



### **JAPAN'S TOMOYA "KAMIKAZE" SUZUKI TO LATVIA WORLD MX MEET**

The Asian Motorcycle Union recently appointed top Japanese rider Tomoya Suzuki to represent the Asian continent in the MX1 races of the FIM MX1/MX2 World Motorcross Championships slated at the Motocenter "Zelta Zirgs" in Kegums, Latvia on June 26-27, 2010.



**Tomoya "Kamikaze" Suzuki flying high over the tabletop during Round 1 of the FIM Asian Motocross Supercross Championship held in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines on February 21, 2010.**

Suzuki who earned the monicker "Kamikaze" for his fearless riding style is the current pacesetter of the FIM Asian Motocross/Supercross Championships (AMSC). Although tied with Mongolia's Khaliunbold Erdenbileg in the series scoreboard with 92 points apiece, Suzuki dislodged the Mongolian from the top spot by topping the two MX1 motos during the second leg of the AMSC held in Manila, Philippines last April. Suzuki's bid in the prestigious Latvia event is being made possible through the cooperation and support extended by world MXGP promoter Youthstream.

The appointment once again brings to fulfillment the UAM's mission of discovering riding talents from national motocross events, developing their skills for continental motocross championships such as the FIM AMSC, before eventually sending them to compete against the crème de la crème of motocross in the FIM MX1/MX2 World Motocross Championships.

"For several years now, the UAM has been successful in bringing top Asian riders to world motocross events," said Stephan Carapiet, who took over UAM's presidency after winning the elections held during the 2010 UAM Congress held in Manila, Philippines last January.

"We will continue to do so with hopes that someday, our riders will be able to step-up to the competitive level of our American, Oceanian and European counterparts, and eventually land a spot on the winners podium of an FIM World Motocross event," he added.

The 9<sup>th</sup> leg of the 2010 FIM MX1/MX2 World Motocross Championships is again being presented by Youthstream, the Portugal-based sports consultancy outfit promoting international motorcycle sports events headed by Guiseppe Luongo. Carapiet recently met with Luongo in Funchal, Portugal and discussed the possibilities of staging FIM World Motocross Championship events in Asia in the near future.