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For some urban dwellers, a city is where routine reigns, yet for others, who wake up every morning energetic and ready to take on whatever challenges the world will present, it brims with new and intense experiences. Porsche, a name synonymous with thrill, passion and performance, applauds such a way of living, and is dedicated to celebrating the enterprising urban spirit with its latest unique creation: the Macan.

Text Huang Ning

A sports car with unmistakable Porsche DNA, the Macan brings a groundbreaking concept to the world of compact SUVs, promising not only to complement a modern life, but also to enrich it by feeding it with exciting and intensified experiences. With motorsports deeply rooted at its core and with an understanding of one's enthusiasm for life, the new Macan is a source of immense vigor.

With unparalleled performance and sportiness in its class and a distinctive Porsche design, this new masterpiece is expected by many to be an inspiration for their pursuit of a more adventurous and fulfilling life. Christophorus speaks to three car enthusiasts to find out why the Macan fits so well with their attitude towards life.



Dong Mo is the Vice president of "net.cn".

**THE CAR TO MIRROR HIS LIFE**

"The most fashion-savvy lieutenant of Jack Ma, the legendary founder of Alibaba,"--that is how some media portray Mr. Dong Mo, and in a way reveals a glimpse of his life. The sleek thirty-something who takes care of the marketing of 'net.cn', the leading domain provider in China, spends much of his time in transit, crisscrossing the country to one meeting after another, yet somehow he still finds time to groom himself for the photo shoots of fashion magazines like Esquire.

"My life is busy but rewarding, full of challenges and excitement," says Dong, whose energetic way of living is clearly reflected in his preference of cars. "So I like my cars to be powerful and equipped with innovative technologies and able to give me a comfortable as well as sporty driving experience."

With this view in mind, the Macan meets his expectations in every regard and naturally arouses his immense interest. "A compact SUV like the Macan excels in agility and handling, which has a big advantage in moving through traffic and parking in the city," comments Dong. A man of taste and style, he also has an eye for design. The Macan impresses him deeply with its elegant contours and balanced proportions, "I find its front extremely awe-inspiring."

With its robust look and outstanding daily practicality, the Macan is sculpted for urban and fast paced individuals who are enthusiastic about life and promises to not just be a sports car, but also a unique experience, and which, as Dong puts it, "I would like most to share with my beloved."

Gao Yu is one of the most famous young artists in China from the 1980's.



A YOUNG CLASSIC FOR A VIBRANT LIFE

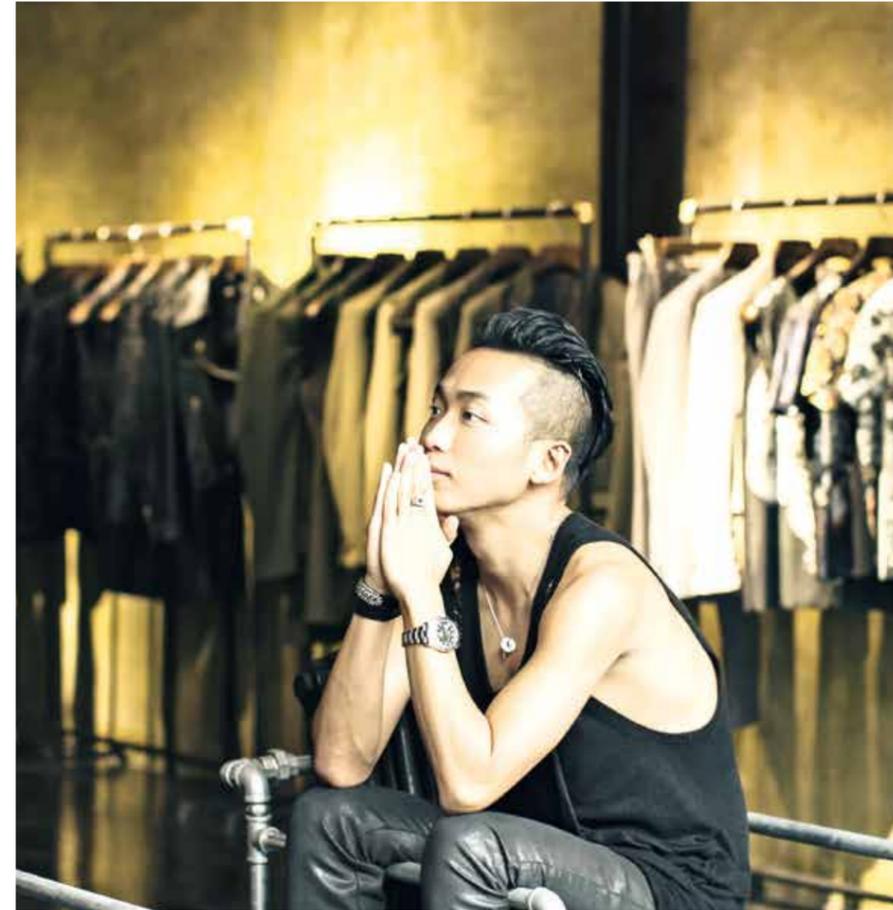
Widely known for his bold portraits of the panda, Gao Yu appears to be an adamant tradition-breaker in the eyes of many outsiders. But the truth is that the up-and-coming Chinese modern artist may be more attracted to traditions than one would expect.

