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1993 Road Racing World Championship (WGP) Champion Kevin Schwantz Decided to participate in "Coca-Cola Zero" Suzuka 8 Hours for the first time in 21 years!

Dream team formed together with Yukio Kagayama and Noriyuki Haga!

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kevin Schwantz decided to participate in the "2013 FIM World Championship Series Round 2 the 36th "Coca-Cola Zero" Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Road Racing" to be held at Suzuka Circuit (Mie Pref. JAPAN) from Thursday, July 25th to Sunday, July 28th.

He will participate in this race from Team KAGAYAMA together with Mr. Yukio Kagayama, who is the representative of Team KAGAYAMA and the former 8 Hours champion, and Mr. Noriyuki Haga, who had engaged in the championship battle in the Superbike World Championship for a long time and has the youngest winning record (at that time) at the 8 Hours.



Mr. Kevin Schwantz won the championship of WGP in 1993



Mr. Kevin Schwantz at 1992 Suzuka 8 Hours

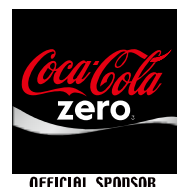
### Fight to get the title of the Suzuka 8 Hours victory

Mr. Schwantz said, "I absolutely want to add the title of Suzuka 8 Hours to my racing career." He has won the title of WGP in 1993, but his best result of Suzuka 8 Hours that he had participated 6 times in the past was the second place. In order to engrave the title of "Suzuka 8 Hours victory" in his racing career, he will contend for the 2013 Suzuka 8 Hours together with the strongest lineup of Mr. Yukio Kagayama and Mr. Noriyuki Haga.



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-- I absolutely want to win the Suzuka 8 Hours --



Mr. Kevin Schwantz

Mr. Kevin Schwantz made the following comments when he attended the "Suzuka Circuit 50th Anniversary Thanks Fans' Day" as a guest to the event held at Suzuka Circuit last year.

"I came to Suzuka Circuit after a long time, but I was surprised that the circuit itself has evolved tremendously. When I was racing, Suzuka Circuit was evolving almost every year considering the safety of riders and the fans, so it's my favorite circuit. I had also competed in Suzuka 8 Hours for several times and made the podium finish. However, I have had no victory. This is a very disappointing fact. With the best machine and two fast and tough riders who are very familiar with Suzuka Circuit, I sure have the chance to win if I participate in the 8 Hours."

This announcement to participate in the 8 Hours was made to express his challenge to realize his thoughts in this comment.

"I still ride a motorcycle on a daily basis because I run a riding school in the United States even now after my retirement from racing, so I have no problems in terms of the senses. I'm already looking forward to the "midsummer celebration" in the severe heat. I have been saying that I have not won Suzuka 8 Hours yet. I want to win it by all means and leave it onto one page of my racing career."

### Kevin Schwantz

Birthdate: June 19, 1964, 48 years old

Hometown: Houston, Texas, U.S.A

#### [Major Racing Career]

1985 Third Place at Suzuka 8 Hours (first time to participate)

1986 WGP (currently MotoGP) debut (participated in 4 races), Third Place at Suzuka 8 Hours

1988 Fully participated in WGP from Suzuki, Second Place at Suzuka 8 Hours

1993 WGP Champion

#### [Career Statistics]

Suzuka 8 Hours    Period of Participation: 1985 - 1989, 1992

Number of Races: 6 races

Podium Finish: 3 times

WGP

1993 Champion

Period of Participation: 1986 - 1995

Number of Races: 105 races

Number of Wins: 25 wins

Number of Pole position: 29 times

Podium Finish: 51 times



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