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Malaysian Rally

General:

Correct title of the Rally:	MR8 – ANCOM Malaysian Rally 2008
Dates:	10 – 12 th October
Non-APRC competitions run in conjunction:	
Start of Reconnaissance period:	0900hrs, Wednesday 8 October

Route:

Total distance:	694.08km
Stage (competitive) distance:	226.74km
Total number of Stages:	14
Number of different stage venues:	7
Longest stage (name and distance):	SS1 / 5 Sibol (28.67km)
Day 1	
First car due at TC0	0700hrs
Anticipated time of first car into overnight parc fermé on Saturday	1946hrs
Day 2	
First car due at TC8E	0600hrs
Anticipated time of first car into final service on Sunday:	1216hrs
Superspecial (if any):	None
Ceremonial Start (if any – time and location):	Friday, 10 October at Fun Zone, The Zon Hotel from 2100 hrs. 88, Jalan Ibrahim Sultan, Stulang Laut, 80720 Johor Baharu, Johor
Service Park location(s):	Bandar Tenggara
Shakedown location :	Bukit Besar Area on Thursday, 9 October from 1430hrs to 1800hrs.

Administration:

Telephone Country Code:	+6019 644 8020
Likely weather conditions:	Malaysia has a tropical climate - hot and humid, with temperature likely between 27 and 30 degrees Celsius and average temperature of 22 degrees at night time. Rainfall is likely.
Local standard time: GMT +xx	GMT +8hrs
Sun Rise (10 Oct) :	0658hrs
Sun Set (10 Oct):	1902hrs
Location of Rally Headquarters:	Angsana Room, Level 6, THE ZON HOTEL Duty Free Zone (JB) 88, Jalan Ibrahim Sultan, Stulang Laut 80720 Johor Bahru, Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia Open from 1500hrs Monday 6 th October Telephone: +607 – 221 8277 Facsimile: +607 – 221 9277



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Location of Media Centre:	Acadia Room, Level 6. THE ZON HOTEL - Duty Free Zone (JB) 88, Jalan Ibrahim Sultan, Stulang Laut 80720 Johor Bahru, Johor Darul Takzim Malaysia Open from Thursday 9 October, 0900hrs Telephone: +607 – 221 6277 Facsimile: +607 – 221 7277
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Location of overnight secure Parcs Fermes:	Leg 1: In the parking area of the Official Hotel, the Zon Hotel, Johor Bahru Leg 2: Fun Zon, Zon Hotel (same location as the official finish)

General Information about the MR8:

No. of Marshals	102
Additional Safety Marshals	70
Police personnel	30
Bomba (fire brigade)	20
Medics	20
Additional Emergency Services	
Recovery Teams	6 (2 per team)
Police Airwing (helicopter) for traffic surveillance	1
Helicopter for emergency medical evacuation	1
No. of rolls of safety tape used in Stages	2,000
No. of hotel rooms for event	400
Communications system	Organiser's VHF with police back up VHF/UHF
Repeaters	Safety, tracking, results
Radio points within Stages	Every 5 kms plus at start and finish of Stage
Radio network set up	2 weeks prior to event



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About Johor Bahru:

Located in the tropics, Malaysia is made up of two parts - Peninsular Malaysia extending from the border of Thailand south to Singapore, and East Malaysia consisting of the states of Sabah and Sarawak on the island of Borneo. The rally base will be in the city of Johor Bahru which is also linked to Singapore by road and rail.

Johor Bahru receives more than 60% of the country's annual 16 million foreign tourists via its bridges and road links to Singapore. With a population of approximately 876,000 in the city, it is the fourth most populated city in Malaysia. As with many South East Asian cities, JB comes alive at night. A sumptuous array of food stalls and vendors appear (as if by magic) and the adventurous tourist should delight in trying out the taste of popular local dishes such as the famous Laksa Johor or flaked fish and gravy cooked with coconut milk and served with noodles and vegetables.

The Special Stages of the rally are in the vicinity of Bandar Tenggara under the district of Kota Tinggi which is located north east of Johor Bahru. The main service park is located at Bandar Tenggara R&R Area, Johor which is located about 77km from the Official Hotel.

Number of spectator areas at Special Stages:

- Sibol - 2
- Pengelli Factory – 9
- Pasir Raja 1 – 6
- Pasir Raja 2 – 3
- Inas Utara 1 – 4
- Inas Selantan – 3
- Inas Utara 2 - 2

Information about APRC entries:

Total number of APRC Entries	20
Including Pirelli Star Drivers	10

Recent APRC Winners of the Malaysian Rally:

Year	Driver	Codriver	Car
2007	Cody CROCKER	Ben ATKINSON	Subaru Impreza WRX
2006	Cody CROCKER	Ben ATKINSON	Subaru Impreza WRX
2005	Toshi ARAI	Tony SIRCOMBE	Subaru Impreza WRX



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The Latest on the APRC Standing:

Subaru has done well in Malaysia for the last three years. In 2006 and 2007, Cody CROCKER won outright, and in 2005 Toshi ARAI won in a car prepared by his own motor sports company. Unlike the last two years, however, Cody CROCKER doesn't come to the event leading the Championship. MRF driver Katsu TAGUCHI, is currently ahead of CROCKER by six points. The advantage that TAGUCHI may have is his knowledge of the roads and conditions, having lived and competed in Malaysia for several years.

One factor that was always going to be important is that the Motor Image Rally Team – CROCKER and SUNGKAR – have already missed an event, New Caledonia. The CUSCO team missed Indonesia and the MRF team are scheduled to miss China. So theoretically, TAGUCHI will score all the points that he is going to score for the Asia Pacific Rally Championship by the end of the Malaysian Rally.

Next event – China Rally, 8-9 November

Asia Pacific Pirelli Star Driver Qualifier

At the Rally of Whangarei in New Zealand in June, young NZ rally drivers Hayden Paddon and Brad Ayling come out of the event the equivalent of GBP5,000 towards their entry to the Malaysia Rally. In Malaysia they will be competing against other young Asia Pacific rally drivers for the chance to contest identical Group N or Super 2000 cars in the WRC. The cars will be supplied and serviced under an FIA contract with a specialist preparation company and competitors must be under the age of 27 on 1 January in the year of the regional rally championship.

It is the first year that the Pirelli competition has been run, and is a welcome talent spotting initiative that will provide a pathway for young drivers into the international level of competition. To be successful, drivers must prove their speed and consistency by being the fastest over the most number of Stages.

Drivers who have registered for the Pirelli Star Driver Scheme in Malaysia are:

Hayden Paddon
Brad Ayling
Rizal Sungkar
Mark Tapper
Eli Evans
Kirsty Nelson
Patrick Malley
Arjun Rao Aroor
James Russell
Edith Weiss

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