Ever since middle school, Gao has been immersing himself in the world of Chinese culture classics, which help shape his aesthetic attitude. "I love classic things," he acknowledges. That may explain why he is so enthusiastic about Porsche, a car marque that has produced numerous icons in its long and illustrious history.

While praising the 911 as one of the shining examples of modernism, Gao discerns the evident preservation of its DNA in the Macan, the newest descendant of a long line of Porsche sports cars. "At my first glance it's unmistakably Porsche, with distinctive genes of the brand, but on the other hand, the Macan strikes me as more energetic and stylish, suitable for young people living a vibrant life in the city," says Gao, who is gregarious in nature with a taste for whisky and food. "With comfortable space and excellent performance, the Macan is just the kind of car that you can take your family or friends out for fun."



Zhang Chi started his own fashion brand in Beijing five years ago.



THE GENERATOR OF PASSION

The latest fashion collection by Zhang Chi, an elite Chinese designer, has caused quite a stir with its unconventional use of automobile elements like gears. While many find it a daring stab at such an unusual mix-and-match, Zhang sees it as a natural fuse of fashion and cars, which he believes share similar aesthetics.

"The design of cars and fashion has many things in common. For example, they both emphasise the beauty of silhouette and contours," explains Zhang. "So when I want to give more masculinity to my design, I resort to cars which are a modern symbol for power and passion."

A connoisseur of car design, Zhang holds that Porsche is absolutely a time-tested classic. "What is amazing is that its DNA has remained unaltered ever since the first

356," says Zhang. "Now this tradition is continuing with the Macan, of which every aspect, from the energetic front to the sporty silhouette as a whole, impresses me deeply." In Zhang's eyes, the Macan has the potential of bringing many unique and exciting experiences to life, which he would like to share with his family, friends and colleagues, and who he is sure will appreciate its design, dynamics and sportiness.

Already he is imagining driving it in winter to the ski resort and in summer to the seaside to have fun with others. "It is not only good for travelling around, but also for driving in the city thanks to its compact size. The Macan is very practical however you look at it," he comments. "And most important of all, I believe it will be a generator of passion which enables the enjoyment of an adventurous life."

An artist with a touch of romance, he spares no opportunity to allow his imagination to run wild with the Macan. "I'd like nothing better than to drive it along the Suhua motorway along the east coast of Taiwan. With the sea, the sun and the surrounding mountains, it must be an extraordinarily thrilling driving experience!" ●

Having celebrated its World Premiere at the LA Auto Show in November 2013, this latest masterpiece from Porsche will have its Asia debut on 23 April at Auto China in Beijing.

Macan S

Engine:	3.0-litre biturbo engine
Maximum Power:	340 bhp (250 kW)
0-100 km/h:	5.4 seconds
Top speed:	254 km/h
Fuel consumption*:	between 9.0 and 8.7 litres/100 km (NEDC)

Macan Turbo

Engine:	3.6-litre biturbo engine
Maximum Power:	400 bhp (294 kW)
0-100 km/h:	4.8 seconds
Top speed:	254 km/h
Fuel consumption*:	between 9.2 and 8.9 litres/100 km (NEDC)

*Chinese homologated fuel economy will become available at a later point in time. Therefore New European Driving Cycle values are given for reference.





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EVENT REVIEW

PORSCHE DELIGHTS ENTHUSIASTS AT AUTO GUANGZHOU 2013

On 21 November, Porsche gave attendees at Auto Guangzhou 2013 a glimpse into the future as it unveiled an innovative new line-up of its latest sports cars. Fusing cutting-edge technology with timeless tradition, the new models once again proved the marque's commitment to fulfilling the dreams of car enthusiasts across China.

Text Jason Miles

Photo Lei Gong

Enjoying a favoured spot on many car devotees' calendars, Auto Guangzhou is one of China's most prestigious auto shows. Every year, enthusiasts from across the country descend on the Pazhou International Convention Centre in the south-eastern metropolis, eager to lay eyes on the latest innovations from manufacturers around the world. This year, they numbered over half a million.

