

3 Hours of Sepang: The last race of the 2013 season

MICHELIN ends its 2013 Asian campaign in style in Malaysia

The 3 Hours of Sepang in Malaysia on Sunday, December 8, produced a victory for OAK Racing Team TOTAL's Ho-Pin TUNG/David CHENG. Their N°24 Morgan-Judd came out on top after a battle with the other two LMP2 prototypes entered for the final round of the 2013 Asian Le Mans Series: the KCMG car – which came second overall – and the third-place CRAFT Racing car.

OAK Racing took advantage of an efficient tyre strategy which enabled it to optimise the durability of its Michelin tyres. In addition to making the most of the performance potential of their Morgan-Judd, the Chinese drivers were able to pull clear of their rivals in the pits, too.

Sunday's win helped OAK Racing Team TOTAL and its driver David CHENG to secure the 2013 Asian Le Mans Series titles, a result which particularly pleased **Remy BROUARD** who runs OAK Racing Team TOTAL's Asian activities: "We are very proud to have won the 2013 Asian Le Mans Series. It says a great deal not only about the competitiveness of our Morgan-Judd but also about the talent we have in our team. A big thank you to Total and Michelin for the part they played in our success. We'll be back in 2014 with LMP2 Morgans and our new LIGIER JS53s in the new CN class."

The GTE class in Sepang was won by the N°70 Ferrari 458 Italia (Team TAISAN KEN ENDLESS) which prolonged the year's unbeaten record of IIDA/YOKOMIZO/MITSUYAMA.

CLEARWATER Racing claimed victory in GTC with the N°33 Ferrari 458 Italia GT3. Weng Sun MOK and Finland's Toni VILANDER, winner of the recent 6 Hours of Bahrain, finished clear of AF Corse's similar N°77 Ferrari. Amato FERRARI's Italy-based team, which has been omnipresent in GT racing this year and won the 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship title, had wrapped up the Asian title at the previous round, along with its drivers WYATT/RUGOLO/BERTOLINI.

Last but not least, the GTC-Am fight was won by LOW/MALAGAMUWA/SANNA in the N°69 Gallardo (Team PRIMEMANTLE AYLEZO).

Patrick DIAS, the manager of Michelin's Asia-Pacific motorsport programmes, was thrilled with the French tyre brand's successful season: "We are delighted to have played a part in what turned out to be a fiercely fought edition of the Asian Le Mans Series which was only settled at the last race at Sepang. Our customer competition racing tyres demonstrated their ability to double stint in all the classes and enabled the teams to run competitive race strategies.

"Michelin will continue to be a partner of the Asian Les Mans Series in 2014. We are confident that the quality of the championship will attract an even bigger entry. Our engineers are already working on a new range of even more competitive and consistent tyres."

The 2014 Asian Le Mans Series will begin on July 6 at Inje Autopia in South Korea.