

**During the upcoming year-end and New Year holidays,
the museum will be updating its collection with a new
selection of cars on display.**

- Featuring 'Fuji', the First-Time Class Winner at an International Competition -

The Fuji Motorsports Museum, located in Oyama-cho, Sunto-gun, Shizuoka Prefecture, announces an update to its exhibition. From December 21st to the end of January next year, the museum will refresh its display with several new vehicles.

Since its opening last year, the museum has stood as a unique institution in the world of motorsports, offering a permanent exhibition in partnership with automobile manufacturers, with the aim of "Tracing the passionate history of motorsports training and evolving cars". Approximately 40 racing cars, each representing a significant era in motorsports history, are displayed in a space that combines elements of partner companies.

The upcoming refresh involves collaboration with our partner companies, allowing us to feature vehicles that represent significant achievements in motorsports. These include a car that won its class in an international competition on its first attempt and a racing car that triumphed in the Japanese Grand Prix. The display will encompass themes like 'Mobilgas trial of Japanese Cars,' 'The Japanese Grand Prix at the Suzuka Circuit and the Birth of Fuji Speedway,' 'The American Dream Challenge,' and the legacy of Soichiro Honda in motorsports.

Additionally, vehicles that are rotated out of the physical display will be featured in the 'Exhibition Archives' section on the museum's website, ensuring continued online accessibility.

For more detailed information, please refer to the second and subsequent pages of this release.

1. Update on Vehicle Exhibits

1) Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

Exhibition Schedule: December 20, 2023 (Wednesday) through Mid-December 2024 (Tentative)

Featured Vehicles:

① Datsun Fuji (1958 Australian rally class winner)

In 1958, Nissan Motor marked its foray into international competition by participating in the 6th Australian Rally with two Datsun vehicles, christened 'Fuji' and 'Sakura.' Meticulously prepared for the event, the Fuji clinched a class victory, while the Sakura achieved a commendable fourth-place finish

② Nissan R381(1968 Japanese Grand Prix winner)

This vehicle was specifically engineered to win the 1968 Japanese Grand Prix, this car faced a significant challenge when it couldn't develop its intended V12 5L engine in time. Consequently, the team resorted to using a modified Chevrolet V8 5.5L engine. A notable feature of the R381 is the 'Aero Stabilizer,' a unique left-right split-type variable rear wing designed to enhance operational stability. This wing adjusts independently on each side during cornering and aligns symmetrically when braking, earning the car its nickname, 'Monster Bird.' Out of three R381 cars that entered the race, one retired, but the other two impressively finished first and sixth. The exhibit showcases the actual car that achieved the first-place victory, driven by the renowned Kitano.

① Datsun Fuji



② Nissan R381



2) Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

Exhibition Schedule: January 2024 through the end of January 2025 (Tentative)

Featured Vehicles:

① RC162

In 1961, this motorcycle made a significant impact in the 250cc class of the World Road Race Championship. Dominating the season, it secured victories in 10 out of 11 races, leading to both rider and constructor championship titles. The vehicle exhibited is the actual motorcycle ridden by champion Mike Hailwood.

② RA273

This car symbolizes the company's dedication to Formula 1, following its first victory at the Mexican Grand Prix in 1965. Developed for the 1966 season, the RA273 was a response to the shift from 1.5L to 3L engines. However, delays in developing a new car body suitable for the larger engine meant limited participation that year, with only three races. In 1967, the company continued to develop the RA273, focusing on maturation and weight reduction. The team also underwent significant changes, including the addition of former world champion John Surtees. This collaboration resulted in notable finishes: 3rd in the South African Grand Prix, 6th in the British Grand Prix, and 4th in the German Grand Prix. The vehicle on display is the actual car that achieved the 4th place finish in the German Grand Prix during that year's F1 championships.

③ LOLA T93

In 1993, Honda launched Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD) to enhance its racing ventures in the United States. The following year, in 1994, Honda started providing 2.65-liter turbo V8 engines to the CART World Series, the foremost open-wheel (formula car) racing series in America. Initially facing significant performance and reliability challenges compared to its competitors, Honda employed its "Three Gens Principle," emphasizing a local-centric strategy. This approach led to their first championship victory in 1995. The vehicle exhibited is the inaugural CART car Honda entered in 1994.

① RC162



② RA273



Vehicles ① and ② are showcased in the 'Founder and Mr. Soichiro Honda of Motorsports' section, while vehicle ③ is featured in the 'Challenge to the American Dream' section.

Source: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

2. Launch of 'Exhibition Archive' on Official Website

As detailed in section 1, the museum regularly updates its exhibits in collaboration with various manufacturers. The 'Exhibition Archive' section on our website will feature an overview of the racing cars that have been displayed at the museum in the past.

3. Announcement of Temporary Closure

The museum will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 for facility inspection. Shop & Cafe "Fan Terrace" will also be temporarily closed.

【Information on Fuji Motorsports Museum】

- ① Location: 645 Omika, Oyama-Cho, Sunto-Gun, Shizuoka, Japan, 410-1308
 - Approx. 20 minutes by car from Tomei Expressway, Gotemba Interchange (from Tokyo).
 - Approx. 10 minutes by car from Shin-Tomei Expressway Shin-Gotemba Interchange (from Nagoya).
 - Approx. 20 minutes by taxi (13 km) from Gotemba Station on JR Gotemba Line.
Telephone number: +81-550-78-2480
- ② Hours: 10:00 - 17:00 (Admission until 16:30)
*Subject to change on weekends, holidays, race days, etc.
[Please refer to the opening calendar.](#)
- ③ Non-holidays: * However, on January 10, 2024 (Wednesday) the special holidays
- ④ Admission fee: (Weekdays) Adult 1,800 yen, Junior high and high school student 900 yen, and Elementary school student 700 yen
(Weekends and national holidays) Adult 2,000 yen, Junior high and high school student 1,000 yen, and Elementary school student 800 yen
*Tax included / Online and group discounts available

For details on opening hours and admission fees, please visit the official website.

<https://fuji-motorsports-museum.jp/en/>

Media wishing to cover the event, can request through an "[Application for Coverage](#)" located on the Fuji Motorsports Museum website.

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