Porsche was at the forefront of the spectacle, with 12 models representing the latest triumphs in design and engineering from the marque. From the off-road hero Cayenne to the sporty yet luxurious new Panamera, every model on display was clear in its goal: a celebration of the most cutting edge innovation both in terms of performance and design.

But one model stood out in particular with its cutting-edge design and earth-shattering performance: the new 918 Spyder. With a 4.8-litre engine delivering 608 hp (447 kW) and two electric motors deliver-

918 Spyder

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918 Spyder

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The new Porsche 911 Turbo S unveiled on the Porsche Stand.



ing an additional 210 kW (286 hp), the 918 Spyder is a completely new breed of sports car. Designed as a high-performance hybrid, it pioneers future trends in automobile technology while upholding the rich heritage of Porsche motorsports. With the weight-optimised Weissach package, this latest Porsche masterpiece accelerates to 100 km/h in a mere 2.6 seconds and reaches a top speed of 340 km/h. With CO₂ emission limit of 79g/km and fuel consumption of approximately 3.3 litres/100 km mean it is also unrivalled in its efficiency. With only 918 units manufactured worldwide, the 918 Spyder is already a legend in the making.

Every legend has a beginning. For the 918 Spyder, that beginning was the world-renowned 1970 Porsche 917. Joining its super-powered descendent on the Porsche stand, the Porsche 917 reigned supreme during the golden age of Porsche motor-

sports. It kicked off three decades of dominance at Le Mans, starred in a film with Steve McQueen and for a long time had no equal on the track. Claiming two consecutive Le Mans victories in 1971 and 1972, the vintage supercar set a precedent that would see a total of 16 Porsche victories in the competition. Its secret was not simply immense performance, but also unrivalled efficiency and reliability.

During the press day, a very select group of 20 VIP 918 Spyder owners had the unique opportunity to see the sports car of their choice in the flesh. These avid customers, who were joined by prospects and other 918 Spyder customers, also had the chance to drive this car on the Shanghai International Circuit during a test drive event in December 2013; where they could experience the incredible performance of this super sports car firsthand. Also celebrating its Asia Premiere was the new 911 Turbo S.

The latest Porsche innovation has greater engine power, a seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK) complete with auto start function, and more standardised equipment than ever before. It also comes equipped with an optimised rear-axle steering system as well as the new Porsche Active Aerodynamics (PAA), used for the very first time in a road car. At the heart of the new 911 Turbo S is a 3.8-litre boxer twin-turbo engine with variable turbine geometry (VTG) offering 560 hp (412 kW). The results are immediately clear: a sprint to 100 km/h in an incredible 3.1 seconds and a top speed of 318 km/h. These performance values are even more remarkable in light of the car's 16% lower fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

Making another special appearance was the 911 50-year anniversary model. Following its national launch in Beijing at Tai Miao in October, this model celebrated its

Porsche China Management team stand on the stage with the New 918 Spyder.



China Premiere at the auto show. The anniversary edition highlights a range of features immediately reminiscent of the proud history of Porsche: special 20-inch wheels are a visual nod to the legendary "Fuchs" wheels and are finished in matte black paint with machine-polished centres. Based on the Carrera S, the 400 hp (294 kW) coupe with a flat-six rear engine and rear wheel drive also features the Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) with special tuning to complement its increased track width and enhance the exceptional cornering dynamics of the 911. With the standard PDK transmission, it sprints from zero to 100 km/h in 4.3 seconds and can reach a top speed of 298 km/h; on the other hand, setting a benchmark for efficiency, its NEDC combined fuel consumption is only 8.7 l/100 km, which equates to CO₂ emissions of 205 g/km. Adding to the lustre of the Porsche lineup was the fastest, most power-

ful and most luxurious model now available in the Panamera range: The new Panamera Turbo S Executive. With its thrilling contradictions, the newest Panamera gives you not only a sports car with incredible performance, but also a car for your every day needs and absolute comfort. It accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 3.9 seconds, reaches a power output of 570 hp and achieves a top speed of 310 km/h. With a wheel-base that has been extended by 15 centimetres and an extensive choice of top-quality features, the Executive variant offers unrivalled performance and luxury for even the most discerning drivers.

"Today, China has become a key pillar of the worldwide success of Porsche, because we have quickly built up a loyal community of Porsche enthusiasts that appreciate the values of performance and efficiency present in every model in our range," stated Mr. Papke as he addressed attendees from the



The legendary Porsche 917 Gulf is on stage ready for the Asia Premiere of 918 Spyder.

