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Press Release

Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd.

LCR Honda IDEMITSU rider Nakagami participates in Japanese Grand Prix as a MotoGP rider competing at the top level in motorcycle world championships!

Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and CEO: Shunichi Kito; hereinafter, the “Company”) hereby announces that Takaaki Nakagami who rides for LCR Honda IDEMITSU, for which the Company acts as the main sponsor, and takes part in MotoGP, the pinnacle class of world championship motorcycle road racing, will compete in the final race of the Japanese Grand Prix to be held at Twin Ring Motegi on Sunday, October 21.



The coming race is the first grand prix held in his native land in which Nakagami participates as a MotoGP rider. In addition, he will be the first Japanese rider in four years to take on the challenge of MotoGP.

Chosen as one of the top 24 riders in the world, Nakagami competes representing Japan, so we ask you for continued support for him.

The Company has created posters (not for sale) to support Nakagami and is planning to display them at the Company's service stations so that you can enjoy them.

The poster illustration was prepared by Mr. Shohei Harumoto, an artist of a motorcycle racing manga series, Kirin.

The Company will continue to support Nakagami and, at the same time, continue contributing to the development of motorsports culture.

▼ Video is now available for viewing! MotoGP Rider Nakagami

"Competing in Japanese Grand Prix –IDEMITSU CONTINUE THE CHALLENGE-" Part

We hope that Nakagami will achieve great success like in the manga!

URL: <http://movie.idemitsu.co.jp/category/videos/tvcm?sscl=submain8>

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## 【Reference】

### 1. Rider Takaaki Nakagami's profile



February 9, 1992 (Age: 26)

Rides for LCR Honda IDEMITSU

Rider in the MotoGP class of the World Championship of motorcycle road racing  
Born in Chiba, Nakagami started riding a pocket bike at the age of 4 and made his road racing debut at the age of 12. Only two years later, he stayed in the Japanese GP125 championship and won every race of the season, becoming the youngest ever Japanese GP125 champion.

Signing with LCR Honda IDEMITSU,

Nakagami moved up in 2018 to the top MotoGP class, which he had set as a goal ever since he was a child.

### 2. 2018 season results and schedule

NO.	Date of final race	Name of Grand Prix	Ranking	NO.	Date of final race	Name of Grand Prix	Ranking
1	March 18	Qatar GP	17th	11	August 12	Austrian GP	15th
2	April 8	Argentine GP	13th	12	August 26	British GP	Canceled
3	April 22	Americas GP	14th	13	September 9	San Marino & Riviera di Rimini GP	13th
4	May 6	Spanish GP	12th	14	September 23	Aragon GP	12th
5	May 20	French GP	15th	15	October 7	Thailand GP	22nd
6	June 3	Italian GP	18th	16	October 21	Japanese GP	
7	June 17	Catalonia GP	RT	17	October 28	Australian GP	
8	July 1	Dutch GP	19th	18	November 4	Malaysia GP	
9	July 15	German GP	RT	19	November 19	Valencia GP	
10	August 5	Czech GP	17th	-	-	-	-

### 3. What is the World Championship of motorcycle road racing (GP class)?

It refers to international motorcycle road racing events held in one place after another around the world (a total of 19 races) to award the World Championship to the most successful rider over a season, as determined by a points system. The championship is divided into three classes based on engine displacement: pinnacle MotoGP class, 1,000 cc; Moto2 class, 600 cc; and Moto3 class, 250 cc.