good potential and achieved good results, so I'm really happy about that. I'm really excited to take another step forward next year and do more WRC events. It will be a big challenge, and on rallies that are new to me I will need to be patient, but on rallies where I have some prior experience, I hope I can show more of my potential and achieve good results. Thank you to the Program for giving me this amazing opportunity to follow my dream, to my instructor Juho Hänninen, and to everyone supporting me."

Takumi Matsushita

"My first season driving the GR Yaris Rally2 car was a learning experience at every event. The chassis and suspension are completely different from what I knew so I found it difficult to adapt at first, but winning in Portugal gave me a lot of confidence. After that, considering my lack of experience, I think I can be satisfied with my driving. I'm excited to contest more WRC rounds next season and compete regularly in the same class as many top drivers. It's an environment where I can really grow and gain experience. On rallies that are new to me I'll prioritise learning, while on those I already know, I hope to show speed close to the front of WRC2. I'd like to thank the team and our partners for this incredible opportunity, and I hope to repay everyone's support through my attitude and my results."

Rio Ogata

"This year brought many new experiences for me. Stepping up to Rally3 was not easy at first but also a really enjoyable challenge. After a surprise win in our first event, I had some tough moments over the rest of the winter, but once we moved to gravel and asphalt, we could show speed and consistency and win the championship in Finland. I also made some mistakes and have many things to improve, and the longer rallies showed me that there is still a lot to learn. I'm really thankful to the team and to be able to continue with the support of this amazing Program next year. I'm looking forward to taking on some different rallies with the Rally3 car, and gaining more experience with the GR Yaris Rally2. I can't wait to get started, and I'll keep pushing."

Kanta Yanaguida

"Stepping up to the Rally3 car and competing for the Finnish Rally Championship this year, I enjoyed the battle with Rio throughout the year and learned a lot from it. I also gained more experience in different countries and on different surfaces, including longer WRC and ERC rallies for the first time. These events taught me about the concentration and strategy needed, and I feel I've gained a deeper understanding of rallying. I'm happy with my progress this year and looking forward to new challenges next year. I'm also excited to be testing the GR Yaris Rally2 car; with the extra performance, I need to keep improving my driving to get the most from the car. I'm really grateful to everyone involved in this Program, especially the team for their hard work at every rally and the instructors for their guidance."

Hiroya Minowa

"It has been an amazing experience in my first season with this Program. I had no rally experience when I joined, so I was nervous about what to expect, but with the support of everyone involved, I could focus on my driving and learn a lot. Coming from drifting, I was used to driving rear-wheel drive cars, so adapting to the front-wheel drive Rally4 car was tricky at first, but the instructors and older drivers in the Program taught me a lot and really helped me. I'm really excited for next year. Stepping up to the four-wheel drive Rally3 car will be another new experience and I will try to keep improving and fight for the championship in Finland. I can't thank everyone enough for their support, and I will do my best to achieve good results for them."

Tomiya Maekawa

"My second year with the Program was another year of good progress with many new experiences. Stepping up to Rally3 with Jarkko and competing in longer and more demanding rallies brought many challenges, but a clean run with good stage times at Rally Finland gave me confidence. I also really enjoyed the chance to compete with Jari-Matti in the legendary Celica ST185. Working with a different driver and a completely different pacenote system has been great for developing my ability to adapt, which is very important for a co-driver. I'm really excited to do more EHRC rallies with Jari-Matti next year and take on an international championship season for the first time. I want to keep improving my skills as a co-driver, and I'm sure the variety of situations we'll face next season will help me do that. I'm very thankful to everyone involved in making this possible."

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