Porsche stand. "Every year, more and more Chinese people become fascinated with our sports cars." By all accounts, Auto Guangzhou 2013 was a roaring success for both Porsche and its enthusiasts. The marque's diverse lineup demonstrated a timeless combination of sports car engineering with every-day practicality: a duality which has again and again placed Porsche in the top tier of automobile manufacturers. ●

A memorable shot: Finalists gather at the beautiful Luhuitou Golf Club in Sanya for the Porsche Golf Cup 2013 China Final.



EVENT REVIEW

PORSCHE GOLF CUP 2013 A WINNING TRADITION

Proving once again that performance and precision do not belong solely to the racetrack, Porsche enthusiasts from across China came together in pursuit of the ultimate prize: winning the China Final of the Porsche Golf Cup 2013.

Text Jason Miles
Photo Lei Gong

Taking place from 8-10 November at the prestigious Luhuitou Golf Club in Sanya, the China Final of the Porsche Golf Cup was the culmination of 25 qualifying rounds organised by Porsche Centres around the country. From a starting field of 1,858 Porsche customers, 75 finalists competed for the ultimate prize: to represent China at the Porsche Nations Trophy in 2014, with the chance to compete with Porsche Golf Cup winners from around the world.

Now in its third year, this tournament is exclusively tailored for Porsche customers and offers the unique opportunity to not only play on some of China's best golf courses, but also take part in an elite social event with other like minded Porsche enthusiasts.

Surrounded by lush mountains and the serenity of the South China Sea, the island

is considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Participants stayed at the luxurious Inter-Continental Hotel, enjoying world-class Porsche hospitality amid the mesmerizing landscape surrounding the hotel. Players were joined by distinguished guests including Mr. Deesch Papke, CEO Porsche China, Porsche senior management, sponsors and partners. Also in attendance was the famed Mr. Michael Wong, a Hong Kong singer and actor renowned for both his distinctive sense of style and passion for golf.

On the day of the finale, participants were transported to the prestigious Luhuitou Golf Club. Set against the backdrop of the magnificent Luhuitou Park, the world-renowned club is a picturesque scene of pure white sand, swaying coconut trees and the azure South China Sea. With such a favourable location on the coast and an excellent climate, it is no wonder it was

Mr. Deesch Papke, CEO Porsche China, and Mr. Michael Kirsch, COO Porsche China, congratulate the winners of the Porsche Golf Cup 2013 China Final.



Guests enjoy the exclusive awards dinner after a day of intense competition.



A participant enjoying the first shot on the Luhuitou Golf Course.



chosen for the prestigious event. An exciting opening ceremony saw Porsche China CEO Mr. Deesch Papke take the first swing of the day as he teed off on the club's lush 18-hole course. "The Porsche Golf Cup combines our love of sports cars and our love of golf – two common passions shared by Porsche enthusiasts in China, and around the world. Every Porsche enthusiast appreciates the finer things in life and there are few finer things than a trip to the golf course with our family, our friends, or our colleagues," stated Mr. Papke at the end of the opening ceremony.

Luhuitou's luscious greens proved to be the perfect testing ground for the avid golfers as they fought for victory. After a long but rewarding battle, the ultimate winners emerged. In the Men's Gross category, Mr. Shihong Li from Porsche Centre Dongguan was named Champion; Mr. Xu Zhang, representing Porsche

Centre Xi'an, came in as Men's Net Champion, and Ms. Fangjuan Li from Porsche Centre Shenyang was crowned Lady's Net Champion. Joining the three winners are Mr. Shunwen Wu from Porsche Centre Chongqing, claiming the Men's Net First Runner-up and Mr. Lingqi Gao from Porsche Centre Shenzhen, claiming the Men's Gross Runner-up, who will also have the unique opportunity to travel to Majorca, Spain, to compete against other Porsche enthusiasts in the Golf Nations Trophy 2014. But perhaps the luckiest participant of all was Mr. Jie from Porsche Centre Guangzhou, who scored a hole-in-one during his qualifying round and won a Boxster; the first winner of this category since the start of the Porsche Golf Cup.

Celebrating the end of yet another successful season, Porsche hosted an awards dinner at the Inter-Continental Hotel,

where guests enjoyed delicacies served on banquet tables laden with exquisite china and silverware. Guests were graced with a jazz performance including a private performance from Mr. Michael Wong himself, further commemorating a triumphant and truly rewarding weekend.

