

FIM ASIA LAUNCHES MOTOCROSS ACADEMY

FIM Asia and its affiliate NAMSSA, recently launched the FIM Asia Motocross Academy by staging the first of two advanced training seminars slated for the motocross discipline this year during the opening leg of the 2011 FIM Asia Motocross Supercross Championships held on March 24-27 in Puerto Princesa City, Philippines.



FIM Asia President Stephan Carapiet (white shirt) and FIM Asia Motocross and Enduro Commission Director Arturo Valdez, Jr. flank Tomoya Suzuki (on board bike No. 1) at the end of the FIM Asia MX Academy. Others in photo are the riders and coaches who attended the seminar/training session.



The riders and coaches gather on the racetrack to listen as Tomoya Suzuki demonstrates the proper way to ride on the straightaway.

After, the official practice sessions on March 25, Tomoya "Kamikaze" Suzuki, the defending FIM Asia MX2 champion from Japan conducted the seminar where he imparted his knowledge and skills in the motocross discipline to some 60 riders and coaches, the majority of which were junior and intermediate local riders who regularly compete in NAMSSA's Philippines National Motocross Series.

With the GMAC (Guam federation) President Stan Yasuhiro gamely acting as interpreter, Suzuki shared tips and techniques on a wide array of topics that included take-off/acceleration strategies, cornering, jumps, etc. The sessions began with lectures and ended up with actual riding sessions.



The riders do a mock-race to put into action the techniques they learned from Suzuki.

FIM Asia President Stephan Carapiet expressed his gratitude to the ace Japanese rider and looked forward to many more seminars in other Asian venues in the future. "We wish to thank Tomoya for generously sharing his expertise to the local riders," said Carapiet. "We intend to do the same in the other rounds. Further, the FIM Asia Academy will not be limited to motocross but will extend to other motorcycle-sport disciplines such as road racing, enduro and supermoto in our desire to develop and uplift the skills of Asian riders and get them primed for world-level motorcycle sports competitions," he added.