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Ingolstadt, November 1, 2015 – Title defended: In the supporting program of the WEC race at Shanghai, Alex Yoong, like last year, won the Audi R8 LMS Cup. The Audi drivers from the WEC were among the first to extend their congratulations.

Alex Yoong wins Audi R8 LMS Cup

In an exciting finale, Alex Yoong won the Audi R8 LMS Cup for the second time in a row. The Malaysian race driver clinched his fourth win of the season in round twelve of the series at Shanghai. Runner-up was fellow title contender Cheng Congfu ahead of Rahel Frey. In round 13, the last race of the season, Yoong had to start with 50 kilograms of ballast owing to his success and dropped back to sixth position. His opponent Cheng Congfu finished third behind Aditya Patel and Marchy Lee. Hence the Chinese was beaten by just one point. "That was extremely nerve-wracking, but the title tastes all the sweeter," said a happy Yoong.

Audi drivers meet Cup winners

Audi's six WEC drivers congratulated their brand colleagues after the title decision in the Audi R8 LMS Cup. Marcel Fässler, André Lotterer, Benoît Tréluyer, Lucas di Grassi, Loïc Duval and Oliver Jarvis met the best drivers of the one-make cup at Shanghai. Race winner Aditya Patel, title winner Alex Yoong, runner-up Cheng Congfu and third-placed Marchy Lee, as well as amateur title winner Daniel Bilski and runner-up Alex Au, were pleased to receive the good wishes and to be photographed with the Audi Sport drivers.

Class victory in the VLN

In the season finale of the VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, Team Twin Busch Motorsport in the Audi R8 LMS ultra clinched a victory in the SP9 class. In the overall classification, Marc Basseng, Marc and Dennis Busch, who had been leading the field in between, took fourth place.

Craig Lowndes in new Audi R8 LMS at Bathurst

Craig Lowndes is returning to the mountain with Audi. The Australian touring car star and three-time champion in the V8 Supercar Series had previously been part of Audi's line-up in the Bathurst 12 Hour from 2011 to 2013. In 2014, Lowndes decided the race at Mount Panorama in his favor. From February 5 to 7, 2016, the 41-year-old Australian will be competing for the Jamec Pem squad in the new Audi R8 LMS. It's the first outfit having opted for the new R8 LMS. Steve McLaughlan's Team Jamec Pem is currently leading the Australian GT Championship with Christopher Mies in the Audi R8 LMS ultra. "I'm already looking forward to participating again with an Audi," says Lowndes. "After we barely missed victory twice, I still have some unfinished business. I believe that the new Audi R8 LMS will be one of the strongest cars in the field next year."

First young driver evaluation for the 2016 Audi Sport TT Cup

One week following the finale of the 2015 Audi Sport TT Cup at Hockenheim, preparations for the second season of the Audi one-make cup continue in full swing. A total of 20 young drivers from seven nations had been invited for an evaluation training session by the Audi Sport TT Cup team. At the testing facility of the Audi driving experience in Groß Dölln near Berlin, the drivers proved their prowess in the Audi TTS and Audi R8 Coupé. In addition, they presented themselves to the team in personal meetings. The aim of the candidates is clear: they would like to secure one of the entries for the 2016 Audi Sport TT Cup and contest races in the 310-hp Audi TT cup car next year. "We've again met a number of promising talents and are going to invite the best ones for the final evaluation at Vallelunga in December," said Project Leader Rolf Michl. For the coming season, 20 instead of the previous 18 entries for permanent drivers will be offered. Applications for the 2016 Audi Sport TT Cup can still be submitted until November 15. Application form to download at www.audi-motorsport.com.

Richie Stanaway visits Audi

Junior driver Richie Stanaway from New Zealand visited Audi Sport Team Joest during the FIA WEC race weekend at Shanghai. The 23-year-old will be participating in the so-called Young Driver Test in Bahrain on November 22 to test the Audi R18 e-tron quattro. Stanaway met with Chris Reinke, Head of LMP at Audi Sport, connected with the team for the first time and got to know the hybrid sports car.

Award for Audi R18 e-tron quattro

The special-interest magazine 'Modell Fahrzeug' has recognized the best miniature cars for the 25th time. The Audi R18 e-tron quattro received an award as the best model car of the year 2015 in category B. The 1-87-scale Le Mans prototype made by Spark Model is a miniature of the race car in which Loïc Duval/Tom Kristensen/Allan McNish won the 2013 Le Mans 24 Hours.

A word from ... Alex Yoong

The race driver from Malaysia has won the 2015 Audi R8 LMS Cup at Shanghai.

You secured the title in the Audi R8 LMS Cup at Shanghai with a one-point advantage. How did you experience the race?

I've seldom felt that a race was as nerve-wracking as this one. According to the regulations, I had 50 kilograms of ballast weight on board and was hardly able to defend myself. So, in the crucial race I dropped all the way back to sixth place. The loss of one more position would have cost me the title, but this way I barely managed to save it. I love this Audi racing series and am happy for my Audi Teda Racing Team. A huge thank you also goes to my mechanics Antoine 'Kiki' Courtin and Mohamad Farouk Hamzah who, like I, is from Malaysia. The whole squad worked hard.

You've experienced the Audi R8 LMS Cup as a participant ever since it was launched in the 2012 season. How has Audi's first one-make cup developed?

It's great to see what progress the Audi R8 LMS Cup has achieved in four years. The races are thrilling, the rules have been continually developed further and the cup is a central platform for young talents in Asia. The fact that the title decision is made only in the finale each year shows how well the concept works – nobody wins just like that. Furthermore, it's a nice feeling to pass our knowledge on to the amateur drivers in the field as well, who are able to continue to develop their talent this way.

You're the first driver to have successfully defended his title. In comparison: was it more difficult to win the Audi R8 LMS Cup in 2014 or in 2015?

The title race in 2014 was already very hard. A year ago, my opponent was André Couto. He's a good personal friend of mine, so as far as that was concerned competing against him was a special situation also in a psychological respect. This year, the decision was extremely tight and nerve-wracking. Honestly, at the moment of victory, the current title feels even a bit sweeter than the first one.

Coming up next week

08/11 Estoril (P), round 7, V de V Endurance Series

08/11 Sepang (MAL), round 2, Asian Le Mans Series



***Consumption data:**

Audi TTS Coupé

Fuel consumption figures Audi TTS Coupé:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.3–6.7;

Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 168–155

Audi R8

Fuel consumption figures Audi R8:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 12.3–11.4;

Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 287–272

Fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions data as well as the efficiency classes are dependent on the choice of wheels and tires.

In 2014, the Audi Group delivered approximately 1,741,100 cars of the Audi brand to its customers. The company achieved revenue of €53.8 billion and an operating profit of €5.15 billion in 2014. Audi operates globally in more than 100 markets and has production facilities in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Brussels (Belgium), Bratislava (Slovakia), Martorell (Spain), Kaluga (Russia), Aurangabad (India), Changchun and Foshan (China) as well as Jakarta (Indonesia). The brand with the Four Rings will start producing cars in Curitiba (Brazil) this year and in San José Chiapa (Mexico) in 2016. Wholly owned subsidiaries of AUDI AG include quattro GmbH (Neckarsulm), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy) and sports motorcycle manufacturer Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna, Italy). The company currently employs approximately 80,000 people worldwide, thereof around 58,000 in Germany. Total investment of about €24 billion is planned from 2015 to 2019 – primarily in new products and sustainable technologies. Audi is committed to its corporate responsibility and has anchored the principle of sustainability for its products and processes in its strategy. The long-term goal is CO₂-neutral mobility.