Porsche is dedicated to providing its customers with unique and unforgettable experiences, whether on the road or, in this case on the green with the Porsche Golf Cup. This premium golf tournament is just one of the many exclusive programmes designed by Porsche for its loyal customers to truly reflect their lifestyle. Porsche is not just about high performance cars; it also stands for precision, style and distinction. ●

A Porsche Sport Driving School participant gives the thumbs-up before a taxi ride with his driving instructor.



EVENT REVIEW

DISCOVER HOW TO DRIVE LIKE A PRO

Since 1974, Porsche Sport Driving School has transformed casual drivers into skilled racers through exciting and challenging courses. Now, Porsche is pushing the envelope of what is possible with a brand new set of courses beginning next year.

Text Jason Miles
Photography Lei Gong

At Porsche Sport Driving School there really is something for everyone. Courses start from the ground up, engaging participants in the fundamentals before moving on to more challenging tricks and techniques. In 2013, Porsche Sport Driving School held a series of exhilarating driving courses, ranging from entry-level to expert, on the renowned international circuits of Shanghai, Beijing, Zhuhai and Chengdu. Under the guidance of highly trained instructors, participants of all levels were enthralled at every turn.

For first time participants, an introductory two-day Precision course offers a chance to learn how to take on bends, steer with accuracy and avoid the many dangers of everyday road traffic. In addition, participants learn how to estimate speed and react quickly to load changes, while practising corner handling. Having mastered the basics, Porsche Sport Driv-

ing School participant Mr. Jeff Zhou from Porsche Centre Hangzhou Westlake kept coming back for more. "I took all three courses last September and the Shanghai International Circuit was really nice. The happiest experience for me was performing extraordinary moves which could not be done in everyday driving. This really made me feel the power, control and potential of my Porsche."

In later courses, participants capitalise on their knowledge and further develop their vehicle control. Performance training enables drivers to take full advantage of their newfound freedom, pushing their cars to the limit on the entire circuit and relishing a free driving session on the second day. Moving to the next levels, the Master and Telemetric training pushes drivers even further, with many hours of free driving on the track and a data recording system to keep track of their improvements every

Endless thrills on the Shanghai International Circuit.



VIP instructor Ho-Pin Tung and Keneth Lim share their driving tips with participants.



step of the way. But no matter the level of participants, the most important factor in their progress is the expert instructors on hand. Highly trained, friendly and professional, the instructors at the Porsche Sport Driving School are key to its success.

When asked what impressed him most about Porsche Sport Driving School, Mr Zhang Wenhe from Porsche Centre Beijing Haidian stated, "The most impressive part for me was the relationship between the driving instructors and participants. During the Telemetric course, we always pushed ourselves to the limit under the constant guidance of the instructors. Regardless of the results, they were always there to give advice on how to handle the track better. It was great fun to work with them and share the positive results."

Mr. James Cai, a participant from Porsche Centre Hangzhou Westlake who took all

the courses last year, was equally impressed. "Sometimes drivers like Ho-Pin Tung would come to guide us, and share their own experiences as professional race car drivers. This was particularly helpful for me as I plan to join the Class B competition of Porsche Carrera Cup Asia." World-renowned racer Ho-Pin Tung not only races with the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia, he is also a VIP instructor with the Porsche Sport Driving School. This year, he taught Master participants what it takes to become a racing champion. During the course, participants learn advanced techniques such as precision braking, controlled acceleration and safe overtaking manoeuvres as well as 'standing' and 'flying' starts. They also have the chance to qualify for the International C-Class Racing License, allowing them to compete in international motorsport events such as the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia.

Porsche Sport Driving School is the first provider in China to offer such a unique opportunity without obtaining prior licenses from the lower classes, and with the collaboration of the Federation of Automobile Sports of the People's Republic of China (FASC).

All in all, Porsche Sport Driving School 2013 was a resounding success. First-time participants had a chance to see the true potential of their Porsche cars while veterans, like Mr Zhang Wenhe, kept returning for more excitement. "After I was invited to Snow Force in 2011, I became totally addicted to Porsche driving events. I took all the courses in Porsche Sport Driving School from 2012 to 2013, from Precision to Telemetric. And not just Snow Force and Porsche Sport Driving School. I also participated in the Porsche World Roadshow and Explore the Core."

Keeping with the Porsche tradition, the marque aims to take its courses to the next breathtaking level in 2014. In an exclusive one-day course perfectly optimised for Cayenne drivers, participants will learn first hand the on and off-road driving skills necessary to master Cayenne driving dynamics and capabilities. Porsche is also giving participants a chance to join the Porsche Sports Driving School Season Finale at the Porsche Experience Centre in Shanghai, where the marque is offering free and guided driving as well as an evening barbecue get-together. Once again proving its deep commitment to enthusiasts, Porsche is also offering all customers with valid national racing licenses as well as qualified Master participants the chance to attend a one day exclusive GT3 Cup Experience with Porsche Carrera Cup Asia driving instructors.

