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Dear Porschephiles

This month have been extremely crowded with several big events. Firstly, the smaller ones.

1.0 Day Drive to Golden Palm Resort, Sepang Gold Coast

This is a first effort by Deputy Drive Director, Paul Poh. He went there to recce twice to make sure every thing went smoothly. Was wet initially but cleared later on. We were shown around the resort, and had a buffet lunch. Nice drive and good effort by Paul. More of these please

2.0 Chopard day at Pavillion

A glamour event if it can be called one. Was overbooked within 24 hrs of announcement, but we had limited places and restricted by car parking at the front of the Pavillion fountain. As usual, we created quite a bit of ruckus being on a saturday afternoon which is normally crowded with people walking all over. Thanks to Chopard for hosting us with good cocktails and champagne. Thank you Amelia for coordinating. A point of note to those who registered but did not turn up and did not have the courtesy to inform us. For limited invitations like these, please do not occupy places and deprive others. We may leave you out for such events in future.



3.0 Porsche Club Malaysia Annual Golf Championship

This is an Annual event that have been going on for years, and this year's was held at Tropicana Golf course. More than 70 golfers participated including some VIPs. The hole in One, a Boxster S was sponsored by SDAP and Kurnia, and was almost won, I was told when the ball hit the flag but missed by 2 inches. We would like to thank all sponsors, including 3M, Only Golf (shirt), Sapporro Beer and all others for their generosity in supporting us. Thanks too, to Golf Director Jason Low who worked tirelessly and Jack Tan, who did great ground work with the Club, and the entire Golf SubCom. Thank you boys



4.0 MacKee's Track day at Sepang



The first of the combined Supercar event for the month. We had some good track time for this, at minimal cost to us (lunch). We estimate the total number of cars turning up to be more than 150, with the Porsche Contingent well pass 40. It was quite well conducted with time allocations for various marques. Thanks Kee.



5.0 DYMM Sultan Johor's Birthday Drive

This year, DYMM Sultan Johor held his birthday at Muar. Having been initiated by Porsche club Malaysia to join the birthday celebrations of DYMM Sultan Johor, decided to open it up to other fellow SuperCars, primarily, Ferrari and Lamborghini. Lo and behold, more marques requested to join in, and we saw Aston Martins, Maserati, Merc SLS, Lotus amongst others.



After stage 1, the gathering was after the Tangkak Toll. From there, the road to Muar, about 30 km was closed for us. This is probably the first time a public road was closed for us. Not the normal escort thing, mind you.



Perhaps we had no Agenda, but just fellow car lovers out to celebrate his Highness's birthday with him, His Highness' friendliness surprised us all. There were 139 cars in total.

We presented His Highness with a little birthday token, A World Endurance Winning GT1 wing mirror housing 3 'speedo' like clocks. one of only few in existence, and a special PCM USPA Satin Jacket

Thank you Dato Derrick, for pulling this off, when there are some who doubted you.



6.0 The Japan Drive Experience

Porsche Club Malaysia will be internationalizing drives. This is the first time we are organizing convoy drives in selected routes.



First stop, Capitol Tokyu Hotel in Asakasa. The rooms were huge, 480 sq ft, some with corner rooms, ie, two windows showcasing views in TWO directions – one of which is the full view of Tokyo Castle. Additionally, we had access to the club lounge, with two kinds of champagne, sake, white wine and red wine, all on free flow, and yes, 6 kinds of whiskey. Food provided of course. Breakfast at the nearby Breitzh Cafe Crepe. Unbelievable servings and concept for Crepe. Dinner at 1 star Michelin restaurant, but that...later.



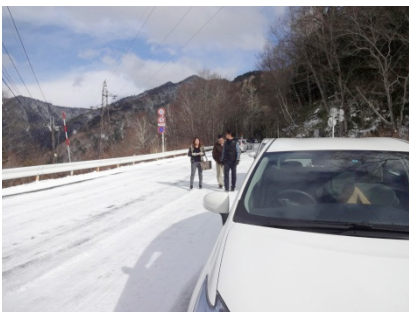


On the second day, we headed towards the mountains towards Karuizawa, a place that westerners used to settle, and about 10c colder than Tokyo. Our stay was at Bleston Court, set in a pine forest. Each of us had our own Chalet amongst the forest. The special blend tea was something very different in aroma, bouquet and taste. Dinner was at a Provence Style stone villa, and grilled prime rib, A5 local beef (Equivalent to Kobe), local duck, oysters (fantastic) and other delicious things. Some time was spent at the Karuizawa Factory outlet, which is 4 times the size of our Johor Factory Outlet.

The next morning, we visited a 'Stone Church'. Avargarde Art De Cor I would describe it. Richard Beh and Sanny came prepared to reaffirm their marriage vows, with diamond rings.

Third day, Bettei Senjuan. A Relias and Chateaux members, the rooms were again, in excess of 400 sq feet, each with its own private onsen. The ones on the ground floor had its own private garden and patio, making it a huge domain. The drive there was thru fabulous autumn colors of red, yellow, green and gold. Roads were smooth and sweeping as we went up 2 mountain passes and straddled clear rivers. Very picture book.

The reward was a kaiseki dinner, and yes, it was more than 10 courses, and each of us must be dressed in a Japanese Yukata house coat seated on a tatami. The feeling of a kaiseki with a picture perfect window with falling snow makes life complete.



Fourth day is where we climb to the most challenging and scenic route up to Nikko town. Along the way, heavy snowfall the previous night, but as some of us may not have the experience in snow driving, we decided to turn back and use the lowland route instead of the mountain pass. Still, the Nikko climb is there with numerous twists, turns, thru tunnels, and turn backs. Was great driving, and I wish we had the 991s we drove at

Monte Carlo, just have to remember to keep off the road sides with ice and snow on it. An interesting restaurant along the way is a 'yuba' place. That is, bean curd skins. Everything here is bean curds, including gelatinized soya proteins with green tea. Very



interesting menu. Arriving Nikko, the UNESCO World Heritage site that epitomizes the EDO period, the room this time is the largest of it all, of more than 500 sq ft. The view of the lake with the snow clad mountains in back ground. Life is even more complete. Dinner, kaiseki of course, and we occupied the whole function room, emperor style.

Fifth day, we drove around the Nikko area, thru forests, mountains and farm visits where we plucked our own huge fuji apples. Sometimes, eating fruit freshly plucked is always different, of is it the feel of it. Persimmon season too, with just the fruits hanging on leafless twigs. Other day visit was at a Sake and Sochu distillery in business for 150 years. The current owner is the 7th generation! Lunch at Misty Mountain and we particularly liked the rainbow trout stuffed with shrimps, and pumpkin that is so fluffy it evaporates when in tongue. Kaiseki dinner, with led by Lobster and A5 grade Nikko beef that melts in the mouth.



Sixth Day and all good things must come to an end. Back to Tokyo, but wait, the 3 star Michelin Sant Pau, Spanish degustation and many little cute dishes. More shopping in Ginza area till late.



Notable Quotes

Andy Kuan: "Wonderful experience & camaraderie, excellent leadership and organization. Thoroughly enjoyed the Drive in Japan"

Michael Lim: "This is my first Drive. Now I'm poisoned."

Richard Yew: "Fantastic. Don't leave me out on the next Drive or else..."

Andrew Soon: "Wunderbar"

Victor Adams: "Outstanding. Cost too reasonable to be true for what we got.

Thank you Chris Chew for all the detailed planning and roll out"



Drive Safe everyone: Remember the ANNUAL Dinner on the 15th Dec

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President

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