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ALL SYSTEMS GO AS MANILA PREPARES FOR THE RETURN OF THE FIM ASIA SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Philippine riders ready to take on the challenge with home-ground advantage

Manila, Philippines 5 September 2018 – With the battle for the season's overall crown heating up, the second round of the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018 is set to take centre stage at the iconic Quirino Grandstand in Manila, Philippines this weekend. Taking place from 7 to 9 September in the heart of the capital city, the round also marks the return of the Championship after a year's hiatus.

Set to take advantage of racing on home soil in their bid to be ranked amongst Asia's best is this season's Philippine duo of Mark Reggie A. Flores and Kenneth San Andres. Following a solid start to his FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018 campaign after securing top ten finishes in the two races in Thailand last month, Kenneth San Andres commented, "I am really looking forward to racing this weekend on home ground. It gives me the added motivation to produce my very best and push as hard as I can to compete to be amongst the best in Asia. The competition is going to be tough but with the support of my friends and family as well as the fans, I will definitely give it my all!"

The battle for the Best International Rider title is also expected to be an intense affair between Simon Vilhelmsen of Denmark and Lewis Cornish of the United Kingdom. Bolstered by his double win at the season opener round, Vilhelmsen, who is ranked fourth in the world will look to carry the momentum of his victorious form from the Thai opener into the Philippine round this weekend. The duel will be intense with a resurgent Cornish poised to go all out to record his first win of the season in Manila.

"After a thrilling start to the season last month, we can definitely expect another exciting affair here at the Quirino Grandstand for round two of the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018. To bring the Championship back to the Philippines after a one-year hiatus at such an iconic venue in the heart of metro Manila combined with the high level of competition; it is going to be a thrilling weekend of racing. With the Philippine riders lining up on the grid and racing in front of their home crowd, there is plenty of action for fans and racing enthusiasts to look forward to!" adds Andrew Ching, Chief Executive Officer of E-Plus Global Sdn Bhd, promoter and organiser of the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship.

The second round of the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018 will commence on Friday, 7 September with practice sessions, followed by Qualifying and the SuperChrono shootout on Saturday, 8 September. The Moto 1 and Moto2 races will take place on Sunday, 9 September. The round will be streamed live through its OTT channel partners, twenty3.tv and twowheels.tv. More information on the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship is available at www.supermotoasia.com and at www.facebook.com/FIMAsiaSupermoto

Working with its local entity, E-Plus Event Management Philippines Inc, and local partner, Plug and Play 360 Corporation, the second round of the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018 at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila is supported by Presenting Partner, the Philippine National Parks Development Committee (NPDC), the Philippine Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Philippine Moto Tourism Council (MTC).





From the Philippines, the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018 will head to Kupang City, East Nusa Tenggara in Indonesia for Round 3 from 26 to 28 October followed by Round 4 at Singapore's KF1 Circuit in Kranji from 23 to 25 November. The season will close out in Malaysia from 30 November to 2 December.

The FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship 2018 is promoted and organised by E-Plus Global Sdn. Bhd., and is sanctioned by the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) with the support of the Federation Of Motor Sports Clubs Of Thailand (FMSCT), National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (NAMSSA), Ikatan Motor Indonesia (IMI), Motor Sports Singapore (MSS) and Automobile Association of Malaysia (AAM).

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ABOUT THE FIM ASIA SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP

Launched in 2016, the FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship enters its third season in 2018 with five rounds in Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia. Featuring riders who will compete on a track that alternates between off-road hard-packed dirt track, motocross-style obstacles and paved road-racing asphalt tarmac. Growing from strength to strength since its inception, the Championship remains single-minded in its objective toward the continued development and growth of SuperMoto in the region in addition to contributing to the active promotion of motorsports in Asia.

2018 FIM Asia SuperMoto Championship Calendar

Round 1	11 to 13 August	Thailand Circuit, Nakhonchaisri (Thailand)
Round 2	7 to 9 September	Quirino Grandstand, Manila (Philippines)
Round 3	26 to 28 October	Kupang City, East Nusa Tenggara (Indonesia)
Dound 4	22 to 25 November	VE1 Circuit Vranii (Cinganara)

Round 4 23 to 25 November KF1 Circuit, Kranji (Singapore)
Round 5 30 November to 2 December Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

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Recognised as one of the top and more experienced events management agencies in the region, the company continually seeks to elevate industry practices through its unique, creative and innovative ideas. In recent years, it has expanded operations to five other countries in the region and currently operates in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. www.eplusglobal.com