In 2014, Porsche Sport Driving School promises to be better than ever. With a host of new and exciting courses complementing the tried and tested training programmes of previous years, drivers will have the opportunity to explore the limitless possibilities of Porsche cars through lessons that will last a lifetime. Join the fun and unleash your inner racing champion. ●

MOTORSPORT

A TRIUMPHANT SEASON

PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA 2013 FINALE

The mid-afternoon sun beat down on the Shanghai International Circuit. The stands were packed. The excitement palpable. All eyes were on the asphalt track below where the fleet of 911 GT3 Cup cars stood ready for battle. It was the 12th and final round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2013 and for many of the elite racers, the day marked the end of a wildly successful season after months of grueling competition spanning the width of Asia. Battles were won and lost. Circuits mastered. Legacies made and broken. All but distant memories now as drivers awaited the green light on one of Asia's most renowned racing tracks.

Text Jason Miles
Photo Lei Gong



Newly-crowned champion Earl Bamber of Nexus GSH Racing, Martin Ragginger of Team Eagle and Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup regular Ben Barker of Team Betterlife celebrate together on the Podium.



The silence broke as 25 911 GT3 engines roared into action. The field thundered off the grid but Martin Ragginger was like lightning, taking pole in a flash and leaving Alexandre Imperatori of PICC Team StarChase, Earl Bamber and Ben Barker locked in high-speed combat behind him.

It felt just like Korea. Round 9 on the Inje International Circuit to be exact, the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia's first time in the country since 1995. Ragginger had been quick into pole position ahead of Bamber and Imperatori. In that round, he had kept his lead all the way to the finish. But could he pull it off again? It certainly looked like it.

Lap 3 and Barker and Bamber were side by side down the start/finish straight, taking the fight to Imperatori ahead. Barker and Imperatori made contact, but the 2012 champion defended well. Seeing the

opportunity, Bamber took a chance and dived past Barker and up to third. Next, he honed in on Imperatori, passing him on Lap 5. Not content to rest on his laurels and more determined than ever, Bamber pressed on in hot pursuit of Ragginger.

Meanwhile, Class B champion Egidio Perfetti was testing his mettle against LKM Racing's Keita Sawa and Team C&D's Jason Zhang Zhiqiang. Racking up a lead of over 50 points thanks to a series of stunning victories, Perfetti had been a dominant class B force throughout the competition. The Team Mentos star looked sure to win until just two laps before the flag when he was halted by mechanical problems.

Up front, Imperatori lost position to Barker and Rodolfo Avila while Ragginger and Bamber headed to the flag as the laps counted down. Their long-standing rivalry,

an inevitable result of occupying the top two places in almost every race throughout the competition, flared up as Bamber closed the gap. But in the end, Ragginger crossed the finish line victorious.

In a series known to take top tier racing talent from around the world and pit racers against each other on challenging Asian tracks, the competition can be fierce. But despite the ferocious battles, drivers exhibited a remarkable sense of sportsmanship, camaraderie and even friendship throughout the competition. Commenting on the season, Ragginger stated: "It's been a great season. We won the first and the last races, and in between Earl [Bamber] was strong. It was a good race for us and a good way to end the season."

Overall champion Bamber in turn had nothing but praise for Ragginger, "He did a really good job and made absolutely no

Mr. Deesch Papke, CEO Porsche China, Overall Champion Earl Bamber, Class B Champion Edigio Perfetti, Mr. Carsten Balmes, Marketing Director Porsche China, second place winner Martin Ragginger, third place winner Rodolfo Avila, Class B second and third place winner Yuey Tan and Li Chao, pose for a celebration shot.



Earl Bamber pops open the victory champagne to celebrate his first Porsche Carrera Cup Asia championship win.



Martin Ragginger shows a stellar performance on the narrow streets of the legendary Guia Circuit at the Macau invitational race.



Sebastien Loeb, Earl Bamber and Martin Ragginger celebrate their win on the Macau Grand Prix podium.



mistakes.” Remarkably it was Bamber’s first Porsche Carrera Cup Asia. “Yes, it was also my first time racing GT cars. I like having a roof over my head so I don’t get wet when it rains! I think we’re incredibly lucky to be driving such nice cars. Porsche builds such an amazing cup car with the GT3. For all of us, every time we drive, whether it’s good or bad, we always have a smile because they’re just such incredible pieces of machinery.”

