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Honda's Advanced Power Unit Technologies Contribute to Max Verstappen's Second Consecutive Driver's World Championship in F1

TOKYO, Japan, October 9, 2022 – Oracle Red Bull Racing driver Max Verstappen won the Japanese Grand Prix, the 18th round of the 2022 FIA^{*1} Formula 1 World Championship, held today, clinching the World Championship title for the second time and for the second consecutive season.

*1 Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile

Oracle Red Bull Racing is competing in this F1 season with a power unit Red Bull Powertrains (RBPT)^{*2} supplies with technical support from Honda Racing Corporation (HRC). So far this season, Verstappen has won 12 races from the second round (Saudi Arabia Grand Prix), including five consecutive wins, clinching his second consecutive Driver's World Championship title with four rounds remaining in this season.

*2 A Red Bull Group company that produces F1 power units.



Max Verstappen on the podium

■ **Koji Watanabe, Head of Corporate Communications Supervisory Unit,
Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and President of Honda Racing Corporation:**

“Max, congratulations on your consecutive Drivers’ World Championship wins! I was super excited to see the moment you clinched the title in Suzuka with overwhelming performance which represents your 2022 season. I am sure that fans are very pleased with this remarkable accomplishment. On behalf of Honda, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to provide technical support for RBPT, contributing to this great victory.”

■ **Max Verstappen**

Date of Birth: 30 September 1997 (age 25)

Nationality: Dutch

Place of Birth: Belgium

Height: 181 cm

Weight: 72 kg

Racing Career:

2014 3rd in FIA European Formula 3 Championship

2015 Debut F1 as a youngest F1 driver ever (17 years and 165 days)
12th in Formula One Drivers Championship

2016 5th in Formula One Drivers Championship
First win in Rd.5 Spain marked youngest win in F1 history
(18 years and 228 days)

2017 6th in Formula One Drivers Championship

2018 4th in Formula One Drivers Championship

2019 3rd in Formula One Drivers Championship
Win in Rd.9 Austria marked 1st win for Honda in Hybrid Era

2020 3rd in Formula One Drivers Championship

2021 Formula One World Driver’s Champion

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