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Tsugio Matsuda is the reigning Super GT GT500 Champion, capturing the title in 2014 in the #23 Motul Autech GT-R. Along with teammate Ronnie Quintarelli, he won the final round at Motegi in November, sealing the coveted Super GT title for NISMO.

Matsuda's career began in go-karts before progressing to the All-Japan Formula 3 Championship in 1998. From there he jumped to the Formula Nippon series, where he became Champion in 2007 and 2008. Since 2000, Matsuda has competed regularly in Super GT (formerly JGTC) and Formula Nippon, making him one of the most experienced drivers on the NISMO team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2014

- **Winner of the Super GT GT500 Championship** (with teammate Ronnie Quintarelli). Raced the #23 Motul Autech GT-R (Nissan GT-R NISMO GT500).
- Competed in the Silverstone and Austin rounds of the **FIA World Endurance Championship** in LM P2 with KCMG, finishing second and first, respectively.

2013

- Participated in Super GT in a Nissan GT-R. Finished ninth in the Drivers' rankings; ninth in Team standings.
- Super Formula (formerly Formula Nippon): Series ranking sixth.
- Raced in the Fuji round of the FIA World Endurance Championship in LM P2 with KCMG and the Sepang round of the Asian Le Mans Series.

2012

- Participated in Super GT in a Nissan GT-R. Finished fourth in the Driver's rankings; fourth in Team standings.
- Formula Nippon: Series ranking eighth.

2011

- Participated in Super GT in a Nissan GT-R. Finished fifth in the Driver's rankings; fourth in Team standings.

2010

- Super GT: (Nissan GT-R) Driver ranking fifth; Team ranking fifth.
- Formula Nippon: Series ranking 14th (partial season).

2009

- Super GT: (Nissan GT-R) Driver ranking 11th; Team ranking 10th.

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking 11th.

2008

- Super GT: (Nissan GT-R) Driver ranking fifth; Team ranking fourth.
- **Formula Nippon: Series champion.**

2007

- Super GT: (Fairlady Z) Driver ranking fifth; Team ranking second.
- **Formula Nippon: Series champion.**

2006

- Super GT: (Fairlady Z) Driver ranking sixth; Team ranking fourth.
- Formula Nippon: Series ranking second.

2005

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking sixth.
- Super GT: Series ranking ninth.

2004

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking 11th.
- JGTC: Series ranking eighth (one win).

2003

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking 11th.
- JGTC: Series ranking 11th.

2002

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking fifth.
- JGTC: Series ranking second (three wins).

2001

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking 10th.
- JGTC: Series ranking eighth (one win).

2000

- Formula Nippon: Series ranking fourth (one win). Youngest Japanese winner, youngest to reach the podium.
- JGTC (Japanese GT Championship).

1999

- Japanese F3: Series ranking fifth.
- Macau F3 GP: Fourth, Korea F3 GP.

1998

- Japanese F3: Series ranking fourth (one win).
- Formula Nippon: Spot entry at Suzuka.
- Macau GP.

1997

- SRS-F (Suzuka Racing School Formula): Scholarship recipient.

1996

- World Cup Asia Pacific Championship, ICA class champion.

- All Japan Kart Championship, FSA class.

1994-95

- All Japan Kart.

1993

- Karting debut.