Bamber plans to return for the next Porsche Carrera Cup Asia and dreams of someday driving factory cars. Surrounded by his team-mates he fondly recounts highlights of the season. The early win in Zhuhai, the unexpected victory in Singapore and of course the title-clinching triumph from the day before. “There’s also been a few highlights from inside the team. Our team mate Adrian [d’Silva] got his first ever podium in a Carrera Cup

after battling here for three years. Also, our young protege Alif [Hamdan] who, still in his first year of racing, got his first ever class B win today. He’s going to be one to watch out for next year.” Commenting after the race Hamdan said, “The start was pretty good. Egidio got past at Turn 2, and I was happy to settle for second place and continue the race. Then something happened to Egidio’s car and I couldn’t have asked for a better gift!”

Perfetti later explained, “I think today was for the most part a great race. Unfortunately, I overdid it and at a certain point on the back straight, I locked up and flattened one of the tires and there was a very big noise. And then on the last lap before the parabolic, the tire blew so I had to stop.” When asked how he felt about it, the team Mentos star replied cheerfully “It’s not nice but at least it happened after I won the championship!” Such is Egidio’s

charm. Nothing seems to diminish his love of the sport. But despite his win, the Class B champion has little interest in a full-time racing career. “No, no, I think I’ll stick to the candy business [laughs]. But I’m coming back next year in a new car with a better shift so we’ll see how that goes. I’m looking forward to it!” In contrast to the professional racers, Egidio represents a class of “gentleman” drivers who compete mostly for fun. “Of course,” he says, “there are those gentlemen who take it a bit more seriously and manage to get faster lap times.”

When Porsche Carrera Cup Asia started 11 years ago, you would have been hard pressed to find a handful of racing enthusiasts in Asia, let alone drivers on the level of Bamber, Ragginger and Perfetti. Now, top tier racing talent comes from all over the world to compete in this premier racing series, admired by tens of thousands

of loyal supporters. While the competition may not offer the same global recognition as some of the big league European racing series just yet, it certainly has the potential to. And with an ever-growing fan-base and many drivers vowing to return next year, the future looks bright for Asia’s premier racing series.

Following a spectacular end to the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2013 season, drivers returned to the 60th Macau Grand Prix for an Invitational Race on the legendary Guia Circuit from 9-10 November. The field was joined by four racing drivers from Porsche Carrera Cup Japan, as well as a very special VIP driver, nine time FIA World Rally Champion Sebastien Loeb, for a triumphant return to Macau. In a stunning demonstration of skill and precision, Bamber clinched yet another victory, with Loeb and Ragginger second and third on the podium, respectively.

Thanks to a stellar performance this season, Bamber has also been crowned the winner of the Porsche Motorsport International Cup Scholarship, granting him 200,000 Euros for his 2014 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup campaign.

Next year, Porsche Carrera Cup Asia returns with an even stronger grid of drivers. Beginning the 2014 season with a bang, Asia’s finest GT racers make their way to Malaysia at the beginning of March for the Test Days. With the possibility of additional locations, drivers will race the new 911 GT3 Cup car, promising another glimpse into the ultimate test of man and machine.

For further information please visit the Porsche Carrera Cup website: <http://www.carreracupasia.com/>

OVERALL STANDINGS			
RANK	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS
1	Earl BAMBER	Nexus Racing	217
2	Martin RAGGINGER	Team Eagle	198
3	Rodolfo AVILA	Team Jebesen	169
4	Keita SAWA	LKM Racing Team	125
5	TUNG Ho-Pin	Budweiser Kamlung Racing	123

CLASS B			
RANK	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS
1	Egidio PERFETTI	Team Mentos	221
2	Yuey TAN	Dorr McElrea Racing	170
3	LI Chao	Asia Racing Team	159
4	Francis TJIA	OpenRoad Racing	140
5	Alif HAMDAM	Nexus Racing	129

EVENT REVIEW

PORSCHE TRAVEL CLUB SHANGRI-LA TOUR: AN ENCOUNTER WITH HEAVEN ON EARTH

Shangri-La, a heavenly place much famed for its tapestry of magnificent unpolished beauty which is a combined result of lofty mountain ranges, endless grasslands, grand gorges and secluded lakes. To explore the full splendour of its immensely diversified landscapes requires an adventurous heart and a car that can take you anywhere. A group of Porsche customers were well-equipped with both when they set out with Porsche Travel Club China to discover the mysterious wonderland this autumn.

Text Huang Ning
Photo Lei Gong



Breathtaking panoramic views are enjoyed by all on the way from Lijiang to Shangri-La.



Starting the journey from Tengchong, where a natural hot spring bath provided ample relaxation the previous night, the Porsche enthusiasts soon grew aware of what would be in store for them: numerous encounters with spectacular sceneries and an untiringly exhilarating driving experience with the Cayenne, an off-road hero renowned for its unparalleled dynamics and agility.

Speeding on the highway en route to Dali afforded a flowing view of the great Gao-ligong Mountains afar under the vast dome of an azure sky, which had everyone in awe of the grandeur of nature. Heading towards Lijiang the next day, the fleet began to ascend in altitude, climbing its way through winding mountain roads overlooked by surrounding snow-capped peaks half hidden in the thin clouds. "It's such a rare experience driving a Porsche car here," exclaims Mr. Yan, a customer

from Porsche Centre Tianjin. "It gives me an indescribable sense of intimacy with the snow mountains."

The following morning, a passage through the Tiger Leaping Gorge, one of the deepest of its kind, gave the Porsche customers a unique opportunity to admire the breathtaking power of the Gold Sands River whose torrents roared and splashed relentlessly against the steep rock walls of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and Haba Snow Mountain on each side. And when the landscape ahead gradually unfolded in waves of pastures where yaks were grazing peacefully, everyone knew they were within the refreshing embrace of Shangri-La.

There was something truly holy about the tranquility of the place, for which even time appeared to have stopped. The beauty of the landscape was breath-taking and was displayed in all its rich colours and

textures. Needless to say, cars were stopped and cameras taken out by every Porsche customer to freeze nature's majestic palette in their memory.

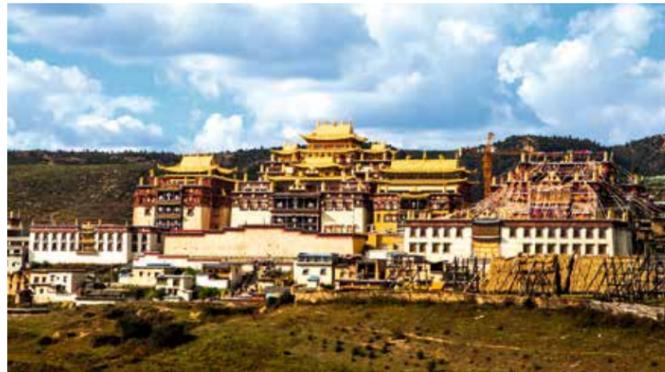
The air of serenity persisted as the motorcade rolled into the Tibetan town of Shangri-La. Enjoying afternoon tea on the terrace of the luxurious MGallery Hotel, the laid-back Porsche customers were graced with a panoramic view of the stately Sumtsaling Monastery, whose red-walled, golden-roofed temples caught the sun beautifully. "The view is out of this world! I feel so relaxed and comfortable here, which is something you will never experience in any modern city," says Ms Dong, a customer from Porsche Centre Shanghai Puxi.

The exotic Tibetan culture and cuisine were also major attractions of the Shangri-La, which led Porsche customers to the Ban-

The Buddhist sutra streamers show off their splendid colours.



Sumtsaling Monastery is the biggest Tibetan Buddhism temple in Yunnan.



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yan Tree Ringha, an exclusive resort nestled deep in the mountains. The road to the lunch turned out to be the most challenging part of the trip, and all the more tempting to some customers, who were keen to find out the full off-road potential of the Cayenne. Armed with Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) which constantly adapts to road conditions, the car negotiated the treacherous terrain with ease and as a result earned more confidence from the drivers. The venture proved to be well worthwhile, for it gave them the chance of not only tasting the special Tibetan hot pot at the destination, but also savouring the bucolic local lifestyle along the way, where care-free herders were seen tending sheep and cattle, surrounded by farmland and distinctive Tibetan farmhouses.

The secluded and somewhat primitive beauty of Shangri-La touched the souls of

the Porsche customers, who found it hard to say goodbye to it at the end of the six-day journey. Equally memorable as the place, is the driving experience itself. "We had plenty of driving pleasures with the Cayenne thanks to the thoughtful combination of highways, mountain roads and country roads, and we also benefited a lot from Porsche instructors' guidance along the way in terms of driving skills," says Ms. Dong. "This is an experience I definitely want to repeat! Next year I might sign up for the Xinjiang tour and bring my son along."

Many other participants of this trip, including Mr. Yan, echoed their enthusiastic remark and showed a strong wish to take part in more tours organised by Porsche Travel Club China too. Come join us, if you are interested in discovering the wonders of the world with like-minded Porsche fans. ●

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